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Don't Jump Gun on Pastures... Around the last of April, supplies of farm feeds usually are low, and there's a big temptation to turn livestock onto pasture. But grazing too early is worse than writing a check on a bank balance which is in the red, says E. F. Ferrin, animal husbandry chief at the University of Minnesota. Cash can be deposited to cover the deficit in the bank, but the pasture plants will not be able to recover during the whole growing season.

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New Chapter... In recognition of the basic relationship of soil conservation to the conservation of all natural resources, the first steps have been taken in the Twin Cities toward organization of a Minnesota chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America. Wayne Pritchard, national executive of the Society, was a guest at a luncheon with state leaders in conservation arranged by State Conservation Commissioner Chester S. Wilson. An earlier meeting with a similar purpose was held in Minneapolis. The Society is composed of professional soil conservation workers and others interested in protecting soil resources.

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Fertilizer Effects Lasting... Effects of using commercial fertilizers on small-grain fields which are later seeded down to hay last for at least three growing seasons on fields in which fertility is low, University of Minnesota soils specialists have found. J. M. MacGregor, professor of soils, says that fertilizer treatments are likely to be highly profitable for both the small grain and hay yields. Tables comparing fertilizer effects may be obtained from the Division of Soils, University Farm, St. Paul 1, Minnesota.

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History in the Making... Conservation history will be made in Nicollet County this spring when 45,000 of 80,000 trees are planted in shelterbelts. The first 35,000 were planted last spring. Working with farmers on the project have been Nicollet County Agricultural Agent Fred Wetherill and Extension foresters Parker Anderson and Marvin Smith from University Farm.

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