

## DR. GARIN RETIRES

Dr. Garin retired last July but he still puts in a half day at the office. After he retired, he took an extended tour of the United States, seeing various places and people. Dr. Garin has given us some highlights of his retirement days as follows:

Immediately after retirement, i.e., July 1, 1972, my wife and I took a long trip. This appears to be the usual first thing people do on their retirement. The trip covered 12,000 miles and lasted two and a half months. I felt it was about time to have a long vacation since in the last 25 years vacations were far apart and of short duration.

Where does a person go on such a vacation? It is a combination of many objectives. One of them, you visit the children living in all parts of the U.S. You visit your Alma Mater (University of Idaho) and become astounded at what changes took place since last seen 40 years ago. You visit other relatives and friends that you did not see for many years. You take some side trips to see spectacular landmarks that exist in all parts of the U. S. Never again such a trip will be attempted. By the way, a person keeps expenses down by staying with friends, relatives, and at economy motels.

After this vacation, we went to the annual meeting of the Society of American Foresters in Hot Springs, Arkansas. More old friends to meet and more scenic places to visit. After that we settled in Auburn to take it easy.

People are advised to taper off their work before retirement. I tapered my work after retirement. I felt that I still have some data from my research work of the last ten years that can be added to the list of published research findings. I settled on a routine of leisurely doing some work in the morning, rest in the afternoon, and read or watch TV in the evening. My wife and I are giving a considerable amount of our time to church activities and some of our hobbies such as lapidary, rock hound field trips, and archaeology field trips. Of course, I did not abandon my 20 year hobby of perfecting the ways of preserving the fruit juices to the best possible quality.

As to the future plans, nothing has been crystallized. Maybe trips to Canada and Mexico or a cruise ship for a month or two. The other 10 months a year in Auburn, as now. One thing I would like to go into is fishing. I even bought some books on fish and fishing but so far only arm chair dreams and no real activity.

One thing I wish to mention. Present-day living conditions, people's attitudes and ambitions, etc., are vastly different from those that I encountered 50 years ago when I first came to the U. S. Much of it is good, but much is also bad. At any rate, the next 50 or 40 years will bring even greater changes. Do not visualize your retirement as being anywhere near under conditions similar to today. Do your best now and do not let the distant future seriously interfere with your present day activities.

GEORGE I. GARIN,  
Professor Emeritus

## PROMOTIONS

Dr. George I. Garin, who retired on July 1, 1972, was promoted to Professor Emeritus. Dr. Mason Carter was promoted to Alumni Professor as of July 1, 1972, from Alumni Associate Professor. Dr. J. Biblis has been promoted from Associate Professor to Professor and Dr. E. S. Lyle from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor. The two latter promotions will be effective July 1, 1973.

## NEW BUILDINGS

The department is requesting funds from the legislature for a \$475,000 Forest Products Research building to be located near the forestry plots. Preliminary floor plans have been developed and an artist's watercolor drawing has been produced. This building is among several being requested to modernize and improve the Agricultural Experiment Station facilities.

## CHANGES IN STAFF

Dave Hyink has replaced Jim Gooding in December who accepted a position with the University of Florida. Dave is originally from South Dakota, but has degrees from Stephen F. Austin.

George Coleman is a new Research Associate from VPI and is working with Dr. Biblis on particle-board development.

Rick Zellmer (class '72), who assisted with summer camp last year, has resigned to become a graduate research assistant under Dr. Hodgkins.

Robert Wise (class '72) has taken Rick Zellmer's position in assisting with several courses.

The current secretarial staff consists of Mrs. Maxine McDaniel as head secretary with Mrs. Diane Deas replacing Mrs. Penny Gray and Mrs. Katherine Williams replacing Mrs. Patricia Ferguson.

## GRANTS

Dr. E. S. Lyle has received, from the Alabama Surface Mining Reclamation Council, a grant of \$150,000 for a 5 year study on reclamation of strip mine land. This grant was sponsored by a group of coal mining firms very much interested in finding new and better methods of restoring strip mined land to production.

## AWARDS

Dr. Mason Carter received the Award of Excellence for Research at the southeastern section meeting of the Society of American Foresters at Athens, Georgia, in January.

## MEETINGS

The Department co-hosted the South-wide Forest Disease Workshop on January 23-26. This workshop was attended by 75 professional forest pathologists representing 17 states.

# ALUMNI NEWS

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Auburn Alumnus:

Through the years many of us have derived our livelihood from the practice of forestry as a profession. We obtained this professional status by having a school which has strived throughout the years to maintain and improve the instruction of forestry practices and techniques.

To insure that this level of instruction was maintained, the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association founded the Auburn Forestry Foundation, to supplement the Forestry Department of Auburn University with necessary unappropriated funds with which to purchase needed instructional equipment and/or material for the improvement of the teaching process.

The Auburn Forestry Foundation needs the active monetary support of all Auburn Forestry Alumni. The Foundation Funds are restricted in use and are designed to strengthen Auburn Forestry education.

We need your support NOW! The donation is tax deductible and maybe your company has a matching contribution program. Send your contribution (no amount too small) to:

The Auburn Forestry Foundation  
Department of Forestry, Auburn Univ.  
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Sincerely,

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## FEATURED ALUMNUS

Charles Arnold Pigg was born on August 15, 1932, at Florence, Alabama. He attended the Florence City School System and graduated from Coffee High School in 1950.

After graduation from high school, he attended Florence State University one year and transferred to Auburn University where he obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Management in 1954.

In 1954 he was employed by International Paper Company as a Conservation Forester. This was interrupted with a two-year tour of duty with the U. S. Army. On being discharged from the Army in 1955, he was employed with the State Forestry organization. He has been promoted through the ranks until December 1970 when he was promoted to Assistant State Forester with the present Alabama Forestry Commission.

Pigg is 40 years old, married and has three children. He is a member of the First Church of the Nazarina. He is also a member of the Society of American Foresters, the East Montgomery Civitan Club, the YMCA, the National Guard Association of the U. S. and is an officer with the Alabama Army National Guard.



Charles Pigg, Assistant State Forester,  
Alabama. (Class '55)

## CLASS OF '65 HOLDS REUNION

The first class of record to hold a reunion was the class of '65. Organized by Veto La Salle of Hope, Idaho, ten of the twenty members of the class and seven wives gathered for dinner and a program on November 25 at Michael's Supper Club in Birmingham. Veto showed slides of conditions where he has worked in the northern Rocky Mountain area.

W. B. DeVall



## SENIOR ALUMNI AWARDS

The sixteenth recipient of the Alumni Association awards to an outstanding senior in forestry was Arthur Dyas of Mobile. Association president, Gene Sample presented a copy of the Forestry Handbook and a check at the Annual 1973 Awards Banquet sponsored jointly by the Auburn Student Chapter, S.A.F. and the Department of Forestry. The first award in 1957 went to Robert Farrar, now employed by the Southern Forest Experiment Station in Brewton.

W. B. DeVall

## ANNUAL MEETING

The 1972 Annual Alumni Meeting was held in Tuscaloosa on September 15, 1972. There were 48 Alumni and Faculty present. This was probably one of the best attended meetings the Alumni Association has ever held.

The highlight of the meeting was a short talk by Mr. Joe Graham. Mr. Graham presented some of the activities of the Alabama Forestry Association, namely projects devoted to informing members of the Alabama Conservancy of the importance of forestry.

Professor DeVall outlined some of the activities of the Auburn Forestry Foundation along with other activities of the Department of Forestry.

It was a very enjoyable meeting and every alumnus should make plans to attend our next Annual Meeting.

Richard Gumbie ('63)

## FORESTRY FOUNDATION

The Auburn Forestry Foundation, a project of your Alumni Association, was created November 4, 1960, when the Board of Trustees of Auburn University passed resolution No. 15. The Foundation is administered by a Board of Directors consisting of 7 members, one of whom is the president of the Auburn Forestry Alumni Association. The officers are Virgil Willett, president ('50); Walter Andress, secretary ('60); W. T. Ingram, University Business Manager, Treasurer.

Persons who contribute to the Foundation become members of it. The Foundation can accept cash, stocks, bonds, or property, and such contributions are tax deductible.

According to the by-laws, a portion of each year's contribution is allocated to the Department of Forestry for use wherever needed. The amount is decided at the annual meeting of the Board. In 1972 the amount was slightly in excess of one thousand dollars. Bill Black ('51) who chairs the investment committee, advises the treasurer of the amount of money that is to be put into the interest earning account annually.

Alumni who work for corporations are encouraged to find out if their company has a policy of matching employee contributions to educational institutions. During recent years two paper companies matched forestry alumni contributions.

W. B. DeVall

## MANAGING TIMBER LANDS IN A FIDUCIARY CAPACITY

There is a lot of mystery to a great many foresters today as to why real estate is managed by Bank Trust Departments. To thoroughly understand the reasons, a person would have to be quite knowledgeable about the tax laws of our country; therefore, the subject will not be discussed in any great detail at this point.

A few years ago, a person had to own a great deal of real estate to have any great amount of wealth. Today, that is not true. Land values have skyrocketed, making many so-called small private landowners quite wealthy. If these individuals do not plan their estates to minimize the taxes, the real estate could



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be lost. Corporate fiduciaries, due to their permanency, play an important role in estate planning.

New accounts for a Trust Department come by Estates, various Trust Agreements or Agencies. When there are timberlands involved, a forester is needed for management. New lands are not consolidated with existing lands. Each individual account has to be managed according to the desires and monetary needs of the owners.

The size of timber tracts varies considerably, but most of the tracts are less than 3,000 acres per account. Most larger tracts of land are usually already under corporate ownership and are being managed. Tracts of 3,000 acres or less are usually classified under the small landowner concept and this dictates the type forest management to be employed.

The technical forestry aspects of managing small tracts of timber are no problem. Selective thinning, harvest cuts, cull hardwood eradication, tree planting and boundary line work are all common forest management practices that are

being used by corporate fiduciaries in their timber management.

The main problem with timber management under the small landowner concept is not the forest management, but the "people management."

There are at least three banks in Alabama with graduate foresters on their staffs, with primary responsibility of timber management. This is another indication that foresters need to broaden their education beyond the limits of technical forest management.

Wayman Paul (Class '59)

First National Bank of Birmingham

## IN MEMORIAM

WALTER J. CULBERSON ('49)

HARRY G. PRINCE, JR. ('69)

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## FORESTRY AWARDS

*Outstanding Senior in Forestry Award*  
Davis Sellers—

Sponsored by L. M. Ware

*Outstanding Senior in Forestry Award*  
Vaughn Stough—

Sponsored by Southeastern Section,  
Society of American Foresters

Art Dyas—

Sponsored by Auburn Forestry Alumni  
Association

*Scholastic Improvement Awards*

Don Heath (Sr.)—

Robert Allen (Jr.)—

Sponsored by E. A. Hauss

*Scholastic Consistency Awards*

Frank Renn (Sr.)—

Bryan Bradley (Jr.)—

Sponsored by E. A. Hauss

*Cartographic Award*

Davis Sellers—

Sponsored by American Can Co.

*Plant Science Award*

Van Allen—

Sponsored by Alabama Garden Club

## THIS IS THE WAY IT WAS AT SUMMER CAMP 1972

Suddenly, the anticipation and the months of waiting were over as another class of forestry students began the "13th quarter." There was no time wasted after Spring quarter was over, as we were introduced the day after graduation to "how it would be" for the next three months. The schedule was somewhat different this year. There were three periods of road trips, at the beginning, middle, and end of the quarter. Between trips, three weeks each were devoted to engineering and mensuration. Another new innovation this year, which was to become the object of a great deal of hate, ridicule, laughter, and praise, was the hard hat. Due to the recent governmental rulings on occupational safety, all individuals were required to wear a hard hat, provided by the department, of course, for the entire summer.

The first two days of camp were devoted to lecture and note taking under Prof. DeBrunner, in forest recreation and regeneration. Things began rolling bright and early the next morning as we

made a one day trip to the Georgia Kraft Wood and Woodlands Division Office in Lumpkin, Ga. Everything was fine then, except that we never did get to see that "mythical-monster," the tree crusher.

The next week we took off for the wilds of L. A. (Lower Alabama) and Little River State Forest. From there we made visits to paper mills, research facilities, and timberlands from Mobile, to Brewton, to Vrendenburgh. These trips were during the daylight hours. At night there were other trips made to Blueberry Hill. It seems that there was a new "floor show" which had opened there, starring Auburn's own Danny Wood. We then returned to Auburn to begin three weeks of engineering under Prof. Chris.

Very quickly we were learning the intricacies of laying out a forest road, boundary surveying and high order surveying in the arboretum. Our teaching associate was more than helpful in these endeavors. His ability to hold a range pole on a plumb line was absolutely amazing! Any thoughts of the glamour of working in the woods were quickly dispelled by the heat, mosquitoes, snakes, and marches through the "jungles" of Tuskegee National Forest. It was during the week of boundary surveying that one of our more learned crews confidently surveyed a half mile of line before they realized it was two chains west of where it should have been. Another memorable event was my own dance to the "Flight of the Yellow Jacket," while under the direction of Prof. Chris. Finishing up engineering with maps and a final for another trip was a welcome relief.

We then headed for Huntsville and nearby points of interest. While driving through Scottsboro, Prof. DeBrunner "backed-off" from a traffic light and inadvertently mangled an open car door with the bus. At this time we saw the world's tallest policeman who, when he arrived to investigate this incident, started getting out of his car and just kept on getting out. After returning to Auburn for the weekend, we again took to the road, bound for Kentucky and the TVA's Land Between the Lakes. Stops were made on the return trip at Bankhead National Forest and Childersburg. Three weeks of mensuration followed before leaving for a five-day trip to the mountains of North Carolina. This trip proved to be the most enjoyable of the summer. We finished up with a trip to Macon, Ga., and exams on the last day of finals. One last note of interest

over the course of the summer — Bill Higgin more than adequately demonstrated the need for a bathroom on the Bluebird.

Occasionally things were a little "shaky," but all in all the summer was enjoyable and meaningful for everyone. A few students said so long to the Department and Auburn to begin working, while the rest of us remained to finish our course work. On behalf of the entire summer camp crew, I would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Prof. DeBrunner and Prof. Chris for everything they did to get us through the summer. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend greetings to those whom we haven't seen since last summer and wish you the very best for the future.

## XI SIGMA PI

Sigma Chapter is very pleased with its activities over the past year. We feel that, overall, it has been a period in which we have made a great deal of progress at Auburn. We started off in September with a membership of only three persons due to graduations, but we feel that our Ten for returning alumni and their families during Homecoming was very successful. The number of people attending this year was up considerably, and we hope to see more come next year.

Since then, we have initiated six more men into Xi Sigma Pi; these being Earl V. Allen, Arthur C. Dyas, Ben F. Holifield, Vaughn P. Stough, William E. Tomlin, and Bennie F. Vinson, Jr. We are expecting more initiated this spring as it seems that more and more forestry students are attaining the high grades and leadership capabilities needed for our fraternity.

Let me extend both the fraternities and my invitation to visit with us here at Auburn at any time. We look forward to your visits.

JOSEPH D. SULLIVAN, Forester

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