

The Registered FORESTER



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STUMP TALK

by Charles E. Tomlinson

It is time to say good-bye. My association with the Board and my editing of this newsletter have been rewarding, always interesting, and, at times, fascinating, but I seem to be slowing down and my focus is moving to other areas.

To those who know of my libertarian views, it might seem strange that I have spent so many years involved with a governmental organization. It is only through my conviction that the State does have some roll to play in protecting the public from the unscrupulous, that I have served this Board over the years. I think that by establishing minimum requirements for the practice of a profession and assuring the public that those who profess the profession are truly qualified to do so, the Board of Registration serves a valuable function.

I do not, however, think that this Board, or any other State organization of its type, should in any way act to restrain trade or impose a set of regulations or restrictions on how the members of the profession choose to practice. After all, this is the Board of Registration, not the Board of Regulation, and, as professionals, foresters should be and are responsible for their own actions without nanny government making sure they "do it right."

For over forty years the Alabama State Board of Registration for Foresters has fulfilled its legal function in an exemplary manner. I am proud to have been a part of, and to have served this Board over many of these years and look forward to its continued success.



RICK JONES LEAVES THE BOARD

It is hard for me to believe that five years have passed since I was appointed to serve on the State Board of Registration for Foresters 2000 term. What seemed like a long time in the beginning has now passed very quickly. My oldest son, who was in the 7th grade at the beginning of my term will graduate from high school this year. My former preschooler and fourth grader are now in the third grade and ninth grade respectively. Shoot, I've been married for 20 years. Where does the time go? It seems that it was only yesterday that I sweated Dr. "Death" Johnson, traipsed the hills and hollows around Auburn trying to keep up with Dr. "Leafy" Larsen (when in doubt, it's a black gum) and "chewed" in the "reading room" between classes. Change and the passing of time are inevitable though and I guess when milestones are passed, there is time for reflection and it is in such a mood that I write this "required" piece.

It has been a great privilege for me to serve on the board; especially for me to have had the opportunity to serve with and be acquainted with the other board members. They are and were the "giants" of Forestry in my book. I especially remember and pay tribute to the late Bill Sahlie. He was a "giant" among "giants". If Bill had a board matter on his mind, which was usually around 10:00 PM (about mine and

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

In connection with the retirement of Charles as Editor, I would like to ask anyone interested in this job to contact me ASAP.

Kathy's bedtime), he called. I will never forget the last time I talked to Bill. My family and I had just sat down to watch the opening ceremonies of the Atlanta Olympic Games. We had eaten supper and bathed the children early so that we could enjoy watching the hoopla. I was kind of excited. After all.... the Olympics..... in Atlanta..... the capital of the South (the world, for that matter). Well, as the runner proceeded with the torch, the telephone rang; it was Bill Sahlie. He had something on his mind concerning the Board of Registration for Foresters. Since Bill talked about as fast as Rhett Johnson, we talked for about twenty to thirty minutes about whatever it was and I went back into the den to watch that which was just about over. In reflection, the thought that Bill Sahlie would think enough of me to seek my opinion on anything was worth more than watching 100 Olympic opening ceremonies.

I feel that all of my generation has been most fortunate to work with, for and around "giants" like Bill Sahlie. They are forestry's own "Greatest Generation". And, guess what? We're "it" now. What will we do as the profession celebrates 100 years of age and moves forward into the next secular millennium? Will we build significantly upon the firm foundation we so easily inherited?

I believe that Foresters currently have the opportunity to distinguish themselves at a higher professional level than ever before possible. As large tracts of forest land are being divested from traditional manufacturing industry ownership, the investment potential and recreational use of forest land and the value of Foresters should be more widely recognized. Professional Foresters are in a unique position to practice land stewardship in a much broader arena. Private forest land ownership patterns are



THE BOARD AT WORK

changing as well. Land is being passed to successive generations who may have different ideas as to the benefits derived from the forest and be more willing to seek professional advice. Foresters are in a unique position to advise and guide a new generation of private landowners as to the best ways to achieve their own "good forestry".

I am proud that Alabama has a State Board of Registration for Foresters during these changing times. I believe that it is needed now more than ever. As land ownership patterns change and as more demands and different demands are placed on Alabama's forests, it is comforting to know that a professional board is already in place to examine and certify qualified practitioners for the public. Forestry is one area in which Alabama is definitely "ahead of its time".

During the past five years, the board has changed to accommodate changing times. The exam questions, written and oral, have been updated. The violations process has been structured to allow for quicker and more objective response. The board now has its own office, computer system and conference room, it is completely self funded, and it employs a full time executive secretary. These changes and updates were not easily accomplished but, through diligence,

perseverance and the "true blue" support of Registered Foresters, they were completed. I believe that the board is ready to move forward in serving the people of Alabama well into the future.

I encourage each of you to continue supporting Forestry and participating in its organizations and activities. It is like the old maxim, "it is not what you get out of something that makes it worthwhile, it's what you put into it". We foresters have an enviable professional legacy to pass on to our own children and to the children of the state as a whole. We have a unique opportunity to make Forestry shine in a brighter light in our communities as well. Continue coaching baseball, softball and soccer. Be a scoutmaster, city councilman, mayor, representative, senator or chamber of commerce officer. Serve in your churches and civic clubs. You are all Foresters and "Foresters are like that". If you were able to pass that "!"#\$%^&*" forestry exam, you are probably qualified for most anything.

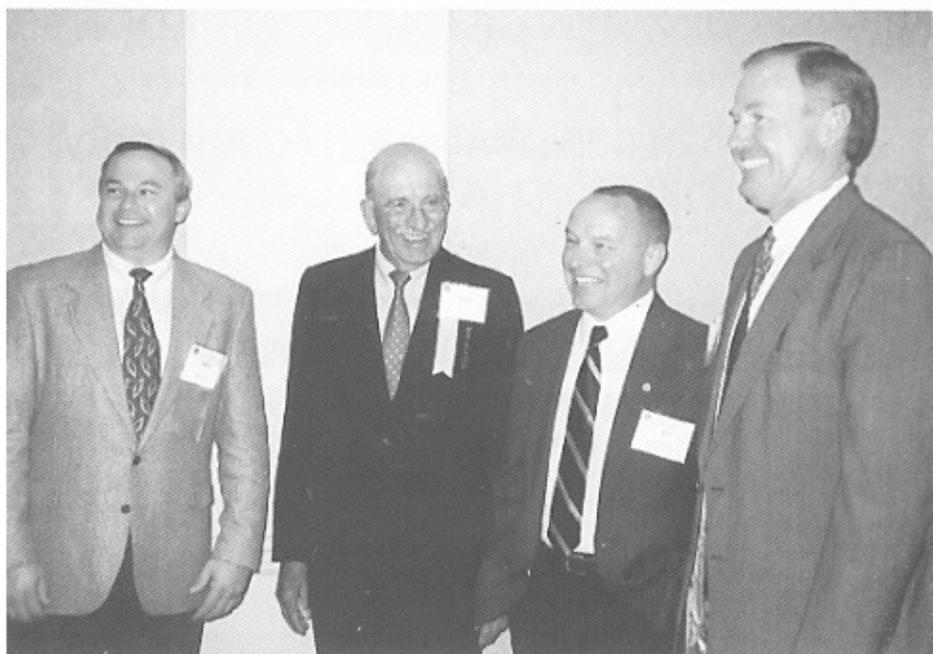
It has been an honor to serve on such an august board. I sincerely thank and hereby recognize the owners of T. R. Miller Mill Co., Inc. / Cedar Creek Land & Timber, Inc. of Brewton and the Dixon Family Partnership, L. P. of Andalusia for allowing me the time to serve and for wholeheartedly

supporting me in any greater Forestry endeavor. I will always cherish the friends and associates I met during my time on the board. From early memories of riding in the woods, where most modern SUV's will never go, in the back seat of Mr. Bill Jones, Sr.'s Buick Electra 225, to serving on the State Board of Registration for Foresters, Forestry has been a great career. All three of my sons want to be Foresters. My oldest, Richard has been accepted to Auburn's Pre-Forestry curriculum beginning next year. And, I am ashamed to say that I have not encouraged him in that pursuit. As I write though, I am thinking "why not?" The most honorable men and women that I know or have known work in Forestry. Also, Forestry may just now be poised for its greatest professional prominence.

Those of you who are older have been there. Those of you who are younger will be there. And, if it is the Lord's will, there are successive "rotations" to come. As I contemplate Forestry's future, I can clearly see the confident, quiet and "knowing" smile of Bill Sahlie.

MASTER TREE FARMER 2000

Clemson University has announced the Master Tree Farmer 2000 program, a southwide satellite broadcast of 7 courses concerning the ownership and management of timberland. The lectures are aimed at forest landowners who wish to become more knowledgeable about forest management and will be broadcast at selected locations across Alabama. For more information contact Board Member Mike Beech at 256/757-7856, fax him at 256/757-7935, or e-mail him at ombeach@aol.com.



Gary Boyd, Chairman SESAF, Fred Gragg, Dr. Edward Barnard, and Dr. Richard Brinker, Chair-elect SESAF

Fred Gragg # 970, was given the SESAF Award of Excellence for the General Practice of Forestry at the Awards Banquet recently held in Columbus Georgia. Fred began his career with International Paper Company in 1939 and served them in positions of growing responsibility until his retirement as Vice President in 1981. Fred has been and continues to be actively involved in SAF and the forestry community. Congratulations!

Forest Stewardship Tag Update

A called meeting of the Forest Stewardship Education Committee was held November 10, 1999.

Vehicle tag sales for the first three years :

January 1, 1997 - September 30, 1997
\$122,757.49

(Approximately 2683 tags)

October 1, 1997 - September 30, 1998
\$259,701.26

(Approximately 5612 tags)

October 1, 1998 - September 30, 1999
\$280,337.85

(Approximately 6125 tags)

Total: \$662,796.60

Gary Brocius, RF 1330, employed by International Paper Company is a newly appointed member of the Committee.

On July 22, 1999, 33 grants totaling \$292,494.70 were submitted to the State Finance Director for payment.

To date, only two grants, both in Lamar County, totaling \$4400.00 have been paid. There is no way to determine when the remaining 31 grants will be paid. Grant recipients have one year from receipt of funding to complete projects. No new grants will be made until all current grants are paid.

Grant moneys cannot be used for items not included in the original approved proposals. Grants must be spent exactly as proposed. Left over money and canceled project money must be returned to the Stewardship Fund. \$20,000.00 from a canceled project along with \$4,056.92 returned from various projects has been returned to the Fund. Current available funding is approximately \$196,783.00.

The Alabama Forestry Commission web page now includes Forest Stewardship Tag Information. A "Tag" option is now on the home page.

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Becton, Thad Ledgett #1766

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Phone: 334/471-4873

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Loyd, Martha Rose #1787

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Brooks, Jerry R. #1788

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Natural Resource Planning Services
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Phone: 850/265-2660

Taylor, Jack Robert, Jr. #1789

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U. S. Forest Service
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Phone: 334/222-6886

CONGRATULATIONS!

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

The Board met in regular session on October 27, 1999. Chairman Breeman called the meeting to order at 8:20A.M.

The Board discussed all pending violation cases.

The Board approved 2 applications for Intern status. The Board approved 8 new applications for license, and granted 7 requests for reciprocity. The Board granted licenses to 5 applicants who passed the oral exams (out of 6 who had taken the exams), 20 applicants who passed the written exams (out of 22) and the Board also granted reinstatement to 1 applicant. The Board was gratified by the increased pass rate of the recent examinees.

After committee reports, the discussion of recent correspondence, the Report from the Office Manager, and the Financial Report, the Chairman appointed the Committee chairmen for the next year.

The Board set the examination schedule for 2000 and the Chairman appointed the Board members to supervise each exam.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS MEMBERS:

LEONARD G. BREEMAN (02) CHAIRMAN
Public Information Committee
Forest Stewardship Committee

KAREN BOYD (03) VICE CHAIRMAN
Examinations Committee
Continuing Education Committee

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

DR. EMMETT THOMPSON(04)
Finance & Administration Committee
Rules and Regulations Committee

RICHARD H. JONES (00)
Retiring

STAFF:

PAMELA B. SEARS
Office Manager

CHARLES E. TOMLINSON
Editor

SCOTT ROUSE
Asst. Attorney General

Faces and Places

Stephen B. Jones # 1298, was tragically killed in a helicopter crash in October.

Mark W. Thomas # 1467 has been appointed to the editorial board of *Alabama Wildlife*, the publication of the Alabama Wildlife Federation with a circulation of over 7,000 in Alabama.

Rhett E. Johnson # 1312, director of Auburn's Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center, recently received the inaugural Henry Hardtner Award from the Southern Group of State Foresters. The award recognizes significant contributions to forest sustainability through outstanding assistance to forest landowners.

The Mountain Lakes Chapter of the SESAF, in conjunction with the Huntsville Madison County Botanical Gardens, recently conducted the first **Gordon White Memorial Teachers Workshop on Forestry**. This five year series of workshops was developed as a memorial to the life of Gordon White and to celebrate his influence throughout the area.

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