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Chanson

To O.F. Marbut with homage.

Sing a song of profiles,
sing with heart and soul,
Four and twenty Russians
crowded in a hole.
Trowels, bags and acid bottles,
filling every chink,
Stremme, Treitz and Marbut
dancing on the brink.

WORTH READING
"Characteristics of Soils
Associated with Glacial Tills
in Northeastern Illinois", Agric.
Exper. Sta., Univ. of Ill. Bul.
665, by Herman L. Wascher, John
D. Alexander, B.W. Ray, A.H.
Beavers and R.T. Odell is avail­
able.

COMMENT ON THE 7th APPROXIMATION

At a Soils Dept. Seminar at
Madison, Wis., in March, the 7th
Approximation was being present­
ed by Gerald A. Nielsen, graduate
student in soil genesis and
classification, who was respond­
ing to numerous criticisms of
the Approximation. Emeritus-
Professor Emil Truog spoke up:
"Well, now, I remember that when
the pH system was first suggest­
ed it was just as much criticized
as the 7th Approximation. Also,
I remember the time when Iowa
people declared that commercial
fertilizers would not be allowed
to cross the Mississippi River
into their state!"

SHOCKING INTERMENT

As they let the old soil survey­
or's casket down into the pit, a
projected voice was heard to say:
"You're making a mistake to put
all this organic matter into the
0 horizon!"

TIPS TO SOIL SURVEYORS

"On occasion, simply lay aside the
anger and take time out to view the
soil body as a natural unit of the
landscape."

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