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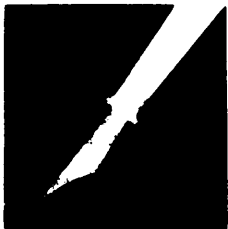
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PEN POINTS

Must have been first-rate!

The September-October 1987 issue of the *JSWC* reminded me that I was not yet finished with regretting the fact I missed the annual meeting in Billings, Montana. The program committee, as verified by the quality of those general session addresses reproduced in the *JSWC*, did a mean job of selecting speakers with a high purpose:

Christine Olsenius—the welcome voice of a cosmopolite on that most cosmopolitan molecule of life, H_2O .

R. Neil Sampson—scout par excellence in reading the trail signs of change, challenge, and conservation mission.

Charles F. Wilkinson—awesome testimony for the active use of conservation law. The most relevant advice for

soil conservation I've heard in 20 years—my nominee to the Supreme Court.

Marty Strange—provoked beyond appeasement by agriculture's false prophets and their false profits.

No platitudes, perhaps, or hide-your-time from these folks.

Also, from a grey-colored sidebar flashed another beacon: "If the stewardship of the land I oversee does not exemplify the land ethic I profess, I have no excuse. If the scholarship of this Society does not express a land ethic in constructive action, neither do you." When I doubt, and I often do, the power of communication, I must remember Charles McLaughlin out there in Britt, Iowa, obviously never does.

Dale Marsh
Madison, Wisconsin

States must act

In 1919, I took a vow to work for rural development for as long as I live. This has included everything I thought would be a benefit for mankind. For five years I have written to all of the governors of the United States and its possessions. The governors should be the ones to take charge of the soil and water programs through soil conservation districts and substate planning districts. My reasons for wanting the governors to form the association is because they are closer to the problems in the precincts than the White House or Congress.

I wish to quote Christine Olsenius from the September-October 1987 issue of the *JSWC*, page 314. "States will be the nerve center for soil and water management. The Water Quality Act of 1987 stresses that states will replace federal agencies in the development and management of nonpoint-source pollution control programs. Water quality is tied to land use, and land use is a state and local issue."

Lloyd E. Church, D.D.S.
Wilburton, Oklahoma

New tools for training reclamation inspectors

Two new handbooks are now available to help you train reclamation inspectors in hydrology, soils, and revegetation as they relate to surface mining and reclamation.

A *Manual for Training Reclamation Inspectors in the Fundamentals of Soils and Revegetation* covers subjects ranging from overburden characteristics to revegetating coal surface-mined lands. The chapters suggest ways to handle plant growth media, describe special soil considerations, explain how to revegetate barren lands, and evaluate the reclamation success. \$12 per copy, postpaid.

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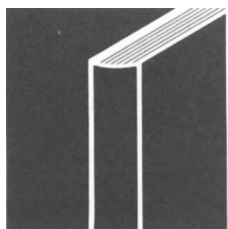
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Hectares vs. tareas

The purpose of this letter is to call your attention to a mistake in one of the articles which appeared in the September-October 1987 issue of the *JSWC*. The article entitled "Factors related to adoption of soil conservation practices in the Dominican Republic" (pp. 367-369) has errors in tables 1 and 2. The equivalent of the Dominican land unit (tarea) with the hectare is wrong. A tarea is equal to 629 square meters or 1 tarea = 0.062 hectare or 1 hectare = 16 tareas.

We are sure that you want to have accuracy in the scientific data presented in the widely read *JSWC*. Our interest is to contribute to the accuracy of information generated in the Dominican Republic.

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