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Minnesota Seed Growers Increase Seed Rapidly -- A fast seed-increase plan makes new crop varieties available to Minnesota farmers. Cooperators are the University's Agricultural Experiment Station and the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association's 136 registered and certified seed growers. As an example of how a new variety "grows," University Seed Registrar Ward Marshall points to Selkirk, a new Canadian spring wheat moderately resistant to Race 15-B of stem rust. It was first given Canadian growers in 1953. This year, Minnesota growers were given 2,500 bushels for increase and they harvested 18,400 bushels of registered and 26,100 bushels of certified Selkirk.

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How's Your Windbreak Plan? -- Is your 1955 windbreak ground ready for the big freeze? Marvin Smith, University Extension Forester, says that slow tree growth and high death rate often result from planting trees on spring-plowed land. Fall-plowed land is best. This was apparent last summer in drought areas. So, if you're planting a shelterbelt next spring, plow the ground this fall. Exceptions: sandy or loam-sand soils that could be eroded by winter winds.

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Dodge County Farmer Sings Drainage Praises -- A progressive Dodge County farmer says, "Tiling 60 acres of virgin slough paid for itself in one or two years. When I tiled out my permanent pasture, I could do a real job of conservation farming on my old work land. Before drainage, I depended on this land for feed grains and seldom seeded it. Yields kept dropping and topsoil washing down into the slough and down the river. Now, I can keep my hills in grass. Yields are growing steadily and there's very little erosion. Farming's easier, too, and expenses are dropping each year."

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Annual Convention Dates Set -- Dates for the annual convention of the Minnesota Association of Soil Conservation Districts are January 20 and 21, at St. Paul.

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