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Interest High -- M. A. Thorfinnson, extension specialist in soil conservation at the University of Minnesota, and secretary of the State Soil Conservation Committee, reports that petitions for the formation of soil conservation districts have been received by the Committee from Mower and Kittson county. He comments that both petitions have far more than the required number of signatures, indicating a high degree of interest among farmers in the counties. The counties are located just about as far apart as possible--Mower next to the Iowa border in southeastern Minnesota, and Kittson bordering Canada in the northwestern part of the state. Hearings were expected to be held soon in these two counties by the State Committee.

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Improvement Project OK'd -- The long-sought Upper Hay Creek stream improvement project near Red Wing has finally been approved by the Minnesota Conservation Department. Designed to improve trout fishing and also to curb erosion, the work is expected to get under way this fall. The area covers about two and a half miles.

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Menace No More -- Pigeon grass no longer needs to be a menace to alfalfa, sweet clover and flax crops. That good news comes from J. H. Miller, U. S. Department of Agriculture agronomist who works in co-operation with the University of Minnesota agronomy department. TCA (trichloroacetic acid) applied to small or germinating pigeon grass at the rate of 5 pounds of acid per acre will effectively control this unwanted grass. This treatment is normally effective for several weeks. Miller warns that, while alfalfa, sweet clover and flax are not injured by this rate of TCA, it should not be applied to alsike clover, red clover, oats, barley or wheat. Established stands of alfalfa and sweet clover may also be sprayed at this rate of TCA without injury to the legume crop.

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