

## Alabama moves forward to promote the CCC

The proud heritage of the CCC in Alabama is getting more attention these days due to the hard work of our members who are diligently telling the Alabama story.

The Alabama activity is an encouraging demonstration of second-generation enthusiasm and dedication to assuring that CCC heritage is not forgotten and lets us know that we can all make a difference in preserving CCC heritage.

Through the persistent efforts of the Atkinson family of Alabaster Alabama and Bob Pasquill, citizens know more about the CCC today than in years past.

Grant Atkinson, Eagle Scout candidate, has taken on the task of earning the funds for a CCC Workers Statue that will be placed at Cheaha State Park. The fundraising effort is ongoing and if you have a soft spot for the CCC in Alabama please donate to this campaign. All donations are tax-deductible under the CCC Legacy Tax-ID. Donations can be mailed to: CCC Legacy – Alabama, P.O. Box 1451, Alabaster, AL 35007.

Bob Pasquill, is a name recognized by our readers. His article and presentations at national events has helped to tell the Alabama story. In addition to his role as CCC advocate, life member, author, and public speaker, Bob has recently been elected by the Board of Directors to the position of Board Advisor for Education and Interpretation.

His recent book on Alabama CCC entitled: "The Civilian Conservation Corps in Alabama: A Great and Lasting Good" is now available for sale through Alabama University Press.

As a result of a July 27, 2008, presentation at the Butler County Historical and Genealogical Society in Greenville, AL, Bob shared his thoughts on his presentation as a "new twist" to CCC programs. Please enjoy his story.

### **New Twist to CCC Programs By Robert G. Pasquill, Jr.**

On July 27, 2008, I presented a program on the Civilian Conservation Corps to the Butler County Historical and Genealogical Society in Greenville, Alabama. This was the 78<sup>th</sup> public educational program I have given on the CCC since April of 2001.

CCC Camp SCS-10 was established in Greenville, Alabama on August 12, 1935, and for the next five years, the enrollees of Company 4436 fought erosion in

Butler County. Butler County also sent her share of sons to CCC camps throughout the southeastern United States and out west. The program explained the Civilian Conservation Corps from the national perspective and covered the work at Camp SCS-10. Between 55 and 60 members of the society and guests were present for the Sunday afternoon program. In addition to the program, a small collection of CCC memorabilia was displayed, consisting of badges, pins, pamphlets, brochures and postcards.

After the 45 minute program, I had the opportunity to sign copies of my book recently published by the University of Alabama Press entitled "The Civilian Conservation Corps in Alabama: A Great and Lasting Good." The book appears to be well received. It covers all of the projects in the state of Alabama, as well as following the Civilian Conservation Corps from its inception in March 1933 to its final days in June 1942. The CCC went through changes in its 9 ¼ years of existence as the country responded to shifting priorities from fighting the Great Depression to preparing to fight World War Two.



Pictured here is author Bob Pasquill along with Alabama CCC Legacy supporters, Sue Arnold, her two daughters and sister.

Ms. Arnold's father, William Edwards Roberson, served in Company 1403 at Camp F-3.

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Until Oct 1, 2008, Bob's book is available at a 30% discount by ordering it through The University of Alabama Press. For more information refer to the order form in the January February 2008 CCC Legacy Journal.