for their formation, and would pulverize the surface soil with his tillage implements, so that these beautiful soils would be wasted and blown by the wind and their productivity forever destroyed.

And so, on the last day of Creation, when He had grown weary of His exertions, and there were only the valleys left to clothe in soil, the Lord made the Fluvents, with few morphological features to distinguish them, save only irregularly decreasing organic matter to mark their mode of deposition. And He made the rivers to flow over them, and to shift their courses from side to side across the valley and periodically overflow their banks, so as to cover them with fresh deposits of silt and clay, and thus to maintain their productivity for all time. And so it came to pass that these simple soils, which were of little interest to soil morphologists or taxonomists, became the most fruitful of all on Earth, and yielded crops of great variety and abundance, and neither the ploughman nor the herdsman, nor the shepherds tending their flocks would ever exhaust their fertility.

News & Announcements

Gerry Miller, New Associate Editor for the North Central Region

Gerald A. Miller, Associate Professor of Soils and Extension Agronomist, in the Department of Agronomy, Iowa State University, has been appointed new Associate Editor of Soil Survey Horizons for the North Central Region. He succeeds Chris Johannsen who has taken a year’s leave of absence from the University of Missouri to the University of California-Davis.

Gerry is a native of Rockingham County, Virginia, where he was reared and employed on a general livestock, poultry, and grain farm. He received a B.S. in Agronomy from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1965; a M.S. in 1971, and a Ph.D. in 1974, in Soil Morphology and Genesis from Iowa State University.

Gerry is a certified professional soil scientist and a member of several honorary, scientific, and professional societies. His primary duties since 1977 have been the development of materials and publications concerning soil resources and land use, and the development and presentation of conferences and workshops in the interpretation and use of soil resource and land use information.

Welcome to the Editorial Board, Gerry.