

Soil District To be Mulled

A hearing to determine the desirability of the proposed Siuslaw Soil Conservation district will be held in the City Hall in Florence at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 23, County Agent O. S. Fletcher announced Saturday. Official notice of the hearing has been published by the State Soil Conservation Committee.

The Siuslaw Port Commission and farmers of western Lane County are sponsoring the district and a petition for a hearing signed by land owners of western Lane County was filed with the

State Soil Conservation Committee and approved by that body at a meeting held on June 21.

Some of the purposes of the district are to obtain assistance and to work in an organized way on the control of shifting sand dunes, control of river and stream bank erosion, soil erosion on hill land, drainage of agricultural land, maintenance of soil fertility, control of noxious weeds, and other problems in connection with land, Fletcher said. Fletcher has cooperated with the members of the Port Commission in preparing and presenting the petition for the district.

The county agent explained Saturday that the proposed district should be of great value in helping put into effect the recommendations of the county land use committee, and in encouraging other work that has been discussed and planned for the development of the agriculture and other resources of western Lane County.

Organization of a similar district was undertaken in 1941 and early in 1942 and an election was held on March 4, 1942, to determine whether a soil conservation district should be organized in western Lane County. At that time 38 per cent of the land owners, who owned 52 per cent of the land in the proposed district, voted favorably, where as

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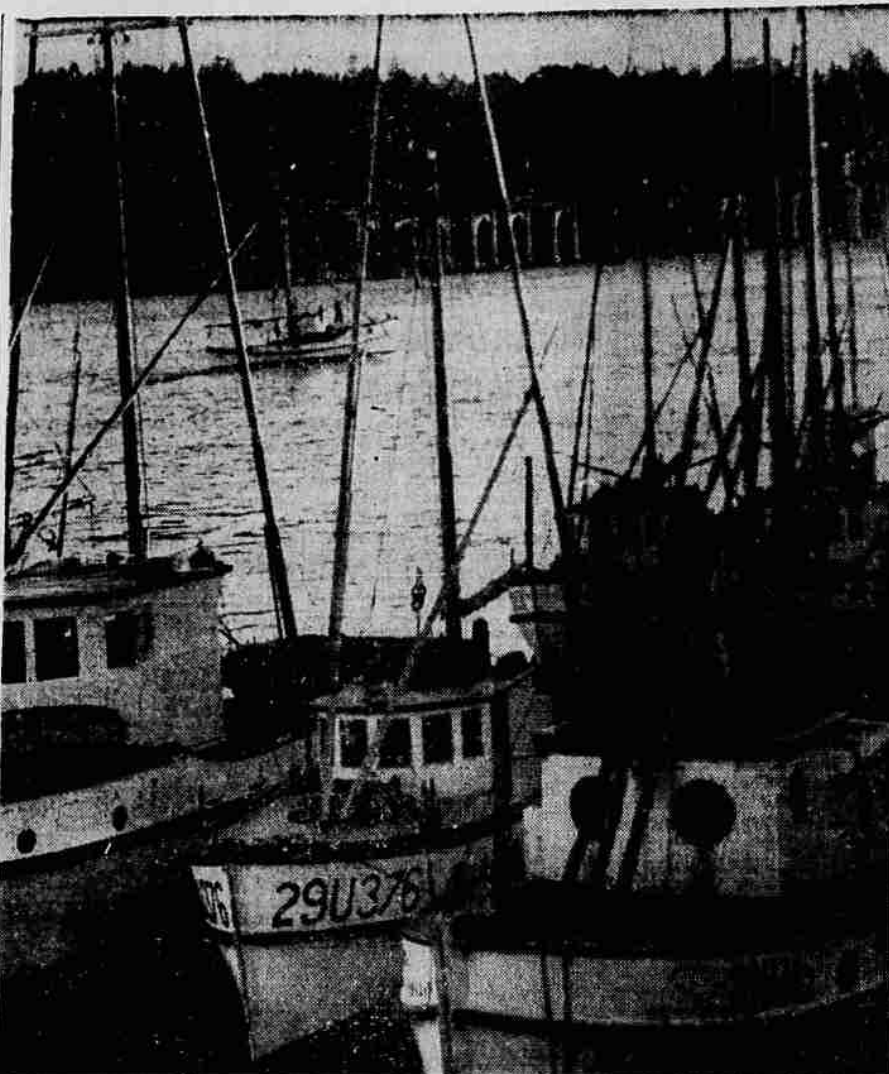
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more than 50 per cent owning more than 50 per cent of the land were necessary for creation of a district. Efforts to organize a dis-

New Subsistence Ceilings To Cut Down Vet Earnings

A new ceiling on subsistence allowance under the GI Bill, prohibiting payment to single veterans earning more than \$175 a month and those with dependents who are \$200 or more, has been imposed by recently enacted legislation according to Emmett F. McGraw, chief of the Veterans Ad-

ministration guidance center on the University of Oregon campus. The tighter controls will directly affect many of Oregon's 5000 veterans taking on-the-job training under the bill, McGraw said.

Earnings include wages coming from on-the-job training and from outside work while the veteran is enrolled in school. Disabled veterans enrolled under Public Law 18 are not affected.

Although many hundreds will take reductions, McGraw said the act will permit other veterans in full or part-time school courses to work on the side and receive their allowances, within the \$175 and \$200 limits.

Subsistence maximums remain at \$65 a month for a single veteran and \$90 for the veteran with dependents. All of these may be paid provided the total earnings ceilings are not exceeded, he added.

The veteran who already gets \$175 or \$200 a month in earnings will receive no VA allowance. McGraw explained that states will fare better financially under the same legislation, as the VA will now be permitted to allot funds to them for maintaining supervision over training establishments. Basic authority of the states to control the on-the-job training program is not infringed, though nationwide supervision is now provided.

Several months may be required to get every veteran's allowance adjusted, the VA official added, but the new bill will not delay his monthly checks. August 31 checks are expected to go out on time and unchanged under the new law.

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Six to Attend Portland Meet

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Those to attend from here are Miss Nina Kitts, city recreation director; Gene Gibson, representing local service clubs; Winfield Atkinson, recreation chairman for the city P-TA; Mrs. J. Don Smith, president of the city P-TA and chairman of the Central Lane Planning Council park committee and Mrs. L. B. Schmidt.

On the program will be Seeger, E. H. Silke, Springfield school superintendent, and Walter Huston, Springfield recreation supervisor.

government and will be expected to return it over a reasonable period of time.

McGraw said the VA already has most of the data needed to adjust allowances and that other needed information would be gathered by training officers.

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PLEASANT HILL NEWS

PLEASANT HILL—Ted Tinker, E. T. M. 3-C, will return early Sunday to Treasure Island where he is receiving his training in the Navy electronics school. He has been home on a ten-day emer-

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