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Certified Seed's Performance is Higher, Gives Greater Profit -- For assurance of varietal purity and good quality stands, buy certified seed for your planting stock next year. Its initial cost may be a bit higher than for ordinary seed, but certified seed's performance will more than make up for the slight added cost. Field crop varieties certified for Minnesota soils and climate are subjected to extensive field and seed inspection to assure high quality. Be sure with certified seed and order now. For a free copy of the 1953 Seed Directory, write the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association, University Farm, St. Paul 1, Minnesota.

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Tailor A Cropping System to Your Needs -- In preparing your cropping system for maximum production, consider carefully how grain and forage crops fit in. Benefits of crop rotations are well known. Experiment and costly experience show that continued grain or corn cropping results in declining production. But, include a meadow or pasture crop in rotation with the grain crop and you'll find this invariably increases your following year's grain yield.

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Hard Rain Can Be a Blessing or a Curse -- You need not worry about hard rain if you have taken the conservation steps Walter Bremer, Goodhue County farmer, took. As part of his conservation program, Bremer sows contour strips of grass and legumes to hold the soil that washes down from row crops. Strips and contours make running water walk. They can do wonders for your farm.

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Champion Contour Plowmen Named -- Bernard Hayden of Le Sueur was crowned king of 1953 Minnesota contour plowmen at the State Plowing Matches last month in Wright County. Level land plowing title went to Ben Lang of Paynesville.

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