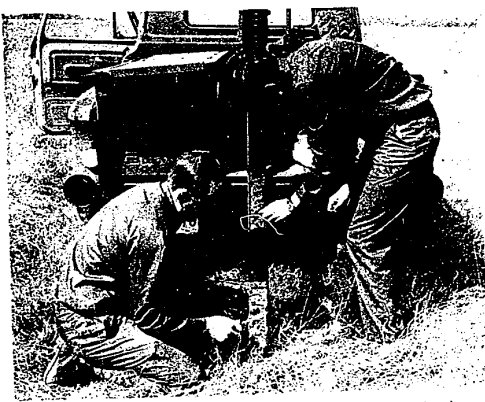




JERRY LARSON and Paul Corner examine a soil core sample taken with a hydraulic-powered soil probe in the cooperative soil survey of Wayne County. (USDA photo)

Soil Survey Now In Canton

By W.W. EDGAR

The Wayne County cooperative soil survey, designed to inventory and interpret the characteristics of soil resources in 200,000 acres of the western section, has moved into Canton Township.

The survey will be concentrated on the northern section of Canton and the Plymouth area for most of the summer, according to Daniel Kesselring, district conservationist.

"We are moving acre by acre in the under-developed and partially developed portions," he explained. "When it is completed, we'll have a better idea on what uses to make of the land."

STARTED IN 1970, the survey is to be concluded by Dec. 30, 1973, and the cost is being shared by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station.

The county's share has been placed at \$50,000, and the Department of Agriculture will provide \$54,200 with the remaining \$9,600 coming from the experiment station.

According to Kesselring, the soil scientists test the soil to a depth of five feet. It is then classified, based on its structure, texture, natural drainage, color and lime content.

"If the scientists find any property of the soil that will affect its use for agricultural, urban, recreational or other purposes," Kesselring added, "it is noted and recorded. More than that the acre-by-acre inventory is recorded on aerial photographs."

The continuing penetration of the exploding population into the suburbs is placing a premium on land, and the survey will serve as a guide to builders and planners to avoid misuse of the area.

"THE CAPABILITIES of the soil are of intimate concern to anyone planning to build a highway, school, pipeline, a housing development or parks," Kesselring pointed out.

According to the plan, when the survey is completed the soil maps will show areas that have slight, moderate or severe limitations for septic tanks and filter fields and the information can be of great help to the County Road Commission in locating soil fill purposes.

While developers and planners will be aided greatly, farmers, too, will be helped. They can use the soil data in planning the kind of management that will protect their soils and will provide greater yields.

"This is something we have needed for a long time," Wilfred Bunney, well known

How CERV Serves Veterans At College

There is an 11-man CERV unit operating out of Schoolcraft College, and if you are a veteran, or if you know a veteran, knowing this can be mighty helpful to you.

CERV (pronounced serve) stands for "Center for the Education of Returning Veterans." The unit provides current and complete information to veterans about benefits due them.

This includes educational benefits, and the CERV recruiter might be instrumental in helping a veteran get in on Schoolcraft's advanced registration for the fall.

BUT THEIR HELP goes far beyond educational matters. They stand ready to assist veterans in any need they may have adjusting to civilian life.

Advance registration for the fall semester is scheduled for July 11 and 12 at Schoolcraft. Sophomores register the 11th and freshmen the following day. Students are processed by alphabetical arrangement. Evening students will register from 6-8:30 each night.

The unit was organized by John Webster, Schoolcraft's director of counseling, and is headed by Don Ringsred, senior veteran recruiter. It has been operating since early June, and all those working at Schoolcraft have completed the three credit hour Student Veteran Recruiter Workshop at Macomb Community College.

Two of the unit are employed full-time and the others work approximately 20 hours a week. They are paid through funds provided by the Emergency Employment Act. CERV recruiters are furnished the names of returning servicemen by the Veterans Administration. Approximately 3,500 return every month to Michigan.

The recruiter usually initiates a contact by telephone, and often follows this up with a personal visit to the veteran's home. If the recruiter doesn't have the specific information needed by the veteran, he knows

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where to go and who to contact.

THE SCHOOLCRAFT unit is composed entirely of veterans who are enrolled at the college this summer, or were enrolled the past year. The recruiters are Don Black, Roy Chappel, Dennis W. Mosley, Dan Moritz, Ted Nagel, Thomas M. O'Rourke, Albert J. Pulvirenti, Chuck Varkoly and Ron Zack.

Perhaps the single largest benefit open to a veteran is the education funds of up to \$6,000. Depending on length of service, single veterans receive up to \$175 monthly, while a married veteran with one child receives \$250. There is also a little-known benefit to provide up to \$50 a month for tutoring services.

CERV recruiters are on duty daily in the Counseling Office in the Student Affairs Building.

According to Ringsred, any veteran who has difficulty

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Candidates for Wayne County offices and congressional and legislative races will be nominated by the Human Rights Party at its 1972 Fall Wayne caucus on Aug. 21.
The caucus will be at 8 p.m. in the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4805 Cass, Detroit.
The party's platform will be defined and caucus procedures will be adopted at the meeting.

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