PROGRESS REVIEW -- Stark County, North Dakota.

A progress field review was held the week of May second in Stark County, North Dakota. C.A. Mogen, Cereator for Montana and North Dakota, and Lloyd Shoe-smith, State Soil Scientist were in charge. Other personnel participating were A.P. Bahr, Assistant State Soil Scientist, Kermit Larson, survey Party Chief, William Freymiller, Paul Weiser, Don Opdahl, and Dick Kukowski, all of the Soil Conservation Service, and Don Patterson of North Dakota Agricultural College.

Most of the week was spent examining the soils presenting classification problems. Particular attention was given the solodized-solonetz and basin soils. The former are quite extensive in the southwestern part of the state.

Block mapping was begun in 1959, and it is hoped the county can be completed this year. Stark County serves as the "key" county in the southwestern part of the state for soil survey, and was selected as the first survey to be completed and published. It will be used as a guide in the surrounding counties. These will be completed at intervals, with the last to be done by 1970.

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Detail of Soil Scientists

The soil survey program in Iowa has been speeded up considerably by detailing all Soil Scientists in the state to a standard progressive survey at least three months in the year. These details are during the months of April, May, June and early July. In fact, over one-half of the total acreage mapped in the state annually is during this three-month period.

Besides greater production, the