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Redwood District Favored -- Redwood county voted in favor of organizing a soil conservation district in November, reports M.A. Thorfinnson, extension soil conservationist at the University of Minnesota and secretary of the State Soil Conservation Committee. The vote was 243 in favor and 32 opposed. The proposed district would include all of the county except Homer, Sherman, Three Lakes, Morgan, Sundown and Brookville townships. The State Soil Conservation Committee will take action on this referendum at its December meeting. This is the third county to take favorable action this summer. The other two, Lake of the Woods and Pipestone, have already been approved by the State Committee.

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College Students Study Land -- Land conservation practices in LeSueur County were recently studied by geography students of Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, when their class made a field trip of county farms. The tour, under the guidance of the LeSueur County Soil Conservation District, was conducted for the students by Mrs. Mary Erickson, geography instructor at the college, and Herbert G. Halverson, district conservationist, and Lynn J. Skaife, farm planner, of the Soil Conservation Service.

The tour gave the students a first-hand view of the soil problems in LeSueur County and the practices being used to conserve the soil. Practices seen on the stops were diversion terraces at Olson farm; study of profile of soils along the Minnesota River bluffs; gully and sheet erosion; fish hatchery northwest of St. Peter; terracing at the Art Mosser farm; and strip cropping on various farms.

At the Hayden and Maxwell farms, the students observed field practices and noted changes in land use after adoption of farm plans. Also under observation was the field windbreak on the Glendon Penney farm near LeSueur, which was planted 5 years ago at the time the district was started. Some of the other highlights of the tour were stops at Cook's Mink Ranch, Minnesota Valley Canning Company, and a view of the area in Le Sueur County recently struck by a tornado, showing uprooted trees, etc.

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