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New Use for Tree Planter --- Edwin Johnson, an SCS soil conservationist assisting the Swift County Soil Conservation District, found another use for the district's tree planter. He took off the packing wheel and coulter and wound up with a good implement for making "pasture furrows." The planter chisel is pulled slowly at about a 14-inch depth. The result: an effective way of making furrows to trap runoff water. The planter disturbs sod cover a lot less than a plow furrow.

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Searching for Crops? --- In any farmer's search for crops that he can grow on "retired" acres during the crop allotment years, it's a sure thing that the legume soil builders will greatly outperform rye, millet or sudan grass. That's the advice of Goodhue County Soil Conservation Agent Arnold Wiebusch at Red Wing.

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Fertilized Pastures Not Badly Injured by Drought --- Fertilized pastures will outperform and last better than unfertilized pastures in any drought. That was found strikingly true this droughty summer at the University's Rosemount Agricultural Experiment Station. They had hardly any rain in August and up to the middle of September, according to Paul Burson, University of Minnesota soils professor who coordinates the Beef Cattle-Grassland project there. The project's purpose is to demonstrate how profitably beef cattle can be grown on sloping land too steep to be cropped safely.

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ACP Has Liberal Cost-Sharing Plans --- Tests show that the most successful renovations are begun the fall before seeding. You can help insure a good renovation by going into old pasture fields and plowing or surface-working them this fall, before frost. This year, according to Rodney A. Briggs, a University of Minnesota extension agronomist, the USDA is offering a liberal cost-sharing program to help you renovate--they will share your costs on seedbed preparation, seed, lime, and fertilizer. ASC offices have full information about the new program. -hrj-