The face of the monolith was prepared using a wire brush, in a light circular motion, to loosen soil in the surface layer and brushing with a soft paint or shop brush to evenly spread the granules. After the face had the desired appearance, it was sprayed with Future acrylic floor polish to help bind and stabilize the soil and to give it a moist-condition appearance.

The finished monolith was then mounted in the display case by encasing the front and sides with formed clear acrylic and attaching this with screws to the particle board back that was laminated with formica to prevent distortion from moisture. Before the acrylic face was put in place, the major horizons were marked and labeled on the inside of the acrylic cover with stick-on labels. The encased monolith was then mounted on a walnut base by inserting the bottom 6 inches into a slot in the base. (Fig. 2).

The museum-quality display cases were fabricated by Max Hibshman of Oklahoma City at a cost of $500 each. Funding of the display cases was by Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts and the Oklahoma Council of Chapters of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. Monoliths are on display at the State Department of Agriculture building, Oklahoma State University, and the state SCS office.

News and Announcements

North Dakota Association of Professional Soil Classifiers to Publish Soil Survey History

The North Dakota Association of Professional Soil Classifiers is writing a history of soil survey in North Dakota. Surveys started in 1902, and many of the soil scientists who worked in the state went on to prominence in SCS, BPIS & AE, or state universities. In 1960, more than 30 soil scientists who had worked in North Dakota were on State, Regional, or the National Soil Survey Staffs. We have identified more than 300 scientists who have worked in the state and are currently corresponding with more than 200.

If any of our readers worked on a soil survey in North Dakota, and you have not been contacted, please write: Kenneth W. Thompson, 1141 12th Ave. W., Dickinson, ND 58601.