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Editor’s Note: We ordinarily do not print news items regarding family members; however, in this instance, we believe the accomplishments are sufficient to be of interest to you. Would you say leadership and scientific ability runs in their families?

Book Reviews

Book Titled Soils with Variable Charge
Still Available

According to the Secretary (Dr. Lee) of the New Zealand Society of Soil Science, since the International Conference on “Soils with Variable Charge” in 1981, sales of the book with the same title have done well, and the scientific content has been favorably received. Presently, some copies are still available at a price of $18.50 in U.S. dollars. The book editor is B. K. G. Theng and publisher is the New Zealand Society of Soil Science.

Soils with variable charge include a wide spectrum of soils from different parts of the world. One thing they have in common is that their surface charge, both in magnitude and sign, can vary greatly with changes in the pH and ionic strength/composition of soil solution.

The hard-covered book provides a synthesis of the information on the soils that focuses on their variable charge properties. It contains approximately 448 pages, and 106 figures. The chapters, by a range of specialists in the field, are grouped into six sections:

Part 1: Morphology—4 chapters
Part 2: Mineralogy—4 chapters