



Geology, began a campaign for a state soil in 1972. When asked by skeptics "Why do we need a state soil at all?", Dr. Hole would respond with "Because soil is the basis of all life. Without the soil, there could be no sugar maple, no robin and no badger." His one-man campaign for the Antigo silt loam was finally won in 1983, when the Legislature was finally persuaded by logical thinking.



Francis D. Hole, far left, and Fred Risser, second from left, played an important role in having Wisconsin Governor Anthony Earl, seated, declare Antigo silt loam the official soil of Wisconsin.

ANTIGO SILT LOAM — THE STATE SOIL OF WISCONSIN

The Antigo silt loam was named the official state soil of Wisconsin by an act of the State Legislature in 1983, a declaration intended to remind state residents of the vital importance of our soil resources.

Selected to represent the more than 550 different soils in Wisconsin, the Antigo silt loam is a light-colored, well-drained productive soil. It was developed in silty material underlain by gravel on nearly level glacial outwash plains. The remains of plants and the

great numbers of creatures that live in the ground enriched this soil with organic matter during the centuries of its development under northern hardwood forests. Antigo silt loam is a versatile soil, supporting chiefly dairy, potato and timber production.

Unlike the robin or the badger or the sugar maple, the Antigo silt loam is unique to Wisconsin. It is found in scattered locations along a 200-mile strip across the north central part of the state, from Langlade to Polk counties. It is named after the city of Antigo.

Dr. Francis Hole, a UW-Madison professor of Soil Science and of

W.T.A. 3rd Annual Summer Field Day

The 1984 WTA Summer Field Day was a huge success. Over 250 Turf Management Specialists attended last year's field day. This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever. Many new exhibitors will be demonstrating their products this year. The site at Camelot Country Club south of Fond du Lac affords a great deal of space for "hands on" demonstrations of all types of turf equipment.

Several researchers have set up extensive turf projects at Camelot this spring. There will be extensive seed plots by Dr. Bob Newman, disease plots by Dr. Gayle Worf and soil fertility plots by Dr. Wayne Kussow.

Please mark Tuesday, August 27, 1985 on your calendar. Send in the attached registration form before August 24, 1985 if you wish to attend.

LOCATION: Camelot Country Club
½ mile East of Hwy 41 on Hwy 67
Lomira, Wisconsin

DATE: Tuesday, August 27, 1985

TIME: 9:00 A.M. — 4:00 P.M.

FEES: \$30.00 — Non-member at door
\$25.00 — Non-member pre-registered
\$25.00 — Member at door

\$20.00 — Member pre-registered
(\$15 for each additional person attending with the organizational member)

Please fill out and return the attached registration form to: Wisconsin Turfgrass Association
500 Kensington Drive
Madison, WI 53704

NAME _____ No. Attending _____

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____