

Soil Conservation Problem Met In U. S.

In a very interesting "Report of Ten Years' Progress" recently published by the State Soil Conservation Committee of Wisconsin is the following significant statement: "It became apparent that a permanent and economical solution to the erosion problem can best be found in programs which farmers really want and believe in, and which they manage themselves through processes appropriate to a democratic society."

How this democratic process works is evident in the make-up of a Soil Conservation District governing body, which consists of three farmers with the chairman of the county board and the county superintendent of schools as ex-officio members. These supervisors as they are called, direct activities in their respective Soil Conservation Districts. They work in close cooperation with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, the Extension Service and any other agencies that can contribute to attaining the land use objectives set forth in the program of their districts which they prepare. Farmer members of these governing bodies, and various township farmer leaders have become most convincing salesmen in persuading their farmer neighbors to adopt up-to-date conservation practices.

Farmers who apply to the supervisors of their county Soil Conservation Districts receive aid on the farm from SCS representatives assigned to the districts. With proper land use as the foundation for planning, these representatives assist the farmers in developing programs for their farms. These plans are quite complete in detail and are to the farmers what blueprints and specifications are to the building contractor. Measures to control soil losses, such as contour strip cropping, pasture renovation, woodland management, terracing, drainage and better cropping practices all fit into the plan as needed. After a farm conservation plan is developed the farmer signs a statement which is also signed by one of the supervisors.

This statement is as follows: "The attached farm conservation plan was developed by me with assistance from the District. I believe that it will be to my advantage to follow this plan, and will do so to the best of my ability in order to promote soil conservation and to build up the producing ability of my land."

"In order to carry out this soil conservation plan, I shall require certain assistance from the District and I am requesting such assistance as is required and referred to in the attached plan of conservation operations and any revisions that may later be made to it."

"It is understood that in case this farm is sold, the new owner will not be under any obligation to

Billy Goodman Close To First Batting Title

CHICAGO, Sept. 26 — (AP) — Billy Goodman, brilliant nifty-nifty of Boston Red Sox, had his first American League batting title all but stowed away with a .355 mark.

With eight games of the campaign remaining, the left-handed hitter held a 17-point lead over runner-up George Kell, Detroit Tigers' 1949 league batting champion, who has seven games left.

Billy, who has played outfield, first, second short and third for the Red Sox, slipped three points last week with five hits in 17 trips. But so did Kell, whose seven blows in 26 A.B.'s left him with 334.

In specialized activity, DiMaggio led in two departments — stolen bases with 15 and runs with 126 — and shared the lead in triples with Evers at 11 apiece.

Kell continued as a double leader with 208 hits and 51 two-baggers. Dropp held the No. 1 spot in R.B.I.'s with 142, while Cleveland's Al Rosen remained the home run pace-setter with an unchanged 38.

The pitching leader with a 21-6 record and a percentage of .724 was New York's Vic Rasch.

Rocket Richard Still Has Not Signed Contract

MONTREAL, Sept. 26 — (CP) — Maurice (Rocket) Richard didn't do any contract signing but he worked out with Montreal Canadiens at their regular hockey practice.

So far Richard has been a regular attendant at training camp workouts at the Forum but has refused to play in exhibition games. He has taken the position that since he is unsigned he is not adequately protected in case of accident and refused to line up with the Canadiens in games last week against their Cincinnati farmhands and the Quebec Senior Hockey League entry at Valleyfield.

Richard has indicated he thinks he is worth more money. He hasn't named his figure publicly.

carry out this plan. It is further understood that the assistance to be provided by the District will be dependent upon appropriations or services available to the District.

Irvin Swings Ax At Camp

MONTREAL, Sept. 26 — (CP) — Coach Dick Irvin swung the ax and seven hopefuls will be missing when Montreal Canadiens work out tomorrow at their hockey training camp.

The seven are Stan Long, Digger McNeil, Art Ross, Reggie Abbott, Bernie Geoffrion, Georges Bougie and Dickie Moore.

Some will go to Cincinnati or Victoria, affiliate clubs, and others, particularly Moore and Geoffrion will likely return to junior hockey — Moore to Montreal Junior Canadiens and Geoffrion to the National team.

Only three amateur rookies are

Canadian Squadron Arrives In Scotland

ROSYTH, Scotland, Sept. 26 (CP) — A ceremonial 15-gun salute marked the arrival Saturday of the Canadian special service squadron at this Scottish port just up the Firth of Forth from historic Edinburgh.

The exchange of ear-shattering greetings between Vice-Admiral A. E. M. B. Cunningham-Graham, British flag officer Scotland, and Rear-Admiral E. R. Mainguy, flag officer commanding the special service squadron, was the signal for revival of acquaintanceships between Canadian sailors and old friends ashore.

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