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Alfalfa seed, scarce on the market this year, can be grown successfully in Minnesota. Charles Simpson, Le Sueur county, grew over 250 pounds of Ranger alfalfa seed per acre on a 24 acre field this year. He used a cultipacker, applied about double the recommended amount of fertilizer, seeded in the spring of 1947 with oats as a companion crop, and removed the straw after combining.

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Farmers in the Anoka county soil conservation district are enthusiastic about "land capability maps" which show the best use for land and the protection it needs. A capability map is an inventory of land, based on a soil conservation survey. The survey reveals the kind of soil, slope and degree of erosion for each field.

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More legumes and fewer acres of row crops seem to be in the picture for 1950. Here are the three main methods listed by Paul Burson, University Farm soil testing lab head, for utilizing additional forage: 1. Plow under a good crop of hay. The nutrients will be used by crops that follow. 2. Plan a better pasture program through the season. Use second crop hay and meadows to supplement the present pastures. 3. Add a few more head of livestock, if you find it advisable.

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One Carver county neighborhood group is stressing terracing, although it isn't a common practice in that soil conservation district. These nine farmers planned 5 miles of terracing as part of their complete farm conservation job. Much of it has now been built, reports Edward J. Lyons, SCS man working in the district.

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