

Seaman Timber Company Celebrates

Golden Year

From Staff Reports

In the summer of 1955, James D. Seaman came to Alabama and established a small business in the quiet town of Montevallo. Over the years, that business grew into one of the premier family-owned forest products companies in the South.

On May 27, Ala. Gov. Bob Riley and more than 500 friends, associates and family members gathered at Seaman Timber Company to share good food and great memories in honor of Jim Seaman and the golden anniversary of his enterprise.

Riley complimented Seaman for the remarkable achievements of this one-generation business. Riley also praised Seaman Timber Company's workforce and members of the Seaman family, noting that no one person achieves this level of success alone. Referring to Janet Seaman in particular, Riley said, "we all know how much she has done for this business and for her husband as a real partner in this endeavor."

The state of Alabama was further represented by Sen. Hank Erwin and Rep. Cam Ward, who brought a proclamation enacted by the state legislature naming May 27th Seaman Timber Company Day in the state of Alabama.

Among those in attendance were NASCAR driver Donnie Allison and his wife, Pat, who developed a long-time friendship with the Seamans after becoming a customer of Seaman's Thoroughbred Fencing products many years ago. U.S. Rep. Spencer Bachus, although not in attendance, sent a letter of congratulations that was read during the ceremonies.

Also making congratulatory remarks were representatives of the Alabama Forestry Association and the Railway Tie Association, two of Seaman Timber Company's longest industry affiliations. RTA Executive Director Jim Gauntt noted that this was also a silver anniversary for Seaman Timber Company as this marked their 25th year as members of RTA.

"The influence that Seaman Timber Company has had in the tie business through the RTA has made us a better industry and a better association," Gauntt said.

Seaman, a former RTA president, and his wife were the first joint recipients of the RTA's highest producer recognition the Broad Axe Award. That honor was bestowed on them in 1995. §

Right: Jan Dailey, Suzanne Dailey, Gov. Bob Riley and Janet Seaman; Below: Gov. Bob Riley was keynote speaker at the anniversary luncheon.



Above: Kenny Dailey praises Seaman Timber Company's workforce and recognizes Jim and Janet Seaman (below).



Right: Jan Dailey was the emcee for the event; Below: State Sen. Hank Erwin presents Jim Seaman with the proclamation of Seaman Timber Company Day in Alabama.



Above: Jim Seaman, Pat and Donnie Allison, Janet Seaman and Jan Dailey.



The over 500 in attendance heard about Seaman Timber Company's heritage.