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STUMP TALK

by Charles E. Tomlinson

The weather is beautiful, winter has just made a few passes with ice and cold and has retreated to days much more typical of spring.

Our economy is cruising along without major pot-holes, in spite of economic chickens coming home to roost all over the rest of the world.

Then why, I ask, do I have this feeling of impending doom? As usual, when I am apprehensive I turn to the political scene to find the source.

Al Gore is running for President and his button down, Boy Scout, earnest and low key demeanor is being accepted by the American public as indicative of a "just trying to do the right thing" approach to government.

But this is the man who thinks that society is sick, that the way to save this planet is to make environmental protection the "central organizing principle of civilization." He says that this requires "embarking on an all-out effort to use every policy and program, every law and institution, every treaty and alliance, every tactic and strategy, every plan and course of action—to use, in short, every means to halt the destruction of the environment and to preserve and nurture our ecological system."

Reflect that the "central organizing principle" of this country is, at least for now, the protection of the natural rights of man—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and the danger this man represents becomes glaringly clear.

Either Al Gore is a demagogue, preaching doctrines he knows to be untrue to men he believes to be idiots; or a dangerous fanatic ("The struggle to save the global environment is in one way much more difficult than the struggle to vanquish Hitler, for this time the war is with ourselves. We are the enemy"); or he no longer holds the views that he published in his book, which I suppose makes him a liar, a White House tradition.

Whatever he is, he does not need to be President of this country. ■

Board Gets First Female Member

One of the last appointments made by Governor Fob James was to place Karen Boyd on the Board of Registration for Foresters. She fills the unexpired term of Bill Whiting who has moved to Arkansas.

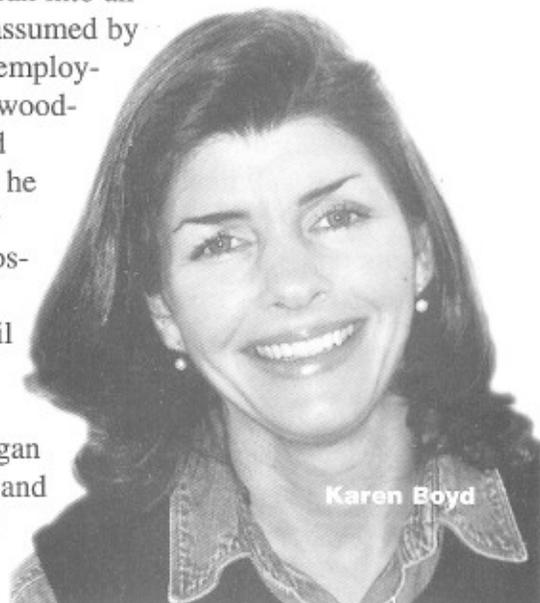
Tall, stately, and soft spoken, Karen's quick and inquisitive mind is apparent from the first meeting. She is the daughter of a career Air Force father and her youth is typical of such a family. Born in Bangor, Maine, she lived in Plattsburg, New York; Bellview, Nebraska; Washington, D.C.; finally arriving in Montgomery, Alabama, at the age of twelve. Knowing a good place when they found one, her family has remained in Alabama ever since.

Karen has always wanted to be a forester. Her mother still has the third grade paper she wrote expressing this wish. She thinks herself fortunate that an infatuation with Park Rangers in Smokey Bear hats has resulted in the career of her dreams (without the hat). She finished high school in Montgomery and began her forestry studies at Auburn in 1977, graduating in 1981 with a degree in forest management. She continued at Auburn in the graduate program, had finished her course work and had started on her thesis when Champion International came calling in 1983. She began her career with Champion and finished her Masters in Forestry degree in economics in 1986, working at the kitchen table late into the night while caring for her new son.

The way she acquired a husband is a bit extreme. While trying to find Oxford, Mississippi from some fairly remote roads, she was driving and studying a map on the steering wheel and failed to note a stop sign ahead. In her Champion pickup, she ran into an empty log truck and was mistakenly assumed by an onlooker to be another Champion employee. The onlooker called the Midway woodyard to inform them of the wreck, and found he was talking to the employee he thought was in the wreck. This fellow went to the emergency room of the hospital to see who was really involved. The fellow was Joel Boyd and in April 1984 Joel and Karen were married. In 1985 their son Joseph was born.

Karen's career with Champion began in Coaling, Alabama, cruising timber and

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Karen Boyd

helping with the management of Champion's fee land in that area. In October of 1983, she was transferred to the Courtland office as a Forest Systems Analyst. In this position Karen helped move the company from a key punch inventory and mylar overlay mapping system to their present data recorder inventory and computerized GIS programs. She moved to the Russellville, Alabama, office as Operations Forester in 1995 and was promoted to District Land Manager of West Operations in April of 1998.

In addition to her career, Karen is heavily involved in the transportation of Joseph from one sports activity to another, playing her flute for church activities, traveling with youth groups (skiing in the Rockies is a new avocation), and helping to construct churches all over the U.S.

Karen, Joel, and Joseph live in a house that they built on 135 acres in the country. Being foresters, the house is finished in a variety of woods, with persimmon cabinets and trim being one of the most outstanding features.

Karen is looking forward to her term on the Board. She attended her first oral examination prior to the last Board meeting and was quite interested in the methods and procedures of the examination panel. It quickly becomes apparent to a listener that her insights and observations, although quietly spoken, are well thought out and articulated. She will, no doubt, be an important contributor to the Board over the period of her term.

NEW BOARD IS COMPLETE



With the appointment of Karen Boyd to complete the term of Bill Whiting and the appointment of Dr. Emmitt Thompson, the recently retired Dean of the School of Forestry at Auburn for a full term, replacing Phillip Sasnett, whose term had expired, the Board is once again complete. The Attorney General's Office has also replaced Gerrilyn V. "Gerri" Grant with the Board's new legal Counsel, Scott Rouse

Alabama Forest Stewardship Education Fund

Legislation was passed in 1995 authorizing the production and sale of a distinctive forestry license plate, the establishment of the Alabama Forest Stewardship Education Fund and the Alabama Forest Stewardship Education Committee. The Committee composed of four permanent and six rotating members has the responsibility of administering the Education Fund.

On January 1, 1997, "Alabama Forests" license plates became available for purchase. The license plate is \$50.00 above regular fees and may be "personalized". All proceeds from the sale of the tag are deposited in the Forest Stewardship Education Fund which is a special trust fund in the state treasury.

The Alabama Forest Stewardship Education Committee currently meets once a year to review and approve grant proposals. The chairman of the State Board of Registration for Foresters is one of the permanent members of this committee along with other individuals representing various segments of the forestry community. Other permanent members are the Alabama Forestry Commission (Timothy Boyce, Chairman), Alabama Forestry Association (John McMillan) and Auburn University (Dean Richard Brinker). Rotating members are Alabama Farmers Federation (Stephen Guy), Treasure Forest Landowners Association (James Hughes), Urban Forestry Association (Jennifer Stringer), the Alabama Association of Consulting Foresters (Eddie Carlson), Alabama Forest Owners' Association (Harry Murphy) and Society of American Foresters (Vaughn Stough).

Tag sales have been doing well. As of December 1998, \$439,209.00 had been deposited in the Stewardship Education Fund. The Committee approved thirty-nine grant proposals totaling \$197,575.85 in 1998 leaving a year end balance of \$241,633.15.

I am not one to hold money in this account. The Committee needs good grant proposals to fund. This is where you come in. Please promote this fund by passing on this information to any interested organization or group.

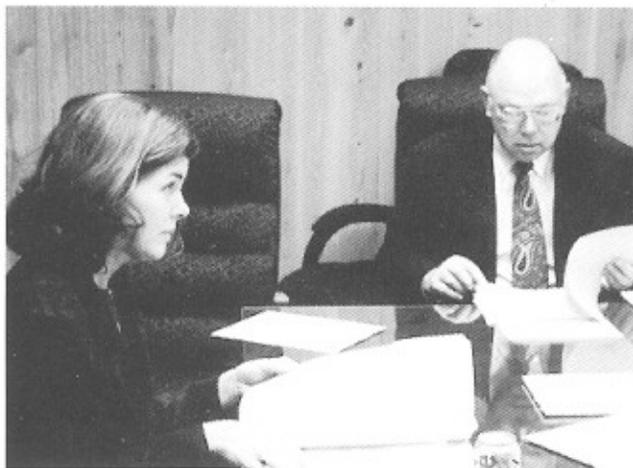
The objectives of grant proposals must be (1) To promote healthy and productive rural and urban forests, clean water, and abundant wildlife and (2) To educate the citizens of Alabama about the tremendous contribution that trees and related resources make to the economy, as well as to the environmental quality of this state.

In order to draw funds from the Forest Stewardship Education Fund, a tax identification number is required. This year, proposals must be postmarked no later than April 1, to be considered. Grant proposals will be reviewed by the Committee in May and organizations will be notified in June regarding approval/disapproval of their proposal. The committee reserves the right to approve all or any part of a proposal. \$20,000.00 is the maximum grant amount. Grant recipients are responsible for compliance with all state and federal income tax laws regarding salaries. If a tax identification number is not provided by November for each approved project, the grant agreement will be voided without any monies being forwarded to the grant recipient.

Anyone interested in submitting a grant proposal should contact Anita W. Benton, Forestry Tag Coordinator, Alabama Forestry Commission, P. O. Box 302550, Montgomery, AL 36130-2550 and

request a Forest Stewardship Education Grant Proposal Form or call (334)-240-9350 for more information. ■

NEW GUYS PLAY CATCH-UP



Sustainable Forestry Initiative in Alabama

Are we in danger of losing our forest, and the wildlife that lives in them? How can we ensure the health and growth of our forest for future generations? Many people of Alabama are asking these questions. As our population expands and our economy grows, responsible people are concerned about our forest. They want assurances that our forest will always be there.

The Alabama Forest Industry understands this concern. Companies that rely on healthy and productive forests for their livelihood have a self-interest in making certain that Alabama's forests remain healthy and productive. The Forest Industry has answered the above questions with a new commitment to long-term forestry. It is called the

Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), a comprehensive program of forestry and conservation practices designed to ensure that future generations of Alabamians will have the same abundant forest that we enjoy today.

The SFI program was developed by the American Forest and Paper Association (AF & PA); the national trade group that represents forest and paper companies. AF & PA assembled a task force of experienced professional foresters who spent 18 months crafting the SFI. This careful collaboration produced an ambitious set of forest principles and detailed guidelines that require companies to reforest harvested lands promptly, provide for wildlife habitat, improve water quality and ecosystem diversity, and protect forests of special ecological significance.

In some cases, the SFI suggests a dramatic departure from normal approaches to managing our state resources. Many companies within the forest industry have followed some of these Forestry Principles, but no company has followed all of them. The SFI is based ultimately on action—real, measurable actions—that will signify industry's progress in meeting its sustainable forestry objectives. ■



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CONGRATULATIONS!

PRECEDA—1999 Schedule of Courses

Alabama

	CFE Hours	Location	Date
Forest Roads	10	Auburn, AL	Mar. 23-24
Advanced Negotiating Skills for Foresters	10	Tuscaloosa, AL	Apr. 12-13
GIS/GPS	10	Mobile, AL	May 4-5
Timberland Appraisal Basics	12	Auburn, AL	May 4-5
Managing the Visual Impacts of Forestry Operations	10	Tuscaloosa, AL	May 12-13
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
Sharpening Your People Skills	10	Macon, GA	Apr. 20-21
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
Timber & Timberland Valuation	10	Jackson, MS	Apr. 20-21
Forest Roads	10	Jackson, MS	May 10-11
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.

October Board Meeting

The Board met in regular session on January 27, 1999. Chairman Breeman called the meeting to order at 8:08 A.M.. The Chairman welcomed the new members to the Board, Karen Boyd to fill the unexpired term of Bill Whitting and Dr. Emmitt Thompson to serve a regular term, replacing Phillip Sasnett.

The Board met with Scott Rouse, new counsel from the Attorney General's Office and discussed the relationship between the Board and his office.

In summary, the Board reviewed one violation case pending. The Board approved 4 applications for Intern status. The Board approved 7 new applications for license, and granted 5 requests for reciprocity. The Board granted licenses to 3 applicants who passed the oral exams (out of 5 who had taken the exams).

After committee reports, the discussion of recent correspondence, the Annual Report from the Office Manager, and the Financial Report, the meeting adjourned at 1:05P.M. ■

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Faces and Places

■ The firm of Sizemore & Sizemore, Incorporated, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 1999. A reception will be held in April. Located in Tallassee, Alabama, Sizemore & Sizemore provides forest appraisal, analysis, and management services to its clients nationwide. Founded by **Dr. William (Bill) R. Sizemore (#8)** as a three-person operation in 1949. Bill was soon joined by his lawyer wife, Mary Ellen, and began operating as a partnership, hence the name Sizemore & Sizemore. The firm has since grown to more than 20 employees, 8 of whom are professional foresters. The firm incorporated in 1984 and Bill serves as Chairman of the Board. Probably best known for his timberland appraisal work and teaching, the Sizemore firm, in cooperation with Duke University, has developed and participates in several intensive forest appraisal courses which are offered periodically. Course locations have included Duke University; Portland, Oregon; and New Zealand among others.

■ **Sharon Anne Clark- Grigsby (#1276)** died on December 24, 1998.

■ **Dorothy Brinson (#1724)** has recently been employed by Molpus, Woodlands.

■ **Pete Stanovich (#1714)** was accepted the job of Operations Forester for the South Alabama Land and Timber Company (SALTCO), a newly formed spin-off corporation from MWS Land Company with properties in Choctaw and Washington Counties.

Logger Training (PLM) and Continuing Education

1826 loggers have now completed the Professional Logging Manager course offered by the Alabama Loggers Council and the Alabama SFI Implementation Committee. Auburn University School of Forestry has published our first PLM directory. The public and loggers view the results of the course and the directory as very positive.

For 1999, eight more PLM courses will be offered with at least four of those courses located north of Birmingham. The first course will start on February 13 at Stevenson at the Mead Mill area followed by one on March 6 in Jasper. Courses in 1999 will follow the same format as previous years—one day per week for five weeks. Course content will include safety, 1st Aid/ CPR, forest management, harvesting, and business management.

New for 1999 will be the offering of Continuing Education courses for loggers. In 1999 courses attendance will be voluntary. By the year 2000 the AFA Loggers Council voted to make at least 6 credit hours of continuing education a requirement to maintain your PLM Certification. The year 1999 will be test year on course development, presentation, and locations. For any course completed in 1999 credits can be carried over to the year 2000. Also for Meadowbrook (ASI) workmen's compensation policyholders a 2% reduction in premium will be granted. Course content is still being developed but should include threatened and endangered species, aesthetics, safety, and workman's compensation.

For more information on either PLM or Continuing Education contact Mike Beach at 256/757-7866 or ombeach@aol.com. ■

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