1960 issue. The article is a conversation between a farmer and a soil scientist. The farmer's first question is: "What are you doing?" — "Making a soil survey of Bremer County," comes the reply. The farmer's last question is: "Why don't the government hire enough men to do the job in a hurry?" — "There are 2 reasons. For the present, at least, there isn't enough money available to employ more help. There are very few men who have both the desire and qualifications to be soil scientists." In the course of the interesting conversation in between these two questions, the soil scientist explains what a soil map is, and how it can be used, even to the benefit of the farmer who has been on his place for 30 years. F.D.R.

DR. KELLOGG WRITES TO SCIENCE

Dr. O.E. Kellogg wrote a most interesting letter to Science (p. 206, Vol. 153, Jan. 20, 1961), commenting on the unwarranted assumption that hybrid corn alone accounts for record production. In part, he said: "Our greatly increased efficiency during the last 20 years is clear evidence that successful American farmers have learned...to develop proper combinations of practices to suit their soils.

"I am fully mindful and appreciative of the great contributions of plant breeders, but the apparent increases in yield due to hybrid seed would be only a fraction of what they are without improved fertilization, water management, and the other essential practices for producing a corn crop.

"On the dark-colored soils of the corn belt the hybrids gave an immediate response on many farms because of the excellent soils. But elsewhere it was much more difficult to get the same effects..."