The eastern half of Texas swapped stories at a Soil Scientist conference held at Nacogdoches. Since the group could not talk about correlators, Eikleberry attended, and the State Soil Scientist, J. R. Coover attended, they chose yield predictions as their main topic. The hardest part appeared to be the defining of the average and high level of management. After Jack Crout talked on The Party Leader; W. R. McClintock on the Intensity of Mapping; Jim Bower on The Soils Handbook, everyone had the idea that the soil survey work was nearly an impossible task. But Gordon McKee explained The 7th Approximation in such a way that everyone was sure it was. The group felt secure in that at least they knew the procedure for writing soils descriptions, until Chick Dolezel explained the Soils Handbook amendment on soils horizons.

Bob Elder and Robert Eikleberry made the most sense of the whole bunch. They explained yield predictions on benchmark soils. Although thoroughly confused by this time, the men present felt a new surge of confidence. Now they could become agronomists and predict yields for certain crops. Everyone present relaxed for a short while as J. R. Thomas explained Rangeland mapping; no one else knew anything about range—still don't.

The room became silent as the unmistakable and very respectable form of L. L. Gordon entered the room. He was presented a retirement gift and a book of letters from his many friends. Lester is retired in Nacogdoches. Except those named above, others dragging home were: Wm. D. Meade, Charles Brooks, A. L. Newman, J. W. Buckabee, Art Hanson, Wilson Buckley, W. M. Walters, T. W. Giddens, Alan R. Ford, Carlos Brooks and Dr. Curtis Godfrey who made a great contribution to the confusion.

Chick Dolezel

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Soil survey party leaders Dellon Cox, Lordsburg; U. A. Buchanan, Deming; Ray Taylor, Las Cruces; Jack Chugg, Roswell; Millard Turner, Lovington; Jim Ross, Tucumcari; Doug Pease, Tucumcari; Bob Gomez, Springer; Paul Miller, Clayton; James Folks, Santa Fe; Bob Bourlier, Aztec; and Charlie Diebold, Albuquerque; met at Albuquerque in May for a soil survey workshop. Roy Hockensmith and A. R. Aandalh assisted with the workshop.

Larry Bronaugh (BIA), Bill Gutzman (BIA), Hank Vaugh (BIA), Don Moon (BIA), George Knoll (BIA), George Smith (BIA), Oran Bailey (SCS), and Dr. J. U. Anderson (NRAES) spent a cool week in June conducting the initial field review of the Mescalero-Apache survey area. The area comprises 457,000 acres in the heart of the Sierra Blanca Mountains.

A final field review was conducted in Harding County during July. Ed Templin spent one week with the review party. Doug Pease, party leader, is eagerly awaiting the field correlation report.

Transfers-Promotions-Details. Bob Bourlier transferred from Aztec, N. M., to Pawhuska, Okla. C. Wesley Keetch transferred to N. M. to fill the Farmington-Aztec party leader position at Aztec. Dellon Cox transferred from Albuquerque to Lordsburg as party leader of the Hidalgo County soil survey area. Ray Neher transferred with a promotion from Lordsburg to Taos as party leader of the Taos soil survey area.