The remainder of the conference was spent in different discussion groups determining what each committee had written in their report. The committee chairman got a real workout since they had to present their reports four different times to the different discussion groups. One committee broke away from tradition and organized their report at the conference. This was the committee on water relations in soils chaired by C. L. Scrivner. Scrivner had arranged for presentations by various committee members and outside speakers to present their research and findings on soil moisture and soil moisture movement. The attendance in his committee either increased through the conference or the conference room kept getting smaller. Perhaps the procedure should be looked at for future soil survey planning conferences.

An afternoon tour to the Old Mission Peninsula in Grand Traverse County was enjoyed by the participants. An opportunity was provided to see some of the reshaping of landscape sites for tart cherry production as previously discussed by Guy Springer. (In case you haven’t guessed it Michigan ranks number one in red tart cherry production with 76.7% of the U. S. production.)

A field trip would not be complete for a group of soil scientists without viewing some of the soils. A stop was made to review the Emmet Series which is a member of a coarse-loamy, mixed, frigid family of the Alfic Haplorthords. The Emmet Series is one of the important soils to the tart cherry industry in the area.

The group also had an opportunity to visit cherry processing plant (Kroupa’s Inc.) and a great culture facility (Chatau Grand Traverse).

Several Extension and university teaching personnel met informally in the evenings to discuss the distribution and educational programs of soil surveys in the different states. This group was organized by Gerald Miller, Extension Agronomist at Iowa State. Perhaps we can convince Gerry and Phil Harlan from Nebraska to discuss some of their efforts in a later issue of Soil Survey Horizons.

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TENNESSEE SOIL SCIENTISTS ORGANIZE ASSOCIATION

On June 5, 1976, 21 soil scientists met at Cumberland Mountain State Park near Crossville. After a buffet style dinner a 2-hour meeting was held.

After a brief discussion of the merits and need for an organization, a motion was made to form an organization; it passed unanimously.

The first order of business was to elect interim officers. Jessie Campbell was nominated for president because of his leadership over about 4 years in soil scientist organizational efforts. David McKinney was nominated for