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New Soil Conservation District Formed -- Formation of Minnesota 60th Soil Conservation District, the Koochiching district, has been approved by the Minnesota Soil Conservation Committee. M. A. Thorfinnson, executive secretary and extension soil conservationist at the University of Minnesota, announced the new district recently. The committee appointed Myron Smar, Birchdale, and August Wilkin, Littlefork, district supervisors. A special election will be held later to fill the three other supervisors' positions in the district.

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Organic Matter is Important -- As organic matter content declines so also does soil's water-holding capacity. As a result, increased runoff carries more soil from the field. And these runoff waters carry away soil nutrients and organic matter, steepening the decline of organic matter. Organic matter is important not only in erosion control, but in improving soil structure. And soil structure has a great effect upon ease of tillage, water holding capacity, drainage, and other factors essential to successful crop production.

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"Conservation of our Natural Resources -- our heritage of land, water, timber and minerals -- is the immediate and long-range responsibility of the entire nation", said Senator Hubert H. Humphrey recently in addressing the Tri-County Conservation Day program at Le Sueur. "Our great natural resources must not only be preserved but replenished", Senator Humphrey said. The Senator warned that by 1975 our expanding population will require increased food production equivalent to that from a hundred million acres of land. "We must save what land we have and work to make it and keep it more productive and healthy," he said.

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