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Planning to plant 60,000 trees this spring, Becker Soil Conservation District bought a tree planter. Trees will be furnished by Pittman Robertson funds, State of Minnesota, PMA and SCS. One representative of each of those agencies is helping district board coordinate tree planting activities. West Otter Tail and Wilkin districts planned similar purchases.

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In order to alleviate a shortage, all interested persons are urged to collect tree and shrub seed and send it prepaid to the Minnesota Forest Service at either Akeley or Willow River, Minnesota. Any seed is appreciated provided it is mature and properly dried before shipment. It's hoped that quantities of hard maple, green ash, Russian olive, hackberry, honeysuckle and caragana can be received, says Marvin Smith, extension forester. Anyone wanting information on when different kinds of seed mature is invited to send inquiries to either the State Forester, State Office Building, or Extension Forester, University Farm, both St. Paul.

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Farmers report many pheasants surviving heavy snow and other bad conditions in South Goodhue Soil Conservation District without supplementary feeding. They took advantage of permanent wildlife areas developed by planting and protection by district cooperators.

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If you are planning to apply fertilizer to corn be sure you have enough stalks to use it. Work by the soils division at the University of Minnesota shows that good soils with a poor stand may not pay for the fertilizer, while good stands on the same soils will give excellent yield increases, says E. R. Duncan, extension soils specialist.

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