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Schools Being Visited -- A cooperative effort by the Carver County Soil Conservation District, the county agent, and the county superintendent of schools to acquaint the school children of Carver county with the importance of soil conservation is being held during the month ending December 25, according to District Conservationist H.G. Halverson of St. Peter.

Each school is being visited and color movies shown, followed by a short discussion on soil and its importance in city and rural life. The visit ends with the children filling out questionnaires and the presentation of literature on soil and its use to the children.

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Christmas Helps Conservation -- The expression "eat your cake and have it, too" might be paraphrased to read, "have your Christmas tree and practice forest conservation at the same time," according to Marvin Smith, extension forester at the University of Minnesota. Some people believe the Christmas tree tradition is a wasteful one. Actually, the supervised and proper harvesting of Christmas trees is good for the forest, says Smith. Nature often establishes many thousands of seedlings per acre, and ultimately only a few hundred can comprise the final crop. The Christmas tree harvest makes it possible to thin these dense stands profitably, he says.

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Hay Guide -- Here's a guide to hay needs, January 1 to May 15, from S.B. Cleland, extension farm management specialist at the University of Minnesota: If without silage, 2 tons per cow plus one ton for each head of young stock. If you have silage, figure two-thirds as much. Better do a little figuring. Determine your surplus, so you will know whether to sell in case of an offer.

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