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Daughters of the Soil -- The fame of the Freeborn County Daughters of the Soil is spreading. Women in other counties are planning similar soil conservation auxiliary organizations. A proposed constitution for a state league was discussed at a meeting of the Freeborn County Chapter recently.

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Pasture for Turkeys -- The use of pasture for turkeys results in the distribution of droppings which are of demonstrated value for improving soil fertility. Legumes are generally preferred for turkey pasture, because they provide herbage over a longer portion of the season than is commonly experienced with pasture or cereal grasses. With proper care of legumes, fresh greens can usually be kept available for the birds until late fall, according to H. J. Sloan, chief of the poultry division at University Farm.

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Keogh in Charge -- Joseph Keogh is the new chemist-in-charge at the soil testing laboratory at University Farm. Keogh, a graduate chemist of St. Thomas College, is now finishing his graduate work in soil chemistry and soil testing. He has been working on soil testing since the laboratory at U Farm was started. Much of the credit for the success of the lab goes to Mrs. Muriel Widmer, former chemist-in-charge, who came to Minnesota with a background of experience in soil testing in New Jersey, says Paul Burson, professor of soils at the University.

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Recommended Reading -- Here's a booklet which M. A. Thorfinnson, extension soil conservation specialist at the University of Minnesota, recommends as being of interest to 4-H members and boys and girls studying conservation in school. It's Farmers' Bulletin 2035, "Making Land Produce Useful Wildlife," published by the Soil Conservation Service, USDA. Single copies may be obtained free from the Bulletin Room, University Farm, St. Paul.

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