John received the USDA Superior Service Award in May 1971 "for eminent staff leadership and individual research in developing the first complete taxonomic classification of the Nation's Soil Series." Those of us who have had the pleasure of being associated with John will greatly miss his quiet humor and ability to translate his thorough knowledge of the Taxonomy.

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NORTHEAST BASIC SOIL SURVEY COURSE

A new innovation was started this past summer in training SCS soil scientists. The first edition of the basic soil survey course was aired during the weeks of July 28 to August 15, 1975 on the campus of Pennsylvania State University. The thrust of the course was to provide training to soil scientists in the Northeast region who have been with SCS for less than 2 years. Plans are in the mill to extend this type of training session to the other three SCS regions in the near future. It is hoped that the experience gained in presenting this session will aid the other regions in their planning. It is thought that this type of training session should be given about every 2 years assuming there would be an adequate number of participants.

Twenty-one soil scientists attended the 2-week session (Maine—2, New Hampshire—1, New Jersey—1, New York—3, Pennsylvania—8, Rhode Island—1, Virginia—4, and West Virginia—1). Their program and instructors were as follows:

Figure 1. Soil mapping exercise: (l. to r.) Frank Winkler, New York; Brian Grisi, Maine; Linda Taylor, Pennsylvania; Paul Hughes, Maine; Glenn Herrold, Pennsylvania; Joseph Ross, West Virginia; Ned Ellenberger, Pennsylvania; and Ed Sautter, instructor, Connecticut.