

Soil Conservation Held Feasible In Curry County

The Oregon State Soil Conservation committee has held that a soil conservation district would be practical and feasible for farmers in Curry County.

The state committee made its recommendation after reviewing public hearings held at Sixes, Gold Beach and Chetco Grange recently. On the basis of its findings the state committee has ordered a referendum among landowners of Curry county on the question of the proposed district.

The referendum will be held some time in February, with polls

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at Sixes Grange, county agent's officer, Gold Beach, and Chetco Grange in the southern end of the county, Cecil Watt, chairman of the organization committee of the proposed district announced this week.

County agent, Clifford Jenkins, is working with the organization committee in carrying out the educational work among farmers on the benefits of a district.

In addition to Watt, the following Curry county farmers on the organization committee are: Clarence H. Brooks, Raymond Capps, Charles Fox, Otis Bowman, John Donaldson, Francis W. Brown and Donald O. DeHaven.

Serving as a sponsoring committee are: Arthur Strain, C. J. Fuhrman, Charley Caughell, H. S. Cadman, Carl Britton, Carl H. Krouse, Newton Haga, Myron J. Haga, G. W. Edstrom, A. C. Sweet, Frank Morris, Henry Adolphsen, Fred Lowery, Harvey D. Crook, Delmer Colegrove, W. J. Walker, Wilson Freeman, W. J. Pearmine, Ruth Woodruff, Ellis Garcia, and others.

Members of the state committee are: C. A. Nish, chairman; Otto Bohrfert, F. E. Price, director Agricultural Experiment station; J. W. Scheel, assistant director extension service, and Charles E. Stricklin, state engineer. It's executive secretary is Robert Baum, with headquarters at Corvallis.

"Farmers and ranchers, we have talked to those who know soil conservation districts and how they help landowners, and they agree that a district would be a fine thing for our county," Watt said.

To win, the district proposal must be favored by two-thirds of the landowners voting in the referendum. An eligible voting landowner is defined as one owning more than ten acres of land.

In event the district referendum passes, farmers of Curry county will be in line for techni-

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cal and engineering assistance in working out soil and water problems from various government agencies. Such conservation work will be carried out voluntarily by landowners as individuals or by teaming up in community or neighborhood-wide group-action programs. Farmers themselves determine the amount and scope of conservation work applied on their farms.

Spokesmen for the district explain that soil conservation districts furnish the technical "know how" to help farmers tackle their tough land and water problems. They said that, as a rule, conservation farming practices have actually aided farmers in bettering yields and improving the quality of various crops.

So far 37 soil conservation districts, similar to that proposed for Curry county, have been voted in by Oregon landowners. Some 2,500 such districts are now operating in the United States and territories.

People who attended the hearings for the proposed Curry county district were:

SIXES—Cecil P. Watt, Brookings; C. H. Brooks, Langlois; John Donaldson, Denmark; Louis L. Knapp, Langlois; Frank A. Turner, Sixes; Joe Nilsin, Sixes; Raymond Capps, Sixes; Ray Zumwalt, Sixes; Finier Brov, Sixes; A. W. Cope, Langlois; W. E. Price, Sixes; Francis W. Brown, Denmark; Donald Whereat, Denmark; H. E. Morris, Langlois; R. P. Sweet, Sixes.

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Lure of Old Fence Rows on the Farm

A COUNTRYMAN knows that, in the eyes of his neighbors, his reputation for good husbandry will be lacking if he lets his farm fences grow up to brush; but, for the sake of birds and wild life, he is inclined to sacrifice that "good" repute. The practitioner of good husbandry will, during the wet weather of late summer and fall, clear out the brush along the old stone walls and wire fences that reach like an arm around his fields and his farm. But the man more satisfied with a robin's carol than he is with the extra yield of potatoes or corn, will let the choke cherries and sumac, the raspberry bushes and Virginia creeper, the elderberries and bittersweet, and the ivy, take

over their quiet reign. Neglected long enough, these same fence-rows will yield their maple and basswood and ash.

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A countryman needs his potatoes and corn, but he needs, just as importantly, he thinks, the touch of the wilds that assumes its place along old and neglected fences. He needs, he thinks, that last robin's carol, and the white-throat's whistle. And he needs the song sparrows' medley that is sure to come again from the same farm hedge, when the soft fingers of spring turn the ice and the snow into water and flowing tunes.

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