New Associate Editor Named for the Southern Region

James F. Brasfield has been appointed our new Associate Editor for the Southern Region. He replaces Richard Guthrie, who has accepted a new position with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Washington, D.C. Jim is a native of northwest Tennessee and was reared on a small cotton and soybean farm. He received his B.S. from the University of Tennessee and his M.S. from Iowa State University, and worked as a soil scientist in Tennessee as well as with the World Soil Group in Hyattsville, Maryland. He also worked in Florida as the assistant state soil scientist.

Presently, Jim is with the soil correlation staff of the SCS in the South Technical Service Center in Fort Worth, Texas. Welcome to the Editorial Board—Jim.

Ed Ciolkosz
Editor SSH

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The Ideal Soil Survey
(A Fairy Tale)

The Upper Boogaloosa River soil survey area started April 20, 1974. The last of the snow just retreated the day Party Leader Polly Pedon, first woman party leader in the state, arrived. The first month she was on the job was spent securing office space, locating geology reports, research papers, reports from adjoining counties, etc. Following this she crept up to the area conservationist’s office one dark night to requisition office furniture, office supplies, lab equipment, augers, etc. A set of ortho­photos, quartered quads, and color photos had been ordered in 1974 and were waiting for Polly when she arrived in April. (I told you this was a fairy tale.)

The second month Polly set up a meeting of the potential users of the survey. Those present at the meeting included the county tax assessor, the