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The first 35,000 of 80,000 trees - making nearly 10 miles of shelterbelts - were planted this spring on farms on three sides of St. Peter, Nicollet county. The belts, when completed, will protect more than 2,000 acres. Thirty farmers have been working with Nicollet County Agent Fred Wetherill and Extension Foresters Parker Anderson and Marvin Smith on the soil-conserving project, which is expected to be completed next year.

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Speaking of using the tools at hand, Sophus Nelson of Princeton, has discovered that a potato scoop is just the thing for getting sticky carbide waste into the manure spreader. Carbide does not adhere badly to the shovel tines. Mixed with straw or strawy manure this waste is an excellent source of lime.

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Does it pay to have your soil tested before applying fertilizer? H. M. Bjerke, University of Minnesota extension specialist in farm management, reports that Merrill Sneby, Freeborn county, thinks it does. Before applying fertilizer in the spring of 1950, he sent in some samples of soil to the testing lab at University Farm. On some of the fields no fertilizer was recommended, and on others a lesser amount than Merrill had been putting on was suggested.

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Board members from 10 soil conservation districts of southeastern Minnesota got together recently to cast an inquiring eye on Secretary Brannon's famous memo 1278 coordinating the soil conservation activities of USDA. The district pilots decided this streamlining should speed up the soil conservation program in Minnesota. They also decided it gives the district board members greater responsibilities.

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