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JOHN ARNO RETIRES

John Arno, Soil Survey Party Leader, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine retired after 24 years service with the Soil Conservation Service.

John received the B.S. degree in Agronomy from the University of Maine in 1936 and the M.S. degree in 1938. John started his SCS career as Assistant Soil Technologist at Waterloo, N. Y. He worked both at Waterloo and East Aurora, N. Y. before returning to Maine in 1944. The rest of his career was spent in Maine where John became known and respected for his knowledge of Maine soils. He was Supervisory Soil Scientist for many years. His last position was Party Leader for the Reconnaissance Soil Survey of the Unorganized Towns in Maine comprising 10.5 million acres of forested land.

John continues to reside on his farm in Ripley, care for his beef herd, build a small greenhouse, and do some soil science consulting work.

John Ferwerda
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WALT GONICK RETIRES

Walt Gonick, Field Soil Specialist for Connecticut and Rhode Island, retired after 36 years of federal service.

Walt received the B.S. degree from Rutgers University and worked as a student trainee with the Soil Conservation Service during the summers of 1938 and 1939 in New Jersey. He then attended Colorado State University where he received the M. S. degree.

In July 1941, Walt became a full-time soil scientist with SCS at Utica, N. Y. He worked there for a short time and at Penn Yan, N. Y. and Mt. Holly, N. J. The U. S. Army occupied nearly 4 years of Walt’s time and he served in the European area.

Walt returned to SCS in July 1946 and was assigned to Connecticut. He held field soil scientist positions in Tolland, Fairfield, Litchfield, and New Haven Counties. In 1967, Walt became Field Soil Specialist for Con-