concerned throughout the state as to what criteria the men responsible for selecting these counties base their decision. As everyone is well aware, a large financial investment and many man hours are involved before we finally are presented a copy of the finished product, the soil survey report. Therefore, this joint conference was scheduled to get these guide lines on paper and to let the interested people know the criteria used in selection of one county over another in the same part of the state.

This is at times a difficult decision and other factors in addition to those listed below need to be considered. It was agreed that the following guide lines would be followed in selecting forthcoming counties for a progressive soil survey:

1. Public interest and support of the local people.
2. Research needs in soils; and general research needs.
3. Interest of the Soil Conservation Service and of other agencies concerned.
4. Intensity of land use problems within the area.
5. Solution of soil correlation and classification problems.
6. Percent of county already surveyed under old farm planning survey legend.
8. The need by active programs within the county for basic soils information.
9. Distance and cost of travel to proposed soil survey area for cooperative agencies.
10. Local financial support, particularly for urban development.

It was agreed that representatives of the Experiment Station and Soil Conservation Service would get together annually to evaluate requests for the initiation of new progressive soil surveys. The guide lines or criter-

ia as indicated above will be carefully considered in selecting counties for new soil surveys.

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When I lived down South I considered myself real lucky to be shut of all that snow and ice and slush, with the full year to survey soils and get acquainted with the soil types and phases. When I lived down East, I rather liked the idea of the maritime climate, mild and mellow, the Fall Line, the contrast between the coastal plain and the Pied-

 Cartoon by Paul H. Carroll (from "Soils Men, featuring Herman")