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Good Signs ... It's a good sign when farmers are proud of their soil conservation work and want everyone passing their farm to know it. You'll see a lot of "good signs" in Lincoln County. They read "Lincoln County Soil Conservation District" with the farmer's name following. Farmers with a soil conservation plan are eligible to purchase the signs through the district.

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See Those Terraces ... Nearly three miles of terraces will be built at the State and National Field Days and Plowing Contests near Dodge Center September 5-6. Terraces are gaining in popularity in Minnesota, says M. A. Thorfinnson, extension soil conservationist. They permit more intensive farming in the corn-growing section of the state and at the same time protect our valuable soil. They are best adapted to long, gentle slopes with a fall of 5 to 10 feet per 100.

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New Wildlife Plan ... Frank Blair, game and fish director of the Minnesota Conservation Department, recently announced a new plan that offers at least a partial solution to the deterioration of wildlife conditions due to the draining of pot holes for farm land. Hereafter when the Soil Conservation Service is asked to help farmers work out a farm plan where drainage of pot holes is involved, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Minnesota Conservation Department will be called into conference.

This will give the Conservation Department a chance to talk to the farmer and explain the benefits that may result from leaving the land unplowed. This plan has the unanimous support of the State Association of Soil Conservation Districts.

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Don't Cultivate Too Late ... As late August and September night bring cooler temperatures, winter-hardening begins to take place in growing tissues of trees and shrubs. Clean cultivation of shelterbelt trees beyond the latter part of August will stimulate growth, delay winter-hardening and consequently expose the tree or shrub to injury by low temperatures, according to Marvin Smith, extension forester.

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