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A Bovine Pentagon -- "A Bovine Pentagon". That's how a visitor described the strip grazing pasture layout of David Lohmann, who farms near Zumbrota. One 17-acre pasture is divided into four units with a connecting lane. He turns a dozen cattle into each unit. In a few days they graze it clean and then he turns them into the next pasture. By the time they have reached pasture four, number one is ready with good uniform growth. Lohmann thinks it's a good idea to see that cattle clean up forage the same as other feed and make sure they do not damage a pasture or waste grass. How does this affect his milk production? Well, last year Lohmann's herd averaged 467 pounds of butterfat and he expects further increase next year.

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Lincoln Only Bromegrass Seed Available in Large Quantities -- Although there has been no change in variety recommendation for smooth bromegrass, market conditions have, in effect, changed the recommendation. The reason--seed of only one of the three recommended varieties, Lincoln, Achenbach, and Fischer, all southern types, is available in sufficient quantity to meet needs. That variety is Lincoln, according to H. L. Thomas, professor of agronomy at the University of Minnesota. The southern bromes, including Lincoln, establish a bit more quickly, start growing early each spring and yield about a tenth of a ton more than northern types, Thomas says. They are also more aggressive in spreading and fill up vacant spaces quickly.

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Small Watershed Water Control Program Recommended -- Greater progress must be made in controlling run-off and erosion in small watersheds. This was stressed at the recent conference of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts in Michigan. Conference members said that if small watersheds were under a full conservation program, flood peaks would be reduced, wildlife benefitted and there would be more moisture for crops during dry seasons.

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