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Michigan Beach Grass is Good Bet -- Michigan beach grass is successfully tying down dunes and blowouts in tests in Sherburne County, Minnesota's sandy areas. Henry M. Wilson, SCS Conservationist with the Sherburne Soil Conservation District, says they brought in the first Michigan beach sprigs in 1949 from dunes along Lake Michigan and planted them in a big blowout on the Catherine Newman farm near St. Cloud. It spread in the sand like quack grass in heavy soil. Today the original planted rows can't be noticed in the heavy stand. Next step: plant pines in the sand tied down by the beach grass.

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Alfalfa-Brome Mixtures Better Than Each Alone -- Mixtures of alfalfa and brome grass are in many ways better than either alone. A 50-50 mixture of these tall-growing productive grasses gives far greater total yield, higher protein yield, less danger from bloat, more organic matter and greater protection from soil and water losses caused by erosion. University of Minnesota Extension Agronomist Rodney A. Briggs reports that in tests that in all areas of Minnesota and in many soil types, mixtures outperform any individual forage species. And, says he, crops that follow legume-grass mixtures will yield more than crops following grasses alone.

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Home Lumber for Home-Building -- With homes so costly to build today, the home builder who has his own timber that he can harvest into lumber can build that new place--or a barn, feed racks and crop storage building or machine shed--for very little. A University of Minnesota extension forester, Parker Anderson, says trees are not just a one-season crop--they continue to grow under good management and protection and harvests can be taken from the well-cared-for woodlot again and again.

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Farm and Home Week -- Among several new things at the University of Minnesota's 1956 Farm and Home Week, January 10-13, is a Silage Show. It's open to anyone who wishes to enter a sample of his silage to be judged by experts.

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