

TO VOTE DEC. 10TH ON ENLARGING SOIL CONSERVAT'N PLAN

Last winter the first steps were taken by land-owners in Halifax and Warren Counties to have a Soil Conservation District established for the purpose of setting up an organization of farmers for the control of soil erosion and for other conservation work. The State Soil Conservation Committee, after conferring with representative farmers of the counties decided on these portion drained by Little Fishing Creek and its Tributaries.

The included area is the Western portion of Halifax County and the Eastern portion of Warren County and the name Fishing Creek was derived from the fact that the area was drained by the above-named stream and its tributaries. A referendum was conducted to determine whether farmers wished to establish a district. At this election the land-owners voted almost unanimously in favor of such establishment. A charter was issued by the Secretary of State early in the spring; five supervisors were selected to operate the district, and the United States Department of Agriculture established the district office at Littleton, where six technical men and clerical help are head-quartered. These men are working out plans with cooperating farmers to include systems of cropping, soil management, pasture improvement, terracing, reforestation and woodland improvement, wildlife conservation, and other methods leading towards control of soil erosion and conservation of water.

Considerable interest in soil conservation has developed since the establishment of Fishing Creek District. Petitions were filed with the State Committee on October 3, requesting that the remainder of Halifax and Warren counties be included within the district. As a follow-up to this, plans have been made to hold a series of educational meetings in the two counties for the purpose of explaining to land-owners how the District may be enlarged, and what this will mean to the farmers. These discussions will be held jointly with those on the crop control referendum to be held December 10.

As required by the State Districts Act, the following is a notice of public hearings which will be held at various points:

Notice of hearing upon expansion of the Fishing-Creek Soil Conservation District to include the remaining lands lying outside of the present established Fishing Creek District area within Halifax and Warren Counties.

WHEREAS, on the 3rd day of October 1938, there was duly filed in the office of the State Soil Conservation Committee at Raleigh, North Carolina, a petition signed by 139 land occupiers representing 51,039 acres pursuant to the provisions of the Soil Conservation District Law, (Chapter 393, Public Laws, 1937) requesting expansion of Fishing-Creek Soil Conservation District, and

WHEREAS, the lands to be included in the said district by said petition comprise lands in Halifax and Warren Counties and described substantially as follows:

All of the area included within the boundaries of said Counties lying outside of the present established Fishing-Creek District. Town and village lots and land owned by or under the jurisdiction of the United States Government are excluded from the proposed enlarged district.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held pursuant to the said petition, on the question of the desirability and necessity in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the expansion of such district; upon the propriety of the petition and of all other proceedings taken under the said Act; on the question of the appropriate boundaries to be assigned to such enlarged district, and upon all questions relevant to such inquiries. The said public hearings

will be held by the State Soil Conservation Committee, or its representatives, as follows:

Monday, December 5th—Court House, Halifax, N. C., at 9:30 a.m.; Littleton School House, Littleton, N. C., at 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6th—Tillery, N. C. at 10:00 a.m.; Darlington School House at 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7th—Enfield Theatre, Enfield, N. C., at 10:00 a.m.; Brinkleyville at 2:00 p.m.; Aurelian Springs School House at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 8th—South Rosemary School at 10:00 a.m.; Scotland Neck School, Scotland Neck, N. C., at 3:00 p.m.

All persons, firms and corporations who shall hold title to, or shall have contracted to purchase, any lands lying within the limits of the above-described territory

and all other interested parties are invited to attend this hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard at the time and place herein specified.

State Soil Conservation Committee By I. O. Schaub, Chairman.

Dated: 21st day of November 1938 Raleigh, North Carolina

It is urged that all land-owners and other interested parties be present at their local meeting, since that will be an opportunity to become fully informed on what this proposed enlargement may

mean to you. At the same time you will be invited to express your views on the proposition.

A referendum will be held December 10th, at which time you may indicate whether you wish to have the district enlarged. Your votes in no way obligates you or your property.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Murphrey and children spent Sunday at A-hoskie.

A. M. Cameron has been confined to his home this week with flu.

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