

**AG & FORESTRY DAY
AT THE LEGISLATURE
Tuesday, February 09, 2016**

9:30 a.m. Exhibits and legislative visits with the elected officials.
3:30 p.m. WVFA Board of Directors meeting at the Marriott Charleston Town Center
6:00 p.m. Legislative Reception
"A Taste of West Virginia"
A joint reception sponsored by WVFA, the WV Farm Bureau, held at the Marriott Town Center.

**A.B. BROOKS SYMPOSIUM
Wednesday February 10, 2016**

7:30 a.m. – Legislative Update Breakfast – HOSTED BY
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- * Sen. Robert Kerns, Chair Natural Resources Committee
- * Del. Kelli Sobonya, Co-Chair Joint Committee on Rules
- *invited*

9:00 a.m. – Symposium (Developing Agenda):

- * **Loggers Workers Comp Premium-Reduction**
- Terry Duke, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

- * **Loggers Workers Comp**
- Brady Campbell, MS, CLCS, Commercial Insurance

- * **2016 Tax Legislation**
- Mike Caryl, Bowles Rice

- * **WV Road Weights**
- Steve Yeager, Plum Creek - *invited*

- * *Other Possible Topic: At-Risk Species in WV*

12:00 p.m.- Deli Buffet Luncheon

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304-345-6500 and mention the code
"West Virginia Forestry"
to get our block of rooms.*

Room reservations should be called in to the Hotel
before room block cut off date of
January 25, 2016.

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2016 A. B. Brooks Memorial Forestry Symposium Registration



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Registration ENDS January 28, 2016!!!!

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A. B. Brooks Memorial Forestry Symposium

The annual A. B. Brooks Memorial Forestry Symposium was inaugurated in 1986 to honor and commemorate West Virginia's first and most illustrious forester.

His full name was Alonzo Beecher Brooks, although he was simply "A. B." to friends and acquaintances. He was born May 6, 1873. The Brooks family lived near French Creek, Upshur County, West Virginia, on a typical West Virginia hill farm.

There was no money for college; so A. B. taught himself plane surveying and began the preparation of a map that included every road and every dwelling (outside the corporate limits of Buckhannon) in Upshur County. In 1905, the map was completed and sales provided funds for his entrance to West Virginia University. Since there were few public high schools, A. B. spent two years in college preparation courses, then began a baccalaureate program (1908) which included the first forestry courses ever offered at the University. He was a member of the first graduating class that had instruction in forestry.

He then accepted an appointment as forester from the West Virginia Geological Survey (1910-1911) to collect data for, and to prepare a survey of West Virginia's forest resources, county by county. This detailed study resulted in a book of 486 pages and was published as *Forestry and Wood Industries*, Volume 5 of the West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey, in 1911. It is the classic on the State's early forest conditions and resources.

A. B. later served as forester for the West Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, where he worked on a program

concerned with stopping the spread of chestnut blight. From West Virginia, he moved to the state of New York and spent two years in its Conservation Department. After this, he returned to West Virginia where he soon published a 242-page book (*West Virginia Trees*). This book included identification data, descriptions, ranges and a detailed drawing of every tree species known to occur within the State. Originally published by West Virginia University in 1920, it was reprinted in 1951 and republished in 1972.

In 1921, West Virginia's first Conservation Commission was established, and A. B. became its first director with the title of Chief Game Protector. Under his administration, the first State forest (Seneca) and the first State park (Watoga) were established.

When Colonel E. W. Oglebay left his 700-acre Waddington Farms to the city of Wheeling, a recreational and educational program of music, nature study, handicrafts, horticulture and other cultural activities was instituted. A. B. became Oglebay Institute's first Staff Naturalist. His Sunday morning bird walks along Oglebay's trails gradually developed into the internationally famous Brooks Bird Club.

He died on May 16, 1944.

We invite you to attend the 2016 Symposium, the 30th annual, being held at the Marriott Town Center, Charleston, WV.

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