Three crossed hand tools ... a trowel, a probe and an auger ... appear as emblems on the front cover of a new attractive Special Report Number 42, "Principal Soils of Iowa, their Formation and Properties", by W. R. Oschwald, F. F. Riecken, R. I. Dideriksen, W. H. Scholtes, and F. W. Schaller, now on sale at the Extension Service, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa for $2.00. At the center of this 78-page bulletin are four maps of the state in color on slick paper: Major Topographic Areas of Iowa, Ages of Iowa Landscapes, Major Areas of Great Soil Groups of Iowa, and Principal Soil Association Areas of Iowa. After a clearly written and well illustrated introduction to the soil profile and its horizons, to the factors of soil formation and soil classification and interpretation, chapters on soil associations begin. These chapters are illustrated with full-page block diagrams of landscapes and soil profile sketches for which publications from this Department have become justly famous. There are tables about principal soils of Iowa, including information about crop production potentials. If you want to know why so many people in Iowa know a lot about soils of the state, just look at this publication. It shows what Professor F. F. Riecken and co-workers have been telling Iowans for years. It is a great story told clearly and effectively!

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NEWS FROM MICHIGAN

Three cost-share soil surveys, involving five counties, are presently in progress in Michigan. Total acreage in these surveys is 1,900,000 acres. Two of the counties, Macomb and St. Clair, are adjacent to the city of Detroit. Gil Landtiser is party leader in St. Clair County and Richard Larson heads up Macomb County. The third cost-share survey is the Tri-County area.