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Trout Stream Plans -- The Minnesota State Conservation Department will be ready to start trout stream development work this spring on six farms in the upper part of the Hay Creek watershed in the East Goodhue SCD. Easements with the farmers were signed recently. Trout stream development work was one of the recommendations in the original Hay Creek watershed plan. Soil conservation work on the six farms is not all completed but it is thought that the upland conservation program and the trout stream development can proceed concurrently. This project should provide a good demonstration of what farmers and sportsmen can accomplish by working together.

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There's A Difference -- Tree plantings for field and crop protection differ in an important respect from farmstead shelterbelts, says Marvin Smith, extension forester at the University of Minnesota. For farmstead shelterbelts, the design calls for 8 or more rows, while 3 or 4 rows of trees and shrubs are called for in the case of field windbreaks. Field windbreaks are not expected to halt the wind "in its tracks" but rather to slow it down over a wider area. Snow then will not accumulate in one spot but will be distributed more evenly over the field.

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The Winners -- Eight Minnesota soil conservation districts were awarded a total of \$1,000 as winners in the Minneapolis Star-Tribune annual soil conservation contest. The awards were presented by George L. Peterson, associate editor, at the annual convention dinner of the Minnesota soil conservation district supervisors. Top awards went to East Agassiz, Rock, Sherburne, Waseca, and Root River SCDs. Since Sherburne SCD was a winner last year, the award under the rules of the contest went to the Anoka SCD.

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Wins Forestry Award -- Wilbert Glynn, 16, Wykoff, has been named national winner of a \$300 scholarship from the American Forest Products Industries for outstanding achievements in the 4-H forestry project. He also received a \$300 scholarship last year when he was national winner in the 4-H contest in soil and water conservation. In five years he has planted 8,000 young seedlings in farm windbreaks, woodlot and shelterbelt. To replace trees amounting to \$1,000 worth of lumber which he and his father removed from the woodlot, Wilbert planted 1,000 young seedlings. Besides planting willow cuttings as a snow catch and nearly 5,000 trees in windbreaks, he set out more than 500 trees in the wildlife area of the farm.

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