Fred says that he has never had an appointment of which he was any more proud, and that if he were to list “great men” with whom this appointment eventually gave him the chance to associate, he, like E. Rex Butler (cf., Soil Survey Horizons 23, No. 1:26) would also list Ed Templin. Dr. Peterson is presently professor of soil science at the Univ. of Nevada, Reno.

There are probably several more soil scientists who had the honor of being collaborators in the closing days of the Bureau of Plant Industry, and who we surely might recognize as members of the Great Past Era. If you fit in this category and would like to be recognized, please let us know.

**Historical Background of *Soil Survey Horizons* Publication Corporation**

This corporation was officially established on June 15, 1962, and articles of incorporation under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin State Statutes (without stock and not for profit) were published in Vol. 3, No. 3, p. 20-22 of *Soil Survey Horizons*. The signing initial incorporators and directors were Francis D. Hole, Marvin T. Beatty, and Gerhard B. Lee, with F. D. Hole as the initial registered agent. The sole function of the corporation was to publish and distribute the quarterly professional newsletter, *Soil Survey Horizons*. By 1975, this task had become unacceptably burdensome to the volunteer workers. The Soil Science Society of America agreed to carry out the project for the corporation, and began this work with Vol. 16, No. 1, in the spring of 1975. D. P. Franzmeier was editor at the time and, at the Society headquarters in Madison, David M. Kral was managing editor and Linda C. Eisele was assistant editor.

In the spring of 1982 the three initial directors asked the Society for its opinion about the need for continuance of the corporation. Robert G. Gast, President of the Soil Science Society of America replied on Mar. 31, 1982, to the effect that the Society could not assume formal ownership of *Soil Survey Horizons* and hence financial and editorial responsibility. The latter would entail formal review procedures of all papers according to regulations of the Editorial Committee of the Society. “The Society is prepared to continue working with you and others interested in *Soil Survey Horizons* under the current arrangement as long as it does not become an excessive financial commitment. This includes the printing and distribution of the publication, maintenance of subscriber records, and the collecting of the subscription fees. The Society would not, however, be responsible for editorial policy or content of *Soil Survey Horizons*.” The $70.44 in the *Soil Survey Horizons* Publication Corporation account at the University of Wisconsin Credit Union will be transferred by Dec. 31,