If a soil scientist should stop and think for a minute, the common soil map board that he carries while mapping has many uses. For example, one can often determine the size of the soil scientist by the size of his board. A small scientist will usually have a large board which he uses as a shield to charge through briars. However, the larger, more muscular scientist will normally carry a smaller board since he either steps over the briars or uses his large frame to plow through them (Figure 1).

Oftentimes a soil scientist can be seen climbing to the top of the nearest fence post, shading his eyes with his map board while looking in all directions, and asking himself the question, "Where in the h--- am I?" (Figure 2)