Idaho Soil Scientists Association
Holds Annual Meeting

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The Idaho Soil Scientists Association gathered for their annual summer meeting on Aug. 16, 1986, at Ponderosa State Park, McCall, ID. A business meeting was held in the morning. Topics of discussion included by-laws changes, certificates of membership, a winter technical meeting, and an endowment fund for high school land-judging teams. A field tour was held in the afternoon. Jeff Lappin from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare conducted a tour of homesites where soil-related septic tank problems had been experienced. The tour brought out some interesting discussions on the use of soil survey information when determining septic tank suitabilities. An evening barbeque followed the field tour and provided plenty of time for socializing and renewing friendships.

The Idaho Soil Scientists Association currently has a membership of 54. Officers for 1986 are:

President: Neil Peterson
President-elect: Steve Ellis
Secretary/Treasurer: Tom Hahn
North representative: Pete Biggam
Southwest representative: Paul Seronko
Southeast representative: Chad McGrath

Soil Monolith Presented to Wisconsin Governor

Jean M. MacCubbin and Sam Rockweiler

On September 26, the Governor’s Conference Room at the Wisconsin State Capitol was filled with soil scientists, their spouses, and children as the Wisconsin Society of Professional Soil Scientists (WSPSS) presented a soil monolith of the state soil, Antigo silt loam, to the governor. Governor Anthony Earl, who had signed into law the nation’s original efforts to establish a state soil just 3 yr ago, accepted the full-size monolith from WSPSS President Sam Rockweiler.

A memorable introduction by Dr. Francis Hole, professor emeritus, University of Wisconsin at Madison, emphasized the essential role of the soil, especially between the state rock, red granite, and the state tree, sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* Marsh.); this presentation culminated in a chorus of the Antigo silt

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2The term of Governor Anthony Earl ended January 1987.