Having been raised on a farm in the adjoining county, Jackson, and having grappled with the soil problems there for many years, upon my arrival in Scioto County, Ohio, as county agricultural agent in February, 1918, I realized that a real problem confronted me in the way of a soil improvement program.

AGRICULTURAL CONDITIONS OF THE COUNTY

Topography

In Scioto County, there is marked diversity in surface features, with a range from fairly wide river valleys, with only a few feet change in elevation for several miles, to rough hills with steep slopes, rising quite precipitously to a height of 300 to 500 feet above the stream beds.

The southern portion of the county is bordered by the Ohio River for a distance of 40 miles. The central part of the county is crossed by the Scioto River flowing south. These river valleys range from one-half mile to two miles in width.

Beginning at the Ohio River near Wheelersburg, a point where the

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