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STUMP TALK

by Charles E. Tomlinson

The enemy is at the gate. Actually, a skirmish has been fought inside the walls of Alabama and we lost. The City of Guntersville has passed an ordinance which prevents clear cutting in the city and establishes stringent regulations to be met before anyone can cut his or her trees. Shades of California!

Tennessee is, as I write this, considering a forest practices act which would make it necessary to file a harvesting plan for any timber harvest of over 10 acres.

The chances are the bill will not pass, but this same type of legislation several years ago stimulated the Governor to appoint a committee of citizens to examine the condition of the Tennessee forests and to make recommendations. The radical environmentalists on this committee were vocal and strident in their assertions, most of which were shown to be dead wrong. The report of the committee was fair and broadly based and was summarily dismissed by the radicals as being flawed. So they again introduced the forest practices act in the legislature.

North Carolina is now preparing a study of the impact of chip mills on the state. I predict the report will be favorable to chip mills, denounced by the environmental left as flawed, and ignored.

Over and over we do this dance with the eco-nazis and shake our heads in amazement when the truth we assert and then prove is dismissed as though it had no bearing on the argument.

These people have no interest in truth, in the world as it is, they only desire control and the power to make the world conform to their agenda.

It has nothing to do with good forestry, truth, beauty, or the American way.

There are barbarians at the gate. ■

From the Chairman

The Forest Stewardship Education Committee held their regular scheduled meeting with eight members present. During the normal course of business, the Committee gave six months extensions to two grants funded in 1998, approved a license tag marketing budget of \$15,000, voted to fund an Alabama Forests Forever campaign for \$150,000, and funded about 30 of 77 grant proposals submitted to the Committee.



Chairman Leonard G. Breeman

The Alabama Forests Forever campaign is to be patterned after a successful campaign on going in Florida for the past two years. Other States including South Carolina and Texas are starting "Forests Forever" campaigns also.

The license tag marketing budget is for replenishing supplies of posters, mailing flyers, various giveaway items and billboards to promote the Alabama Forestry Tag.

The following are a few samples of the grant proposals approved:

- T-shirts for all submitted Forestry Awareness Week Now (FAWN) programs.
- Forestry & Natural Resources Education in Jackson County—\$2450.00
North Alabama Reforestation Committee.
- Natural Resources Youth Camp—\$1750.00
Butler County Forestry Planning Committee
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors 99—\$19425.00
Alabama TREASURE Forest Association

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- Multiple-Use Forest Management Short Course—\$1400.00
Fayette, Lamar and Marion County Forestry Planning Committees.
- A Multiple Use Forest Resource Section—\$3000.00
Lamar County Forestry Planning Committee
- Multiple-Use Forest Management Workshop—\$350.00
Winston County Forestry Planning Committee.
- Trees of Alabama and the Southeast Web Site—\$7966.00
Auburn University School of Forestry
- Aliceville Public Library Forestry Collection—\$800.00
Aliceville Public Library.
- Classroom in the Forest of Mobile County—\$3900.00
Mobile Chapter of Alabama TREASURE Forest Association.
- Sustainable Forest Initiative Legislative Tour—\$4350.00
Alabama Forest Foundation.
- Schoolroom Safari—\$5000.00
Ruffner Mountain Nature Coalition, Inc.

Other grant proposals not listed here were also funded. ■

Tree Farm Program Update

The American Tree Farm System is a voluntary forest conservation program sponsored by the American Forest Foundation. More than 66,000 tree farmers across the nation manage over 83 million acres of productive forest lands in all but two of the 50 states.

More recently the organization has been restructured at the national level with staffing and programs to better serve the Tree farm Community. Tree Farm Director Bob Simpson and his staff provide the leadership for the program from the Washington, D. C. office. Bob is an energetic motivator with even higher expectations for the future of the program. Sue Shaddeau lends her years of dedication and expertise as manager of National Field Support from the Atlanta office.

Emphasis in recent years has been on improving the quality of member Tree Farms rather than the quantity with the number nationwide being pared from over 70,000 to the present 66,000 member level. While removing poorly performing or non-active properties, the goal of the program is to grow in numbers and quality nationally.

For many years, as I remember, the program emphasized the three "P's" to be derived from the proper multiple use management of forest lands for Pride, Profit and Pleasure. Today the new Tree Farm sign displays the words Wood, Water, Wildlife and Recreation surrounding the traditional Tree Farm logo. The more recent program promotional phrase states "There is something good going on behind this sign." This is certainly true as we observe the excellent multiple use, productive, forestry practices performed over the decades by the nations dedicated Tree Farmers.

The Tree Farm program is nearing its 60th year as the certifying organization for the nations Tree Farms. Several European nations have shown interest in utilizing the standards of the American Tree Farm System as a guideline for "Green Certification" standards for forestry practices in their countries. What other organization in America has a better proven track record for certifying good, multiple use forestry practices than

the American Tree Farm System.

As we face America's future, with its political and environmental issues, turmoil in the forest products industry and its uncertainties, we realize that the majority of today's wood raw material supply is derived from privately owned forest lands managed by American Tree Farmers. Alabama has over 225,000 forest landowners with 10 acres or more of potential commercial forest. What other program is available to serve these landowners than the American Tree Farm System, which in turn will be a positive benefit to all of us.

To become a certified Tree Farm today requires a written forest management plan prepared by a professional forester. In Alabama, this means a registered forester. Criteria for the plan includes soils information, forest stand descriptions and recommendations, proper maps and other supporting data. The strict adherence to Best Management Practices is a must, or the Tree Farm will be automatically decertified. The inspection form must be signed by the Tree Farmer. What better way to prove "current use" for forestry practices in Alabama than to be a certified Tree Farmer and display the Tree Farm sign on the property.

The Alabama Tree Farm Program for years was one of the top, if not the top, program in the nation. In more recent years the program had stumbled to an alarming level, while other state programs flourished or even improved in their activities. The program suffered so that it caught the attention of the national office. At the request of concerned and dedicated Tree Farm committee members in Alabama, the national office offered to jump start the Alabama program toward its former position. In July of 1998, twenty-two interested and dedicated supporters held a two day session at the Alabama 4-H center in Shelby County. During the two days the participants hammered out the goals and set the time schedule for revitalizing the Alabama program. Bob Simpson, from the Washington office declared "We have had the resurrection of Lazarus" for the Alabama Tree Farm program.

A report was made on the progress of the conference and the state of the Alabama program to the Board of Directors of the Alabama Forestry Association for continued support as the sponsoring organization. An AFA task force was established to further give guidance to program efforts with AFA as

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the supportive, sponsoring organization. Already AFA staff member Bill Jones and Fran Whitaker have been assigned to the program with other association support available. As a result, the Alabama program is now pursuing the progressive goals to return Tree Farm to its proper place as a leader for Alabama's Tree Farmers.

As the new State Tree Farm Chairman, I have already attended the Southeast Region Tree Farm Convention and Workshop held recently in Birmingham with twelve of the regions fourteen states represented. I was able to attend five of the Alabama Forestry Association districts meetings supporting Tree Farm, one of the goals established at the 4-H center in July to get more exposure, recognition, and interaction through the Alabama Forestry Association. Other Tree Farm activities

are well under way.

The continued growth of Tree Farm in Alabama will require the support of many dedicated volunteers to reach our goals, and we will be calling on many of you to lend a hand. Why, because you have what it takes to do it. I can't see our letting this time proven program falter, when the future appears to be such a fertile field, in light of today's forestry and forest industry status, for growth of the Tree Farm Program to an even higher level than we have seen it in the past.

Donald D. "Doug" Link, R. F.
Alabama State Tree Farm Chairman ■

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NEW REGISTERED FORESTERS

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CONGRATULATIONS!

The Ag & Forestry LEADERS Program



The Ag & Forestry LEADERS program, Class VII includes five Registered Foresters out of a class of 28. Pictured above are (left to right) **Larry Gibson** (#1656) from Aliceville, **Russell Smith** (#1657) from Brewton, **Greg Sellers** (#1671) from Jackson, **Mark Tuggle** (#1461) from Alex City and **Russ Runyan** (#1397) from Jasper.

PRECEDA—1999 Schedule of Courses

Alabama

	CFE Hours	Location	Date
Boundary Law, Easements & Right-of-Ways	12	Auburn, AL	Jun. 2-3
Prescribed Burning for Experienced Burners	10	Mobile, AL	Jun. 2-3
Forestry for Non-Forestry Professionals	0	Tuscaloosa, AL	Jun. 7-8
Community Relations for Field Foresters	10	Auburn, AL	Jul. 12-13
Intensive Management for Timber & Wildlife	10	Tuscaloosa, AL	Jul. 26-27
Timber Tax	10	Auburn, AL	Aug. 2-3
Thinning Methods & Operations	10	Tuscaloosa, AL	Aug. 3-4
Practical Tools for Evaluating Forestry Investments	10	Tuscaloosa, AL	Aug. 16-17
Developing Leadership for Today's Forestry Organization	10	Tuscaloosa, AL	Sep. 13-14
Logging Cost	12	Auburn, AL	Sep. 15-16
Strategic Presentations	12	Auburn, AL	Sep. 28-29
Independent Contractor Relationships	10	Tuscaloosa, AL	Oct. 11 - 12

Georgia

	CFE Hours	Location	Date
Forest Management for Wildlife	10	Macon, GA	Jun. 15-16
Developing Your Timber Buying Skills	10	Macon, GA	Aug. 10-11
Harvest Planning & Layout	10	Macon, GA	Oct. 25-26

Mississippi

	CFE Hours	Location	Date
Sharpening Your People Skills	10	Jackson, MS	Jun. 9-10
Developing Your Timber Buying Skills	10	Jackson, MS	Jul. 19-20
Estate Planning for Forest Landowners	10	Jackson, MS	Aug. 26-27
Corporate Finance for Foresters	12	Jackson, MS	Nov. 1-2

For more information, contact Kathryn Besong or Jodi Gregory at (334) 821-9222, or send e-mail to besong@preceda.com.

April Board Meeting

The Board met in regular session on April 28, 1999. Chairman Breeman called the meeting to order at 8:10 A.M..

The Board met with Scott Rouse, counsel from the Attorney General's Office and discussed pending violations. Three cases were closed and two were continued.

The Board approved 4 applications for Intern status. The Board approved 21 new applications for license, and granted 1 requests for reciprocity. The Board granted licenses to 3 applicants who passed the oral exams (out of 4 who had taken the exams) and granted licenses to 4 who passed the written exam (out of 7). The Board also granted reinstatement to 4 applicants.

The Board set fees for 1999-2000 at the same levels as last year.

After committee reports, the discussion of recent correspondence, the Report from the Office Manager, and the Financial Report, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.. ■

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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NAME	TITLE	COMPANY
BUSINESS ADDRESS		
HOME ADDRESS		
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Faces and Places

■ **Frank Sego**, long time employee of the Alabama Forestry Commission, passed away on February 15, 1999. Frank was best known for his efforts on behalf of the forestry community in the halls of the Alabama Legislature.

■ **Bill McKee, #1134** has announced that he has begun a wildlife and forestry consulting services business. His new address is Route 3, Box 578C, Philadelphia, MS 39350 and his phone is 601-650-9400.



Fees Remain the Same

The Board agreed that fees for the next year will remain the same as last year and are:

Application Fees	\$ 50.00
Renewal Fees	
<i>Active</i>	\$ 75.00
<i>Inactive</i>	\$ 30.00
<i>Late</i>	\$ 50.00
Reinstatement Fee	\$ 125.00
Reexamination Fee	\$ 50.00
Lost Certificate	\$ 10.00

NOTICE

Renewals are due by September 30, 1999. Still time for some CFE
or thought about meeting the requirements.

Remember, reinstatement is expensive, time consuming, and a lot of bother!

Alabama Board of Registration for Foresters

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