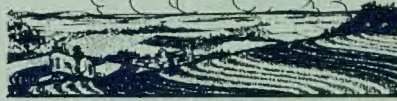


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Contouring Corn Proves Profitable -- Stanley Jacobson, Maynard farmer and a Chippewa Soil Conservation District Supervisor, planted corn on land that might be subject to erosion for the first time this year. He was pleased with the new method and intends to try it with future corn crops where the soil is likely to erode. Half his contoured corn was planted on land in alfalfa in 1954. The other half has been in corn. The great difference in the appearance of the two fields and the higher yields from the corn-following-alfalfa convinced him he can afford to grow more alfalfa in his crop rotation than he had thought economically wise.

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Oat Silage Gets the Job Done -- Dean Schluter, a Pope county farmer, filled his silo this summer with oat silage. He says the cows like it better and when he switched them from corn to oat silage, he could cut down on concentrate and protein--from 14 per cent to 12. Dean says the cows cleaned up the oat silage by 11 a.m. and ate more of it--while the cattle took until evening to finish their ration of corn silage. He cut the oats in the dough stage as short as possible, with the swather. He found it helped his new alfalfa-brome seeding.

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Meeker County Bankers Help Conservation -- The Meeker County Soil Conservation District Supervisors accepted a check for \$100 recently to help with educational activities for soil improvement and protection. Earlier, the bankers bought a tree planter for the district.

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Preston Lions Sponsor Essay Contest -- The high school student who writes the best essay on the new Willow Creek Watershed will get a \$15 cash prize from the Preston Lions Club. Second placer will get \$10, third placer \$5. The winning essays will be published in county papers.

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