I agree with your statement (Editorial, Vol. 13, No. 4), "It was argued that regular membership------but without quantitative data". The Soil Science Society is losing our field Soil Surveyors and is tooled around highly professional classroom scientists with little consideration for the field man. Soil Survey Horizons could expand in this direction to satisfy this need as it has or is doing. Keep up the good work.

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SOILS REALLY THAT ALIVE?

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Previous discussions in the pages of Soil Survey Horizons have considered the proper definition of soil, and so the question, "Is it dead or alive?" has been raised. The answer, besides the wise one that soil can be defined only arbitrarily, has been that soil contains much living material, and in that sense is "alive". However, we could hardly imagine that it is as alive as the typographical error would lead us to believe it is in the following sentence, quoted from a dittoed report on a soil correlation study tour in August, 1959, in Jackson County, Wisconsin: "North and east of Merrillan some evidence of glacial drift, in the form of erotic cobbles and stones, was noted on these soils". Even the cobbles and stones, yet! For the benefit of those who must type field men's notes in the future, the following definitions may come in handy:

**erotic:** of, devoted to, or tending to arouse sexual love or desire;

**erratic:** transported by a glacier from an original resting place.