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Flood Control Studied - The U. S. Soil Conservation Service has been authorized by Congress to prepare flood control plans on small watersheds. The South Fork of the Crow river in Kandiyohi county and the East Willow Creek, a tributary of the Root river in Fillmore county, are the two areas in Minnesota being studied by local Soil Conservation Service technicians.

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Now 53 Soil Districts - With the recent approval of the Sibley county district, there are now 53 soil conservation districts in Minnesota, it has been announced by M. A. Thorfinnson, secretary of the State Soil Conservation committee and extension soil conservationist at the University of Minnesota. The East Polk county and Yellow Medicine county districts have recently been enlarged by the inclusion of additional townships.

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Difference in Tree Belts - Tree belts planted for field protection differ in several respects from farmstead shelterbelts, points out Marvin Smith, University of Minnesota extension forester.

"Under Minnesota conditions, the field belts should not be more than 3 or 4 rows wide. Such a belt will hold snow on the ground over a wider area and spread more of the drifting snow over the crop area. A recommended design would specify a shrub row flanked by 2 rows of broadleaved trees--one tall-growing and the other of medium height," according to Smith.

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Don't Guess - Here are a couple of tips from Harold Jones, extension soils specialist at the University of Minnesota: "Don't guess--know what you are buying when new fertilizer and soil amendments are offered you. Ask your county agent about them before you buy." And: "Now is the time to order a fertilizer attachment for your corn planter if you haven't already done so. The application of fertilizer in the row will stretch that short supply of fertilizer and give you better results than broadcasting."

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