

Ohio Pedologist Newsletter  
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Pedologists in Ohio have been on the move. This newsletter will hopefully bring you up to date on all the people who have move into, out of and around the state of Ohio. If we have overlooked anyone let us know - that is what this newsletter is all about. To get more first hand information about all these changes come to the AOP summer picnic and meeting being held this year at Fort Ancient on July 22. The picnic will give you a chance for your families to meet these associates you have been praising and muttering about all year. See you there!

Annual AOP Summer Picnic

Where: Fort Ancient State Park near Lebanon, Ohio

The picnic areas cannot be reserved but Danny Lemaster has volunteered to get there early enough to make sure we get a shelter house. Watch for AOP signs.

When: Saturday, July 22, 1978

Plan to assemble at the shelter house by 12:00 noon and eat by 1:00 PM.

(AOP Executive Committee will meet at 11:00)

What to Bring:

Your whole family (if possible)  
Sports and game equipment  
Your own meat dish  
Either a salad or dessert to be shared pot luck  
Your own hot drink  
AOP will supply soft drinks for all

Who Has Organizing Headaches: Danny Lemaster

A Note From Danny: "Weather permitting I suggest..."

Auger chuking contest, with pit digging and soil describing as alternatives. I also hear that softball, and frisbee throwing for accuracy and distance will be big this year. Prizes could be a used SCS 252-B for 2nd and a 1000 acre goal reduction for 1st. That would guarantee a packed house. In case of bad weather we could always build a fire in the shelter house fireplace, chant chapter 10 of Soil Taxonomy to the tune of "The yellow rose of Texas", and take turns bailing my leaky auto trunk. Marathon gabbing has also done well in the past.

### Letter from Dennis Holloran

(Dennis is now mapping in Douglas County Oregon. These are excerpts of a letter to Don Musgrave).

We have a legend with 101 series so far and less than 2 years into the survey. We are going to have 150 or more. We have 230 mapping units with a total of 350 or more expected... and you think we used to write! I have probably only mapped 60 series in the last 6 months but even that is a lot to learn.

Much of my mapping has been in areas with good access as long as I drive the jeep, I've been using. But since the rainy season is here I've been walking 4-6 hours a day up 2 or 3 1200 to 1500 foot hills and numerous small hills in between. In basalt areas I can map 800-1000 acres a day this way, but in sedimentary or metavolcanic soils I only map about 600 acres a day. My goal is 65,000 acres, and I'll really have to hustle for that, even out here. The smallest unit we cut out is 5 acres. I think we will map 8 of the 10 soil orders here.

Oregon is really a beautiful state. I've probably driven 5000 or 6000 miles within the state, mostly off the main roads and have been skiing at Crater and Diamond Lakes, hiking all over, including the Redwoods in N. California. I walked the beaches all along the coast. The people are very friendly and proud to be Oregonians.

### Comments from the President

AOP is now all of 2½ years old since officially organizing. Members have shown a good response and our Association has made considerable progress in this relatively short time. Let's keep up the momentum. Our main reason in organizing was to improve communications among pedologists and still is.

Perhaps it would be well to restate the purpose of AOP as spelled out in our Constitution.

1. To take action necessary to technically and professionally strengthen the membership.
2. To set standards for professional conduct of its Pedologist members.
3. To promote recognition of the pedologist as a professional before the public, legislative bodies and the courts.
4. To take a position on matters that relate to the profession.

Good communications obviously has to play a large role in accomplishing these 4 objectives or purposes. Our newsletter is the most important medium for keeping members informed of each others activities and viewpoints within the Buckeye State, as well as, those outside. George Hall has done an outstanding job of putting the newsletter together and making the most out of information available. He deserves our uppermost support as members in supplying items of interest. Hopefully those who have gone on to bigger things outside the state could jot down what they are up to. And what are our ever growing number of busy retirees doing? Let's use our newsletter to the fullest extent possible to further this Association's cause. Coupled

with this and an active, full membership, AOP has a lot to offer its members now and in future years. Perhaps you may be the one to receive the ten dollar award for best article of the year.

To dispel any possible misconception, certification or registration of pedologists in Ohio is not the ultimate objective or goal of AOP. This is something the Association will want to continue seriously studying the merits of and to possibly be considered by the membership someplace along the way. -- Marvin Bureau

#### Consulting Work

One of the ways the Association of Ohio Pedologists can help members is to serve as a clearing house for jobs available, inquiries, etc. AOP member Robert Roseler, Assistant Director of Environmental Health in Summit County recently received a letter from Frank Kellogg of the Geauga County Health Department. Mr. Kellogg asked if there are any AOP members who would like to have their name registered with that department as a soil scientist willing to evaluate soils on proposed building lots. Those who are eligible and available to do this type of work can contact the Geauga County Health Department, 219 Main Street, Chardon, Ohio 44024.

The subject of AOP members available for soil consulting work was discussed at the last Executive Council Meeting. The decision reached was that those members available for such consulting work should send their names, addresses and any other pertinent information to the Secretary-Treasurer of AOP - Bob Parkinson, 1165 W. Sells Ave. Apt B 3, Columbus, Ohio 43212. This information will be kept on file by the Secretary-Treasurer and a list compiled and made available to those requesting it. AOP members are increasingly receiving inquiries for soil scientists that can be contacted to do consulting work. -- Marvin Bureau

#### John Lawrence - Former Ohioan

John W. Lawrence was elected Delegate Councilman for the International Soil Conservation Society of America. He is past president of the Empire State Chapter of the SCSA, and for the past several years has been chairman of the Northeastern States College and University's Relations Committee.

John is presently with the State University of New York at Farmingdale, N. Y. He has also done consultant work with the Tri-County Planning Commission. Westchester County Planning Board, and with various organizations in the area.

After leaving the Soil Conservation Service in Ohio in 1957, Dr. Lawrence was employed at Southwest Missouri State College at Springfield, Mo. He received his Masters Degree at Ohio State University in 1958, and completed his doctorate at the University of Florida in 1966. -- Don Musgrave

#### North American Prairie Conference

The Sixth North American Prairie Conference will be held August 12-17, 1978 at the Fawcett Center of Tomorrow in Columbus. Because the conference will be of interest to many Ohio Pedologists, the AOP mailing list has been sent to the Ohio Biological Survey so that members can receive a mailing about the conference.

## News from the SCS State Office

### Personnel

Tommy L. Sims, soil scientist, will report to work in Hamilton County in June. Tommy graduated from Tennessee State University. He was a student trainee in Ohio last summer. We welcome Tommy back to Ohio.

Dan Crowner, working part time as he completes his Masters Degree, will join Dr. Everett to work in Alaska this summer. Dan plans to leave for Alaska in July.

Melanie Gates, soon to wed, will report for work as a soil scientist in August. Melanie graduated from OSU in June. We welcome Melanie back to our ranks.

The Pike County project soil survey was initiated in April. The new soil survey party consists of Mike Plunkett, party leader, and Richard Gehring, soil scientist.

### General

Pre-mapping conferences have been initiated for new project soil surveys. Each conference is one day in length and has the representation of each cooperating agency. This fiscal year pre-mapping conferences have been held for Scioto, Ottawa, Sandusky, Perry and Pike Counties.

### New published soil surveys

Introduction meetings have been held for new soil surveys in Miami, Medina, and Greene Counties.

Portage County soil survey will be the next survey published. We expect to receive Portage County by August.

### From the DLS Desk

### Personnel Appointments

The following personnel promotions, transfer and new appointments have been made by the Division of Lands and Soil since the last newsletter:

Floyd McCleary - Promoted and transferred from Trumbull County to Party Leader in Scioto County.

Keith Miller - Promoted and transferred from Seneca-Sandusky Counties to Scioto County.

Kevin Covich - A graduate of the University of Montana was employed and will begin work in Trumbull-Geauga Counties effective June 4, 1978.

Kim Anderson - A spring graduate from the University of Wisconsin (Madison) will be employed effective July 2, 1978 to work in Athens County.

Terry Lucht - Promoted to Party Leader in Athens County.

James Kerr - Promoted to Party Leader in Jackson County.

Several other appointments are pending, but will not be announced until later.

### New Publications

Soil Inventory Progress Report No. 52, Lucas County, has been printed and released.

Soil Inventory Progress Report No. 53, Butler County, will be available for release in June.

Soil Inventory Progress Report No. 54, Cuyahoga County, and No. 55, Seneca County, are not being readied for printing in July and August.

General Soil Association Map of Adams County is presently at the printers and should be available before July 1, 1978.

Many Division of Lands and Soil personnel attended the dinner and recognition ceremony in honor of Nick Holowaychuk's retirement. All Division personnel have gained much knowledge from their association with Nick over the years and will miss him not only as leader, teacher and dedicated soil scientist, but also as a close personal friend. We wish him all the best and hope to have the opportunity to see and work with him often in the coming years.

### OSU Ivy Towers

Spring quarter is over and faculty and students are headed out to places unknown or little known. Five or six of the faculty are going to the International Soil Science meetings in Edmonton the end of June. This is the first international soils meeting to be held in this hemisphere since 1960. It will also provide an opportunity to vacation in the Canadian Rockies.

Nick Holowaychuk's retirement party was a mix of joy and sorrow for many of us. About 150 people from various parts of the U. S. ate, drank and paid tribute to Nick. Three of his sisters and two of his nieces were able to fly in from Edmonton for the celebration. He leaves for Edmonton about June 15 to participate in the International meetings. He promises to return for a visit in the fall. We will miss him.

### Membership

We presently have 58 paid up memberships, including several from former Ohioans who have moved. Check and see if all those in your area have joined.

### Soil Survey Horizons

With this issue of the AOP newsletter 32 of the members are also receiving copies of Volume 19 Number 1 issue of Soil Survey Horizons. The delay of this Spring issue was centered in Madison and not in Columbus. Ed Ciolkosz (ed) told us on May 22 that there had been a delay in publication and he didn't know when we would receive our mailing. That afternoon they arrived!

There are some good articles but I am betting that some of you could do as well on your pet projects.

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