W.C. Boardman is a name which appears on the front cover of Bulletin No. 52-B, Soils Series No. 17, Wisc. Geological and Nat. History Survey: SOIL SURVEY OF WOOD COUNTY, WISCONSIN, 1918. On the morning of June 4, 1964, a powerfully built elderly man was sitting in the Soils Department main office here at Madison, Wisc. when I walked in the room. He turned to me and said, pointing toward the large portrait of A.R. Whitson, hanging on the wall: "Did you ever work with that man pictured there?"

"Well, yes," I said. "I was privileged to know him in the last years of his career. "He taught me more living than any man I ever knew," continued Bill Boardman, for that was who it was. "Back in 1914 we were surveying in Wood County, W.J. Geib, Guy Conrey, Clint Post and I. The deer flies and the mosquitoes were fierce in the marshes in southern Wood County. In those days we carried our tents and blankets, utensils and food with us so we could stay out in the bush a week at a time. When Professor Whitson (we called him 'Prof') came up to inspect the survey that summer, we took him out one whole day walking through the marshes. The mosquitoes and deer flies were waiting and put on a good performance. That night back in the little hotel I said to Prof. 'Prof., how about letting us go up to the northern part of the County to map until the frost has killed off the deer flies and