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4-H'er is Top Tree Planter -- Glenn Schroeder, a 4-H club member from Caledonia, was Minnesota's outstanding 4-H forester for 1953. This year, reports assistant county agent Vic Johnson, Glenn is putting some new ideas into practice--one of them a walnut lot. He'd read somewhere about a man, who in his youth, planted a number of walnut trees. Many years later, about to retire, the man sold the grove for furniture and greatly fattened his retirement kitty. Another of Glenn's ideas is a Christmas tree project. He plans to start his plantings on rundown land not suitable for cropping, using the tree planter furnished Houston county farmers by the county bankers' association.

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Legumes, Fertilizer Grow Better Crops -- Walter Schultz, Nicollet farmer, is a great believer in growing legumes, rotating his crops and fertilizing for better yields. One 50-acre field on his farm supports 80 cattle in summer and even grows a little dry hay. Schultz divides his pastures into seven 7-acre fields and grazes each two days. If you want results like Schultz', now's the time to plan for them.

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Grassland Farming Isn't All Grass--But Balance -- Grassland farming is a balanced system of farming in which you produce, preserve and feed grasses and legumes, either alone, or in combination with other crops. According to Rodney A. Briggs, the University of Minnesota's extension agronomist, there are two strong points for growing the grassland crop. One is producing feed with pasture, grass silage and hay--this is used for animal feed to produce milk and meat. The second is the benefits your soil gets from sod or green manure crops. They help lessen soil erosion losses, increase organic matter, add nitrogen, and promote soil workability and higher yields.

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Soil Conservation Districts Meet -- The annual convention of the Minnesota Soil Conservation Districts will be held Thursday and Friday, February 11 and 12 at the Lowry Hotel, St. Paul.

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