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Trees for Better Living -- There's a better farm living in your future when you have planted trees and shrubs in a shelterbelt around the home, barn and other buildings, says Marvin Smith, University of Minnesota extension forester. Aside from the material benefits, almost everyone will prefer a farm home nestled in the protection of trees to one exposed to the rigors of our climate.

Why some persons succeed in their tree-planting efforts and others fail is due to several causes. One that occurs often is the lack of land preparation before planting. The evidence is plain, says Smith, that whenever trees are planted on the heavier agricultural soils in southern and western Minnesota without ground preparation very few trees survive beyond the first year. This very month is not a bit too early to plow and fallow ground scheduled for tree planting next spring.

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Conservation Farmers Named -- Soil conservation districts in many parts of the state have chosen winners in the contests for top soil conservation farmer of the year. Among the winners are Carl Johnson of the East Goodhue Soil Conservation District, Forrest Patterson of the South Goodhue SCD, George Kotilla for the Wright SCD, and Harold Searles of the Upper Zumbro SCD. All the winners have done outstanding work, according to the judges.

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This bit of verse was passed along by H. L. Thomas, associate professor of agronomy at the University of Minnesota:

When it is one-tenth in bloom,
Cut alfalfa just as soon
As the weather settles down
And the skies have ceased to frown.
Clover when about one-half
Of the flowers nod and laugh.
Grasses should be taken soon
After they begin to bloom.
Higher protein is the pay
For early cutting of your hay.
Every day you leave it longer
Makes the skim and filter stronger.

-- A. Hungrycow

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