One morning in May, the fog was still hanging on the densely wooded, steep north slopes where he and his supervisor were mapping. Bear sign was obvious. Trees had been clawed, tracks were plentiful, and bits of deer hide were scattered along the trail. (Bear eat carrion.) An odor, which may have been that of a bear, hung in the still air. The older soil scientist loosened the cinch on his own revolver.

Ahead loomed a large black object. The neophyte drew his Sixgun, whirled, and nearly shot a fire-blacked fir stump full of holes!

MORAL: be sure of your target or, haste makes waste (and "accidents").

Author ANONYMOUS — for obvious (SCS) reasons.

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(SOIL SURVEY HORIZONS stands ready to print the views of those who dissent. The following article challenges current concepts, and the author wishes to remain anonymous. It should be pointed out, however, that the seven eras developed in this dissenting view have not been substantiated by carbon 14 or potassium-argon dates. — Ed.)

EVOLUTION IN SOIL SURVEY.
THE SEVEN ERAS.

I. PALEOCENE. Pre-history—start where or how you will, the other so-called Soil Scientists or Kibitzers can't prove that you are wrong, but they are sure to claim that THEY are right in their notions. Anyhow, the early specimens of Homo Sap recorded their ideas only by their actions, traces of which may be found here and there— but let's just "let the dead past bury its dead".

II. EOCENE. Those were the days of the missing link SOIL SURVIVORS who did not really use