Greg Schellentrager, SCS, Gainesville, FL, described and illustrated the results of ground-penetrating radar which delineates subsurface features differing in density such as fragipans or voids in limestone substrata.

We were shown how data is gathered at the National Wind Erosion Lab. Orville Bidwell, professor of soils, Kansas State University, led us on a tour to the 8,000 acre Konza Prairie. While there, Lloyd Hulbert enlightened us on their research studies. Our visit to Flint Hill country enabled us to learn much about its soils and vegetation.

The Wednesday night banquet featured speaker Robert Bohannan, extension soil specialist, Kanasa State University. He gave a monolith illustrated talk on using the soil survey in conservation tillage.

The final session included speaker Jim Lukens, former Kansas State University student who is now actively farming and promoting the use of soil surveys. He cited the strengths and weaknesses of soil surveys from a farmer’s viewpoint. Richard Arnold, the director of soil survey, summed up his thoughts and fielded questions from the group. Tribute was also paid to Professor Orville Bidwell who is retiring after 34 years of teaching and research at Kansas State University. Neil Smeck alerted the group of the 1986 meeting in Ohio. He expressed the gratitude of all of us to William Roth and his crew for a well organized and fruitful work planning conference.

Illinois Soil Classifiers Association

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The 9th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Soil Classifiers Association (ISCA) was held Mar. 17, 1984 at Decatur, IL. Penny Severns, Decatur City Council Member, spoke on “The Decatur Water Supply: A Long Debate in Need of Resolve”. Ms. Severns addressed the political and economic issues faced by the City of Decatur concerning the worsening water quality and the decreasing water capacity of the major reservoir serving Decatur. The questions and discussion after the talk centered on the protection of the reservoir from sedimentation and the use and protection of the Mahomet Sand aquifer in the buried preglacial Teays Valley. This aquifer is a major source of water for other municipalities and a potential source for Decatur. The members discussed how ISCA could provide information and assistance to the Decatur City Council.

Other items of interest were approved by ISCA members during the business meeting. All full members and associate members will receive a yearly subscription to Soil Survey Horizons. This will aid in providing the

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