

L.P. MERRILL TO ADDRESS SOIL MEET FRIDAY

Regional Conservator of Tri-
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L. P. Merrill, Regional Conservator of Soil Conservation Service, Region 4, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas, will be a Ruston visitor Friday, June 19. Mr. Merrill will be a featured speaker at the Soil Conservation Association picnic barbecue and Field Day.

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Some comment on the background of such a man as Conservator Merrill who has reached a high office in erosion control work is deemed appropriate here.

We find in Mr. Merrill, an organizer, an executive, a man of resourcefulness and of discipline, well-fitted to cope with his stupendous task.

The position of Regional Conservator of the Soil Conservation Service, which Mr. L. P. Merrill now occupies, came about as a result of the expansion of the program of soil and water conservation necessitating the division of the United States into eleven regions.

In March, 1934, Merrill was appointed Regional Director of the Soil Erosion Service for the Texas area comprising East Texas to the Blacklands, and the Grand Prairie, Western Cross Timbers and Rolling Plains region West of the Blackland. He continued in that capacity until July, 1935, when he was designated State Coordinator and placed in charge of the Soil Conservation Service activities in all sections of Texas, except the high plains area assigned to Region 6. Soil Conservation Service projects in those sections of the state included in Region 4, in addition to the parent projects at Temple and Lindale, include watershed projects at Mt. Pleasant, Nacogdoches, Dublin, San Angelo, Garland and Lockhart and thirty-two ECW camps doing Soil Conservation work in East and Central Texas. Five soil Conservation Service projects and sixteen soil conservation ECW camps in Louisiana and approximately the same number in Arkansas are included in the new region of which Merrill is Conservator.

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