be certified in order to present testimony or sign official documents which have to do with building codes, land use planning, and like matters. Other agricultural disciplines have started certification programs or are about to start them. By virtue of these facts alone, it will be important for crop scientists to be aware of or participate in some type of certification program.

Need for Agronomic Scientists in General. Over the years, CSSA has cooperated with ASA and SSSA in promoting careers in the agronomic sciences. The purpose for bringing this matter up, is that during the round of Executive Committee meetings this past Summer, a very noteworthy and concerning realization was brought forth for our further consideration. A very substantial number of agronomists, crop scientists, and soil scientists are of "World War II vintage." This means that these people will be retiring about the same time and therefore the strong possibility exists that a large void will be left in the ranks of our agronomic scientists. The question which immediately comes to mind is, will there be enough trained people available to fill this void? In general, indications are that the problem may not be quite as severe in the area of crop science as it might be in the areas of agronomy and soil science; there tend to be more students studying crop science than the other two disciplines. At any rate, it is suggested that CSSA join ASA and SSSA in making a study to evaluate what our needs will be and whether there are enough people onstream to fill these needs.

Council of Agricultural Science and Technology. A moment is taken to commend CAST and its officers for the outstanding job they are doing for agriculture. CAST is fast becoming known on Capitol Hill as an authoritative voice and representative for agricultural research. The task force studies, most of which have been requested by legislators, have been excellent. To the officers of CAST, the Crop Science Society of America, American Society of Agronomy, and Soil Science Society of America are proud to be included as member societies of your first organization. To the members of CSSA, ASA, and SSSA, support CAST as you do your own professional societies--CAST represents all of us working in agriculture.

Location of Meeting. The 1975 annual meetings will be held at the University of Tennessee on August 24-30. This summer meeting will be held on the University campus thereby conducive to becoming a family event. I know that Dr. Lloyd Seatz and his crew will do all that is possible to make your stay at the University of Tennessee an enjoyable one.

Present plans are to hold the 1976 annual meetings somewhere in the South Central United States. Cities under consideration are New Orleans, Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio. In 1977, Honolulu, Toronto, or Mexico City have been proposed. Neither the 1976 nor 1977 arrangements have been finalized.

Closing Remarks. The officers of CSSA have traditionally been most effective and cooperative in working with officers of ASA and SSSA and with the Headquarters staff members. The year 1974 was no exception and instead added strong support to the precedent that has been set. In behalf of the members of my staff and myself, I thank Dr. Davis sincerely for his leadership and strong support of our efforts at all times. As he moves to the position of Past President I wish him well and that he can enjoy some relief from the burden of the President's responsibilities. We now welcome Dr. C. O. Gardner as our trustee and pledge him our full support in anticipation of a successful 1975. To Dr. Martin Massengale we bid farewell from his administrative post as Past President and hope that we work together again in the future. Dr. R. L. Mitchell is the new member to the group of CSSA administrators for 1975, as President-Elect. We welcome him wholeheartedly and look forward to serving him to the best of our ability during the next 3 years.

—M. Stelly
Executive Vice-president