North Dakota Classifiers Plan
Tour of Sheyenne Delta

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The Professional Soil Classifiers Association of North Dakota (PSCAND) are planning a field tour of the Sheyenne Delta area in southeastern North Dakota. The tour will be conducted one day prior to the association’s 1991 annual meeting at Lisbon, ND. Tentative dates for the tour and meeting are August 2 to 3.

The Sheyenne Delta is a large delta that was formed along glacial Lake Agassiz. It occupies a significant portion of two counties. Topics to be discussed on the tour will include the geology, soils, plants, and agriculture. Some of the delta is still in native grasses.

The association continues to sponsor the writing of the History of Soil Survey in North Dakota—The First Approximation. The book is in the editing stage. We expect to have it published and available by the time of the state’s official last-acre ceremony in 1992.

The association sponsored a bill to establish Barnes as the state soil of North Dakota. However, the bill recently failed in the state senate.

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History of Soil Science Newsletter

The Working Group on History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Soil Science (International Society of Soil Science, ISSS) issues a newsletter dedicated to exchanging information among people interested in the history of the discipline. Dan H. Yaalon of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem worked with ISSS to establish the working group and has been instrumental in writing and soliciting information for the newsletter. Douglas Helms, historian of the Soil Conservation Service, edits the newsletter. We would welcome information about events and celebrations relating to the history of the soil science, research projects, book reviews, and publications. Also, brief articles of two to three pages are included in the newsletter.