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Alfalfa Fertilization Experiments -- Spring and fall fertilization had about the same effect on alfalfa yield in long-range experiments at the University of Minnesota's Northeast Experiment Station at Duluth. Also several years' experiments with eight different fertilizer treatments indicate that putting on fertilizer each year -- potash, especially -- gives a higher total yield over a period of years than putting it on in one large application, says Wallace W. Nelson, agronomist at the Duluth station.

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Essay Contest Offered -- Twenty Minnesota boys and girls who write the best essays on "Our Land and Water -- Basic Resources" will join the Conservation Caravan for an expense-paid week's stay at Douglas Lodge, Itasca State Park. The Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs and the Minnesota Department of Conservation sponsor the contest. Complete information is available from high school principals or Essay Contest, 633 State Office Building, St. Paul 1, Minnesota.

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Hilly Renovated Pasture Produces High -- "I raise more feed for my cattle on those eight acres," says Herman Jepson, Owatonna, with a strong emphasis on the "more." He pointed to a hilly pasture he'd renovated not long ago. Then he pointed across the road to another hilly pasture, 22 acres of blue grass. He figures he gets more production out of the eight renovated acres than he would out of 80 unrenovated. He worked the eight-acre knoll with a field cultivator and disk in summer, 1952. He limed it that fall, worked it again in the spring of 1953 and seeded it to brome, alfalfa, birdsfoot trefoil and a bit of red clover. He treated it to 300 pounds of 10-20-20 per acre. Last summer, Mr. Jepson was turning 47 Holsteins into the hilly eight. It was July 6 and the second time that summer he'd turned 'em in there. "As soon as they go in here," he went on, "Their output will come up." He plans soon to improve the other 22 acres of hilly blue grass.

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Plowville '55 at Rothsay -- Plowville '55 will come to life near Fergus Falls September 16-17. The big two-day conservation event and plowing matches will be staged on the Trosvik Brothers farms four miles north of Rothsay. Nick Weyrens, West Otter Tail County Agent, is secretary and publicity chairman. Rudy Gustafson is general manager and Theodore Hegseth general chairman. All are of Fergus Falls.