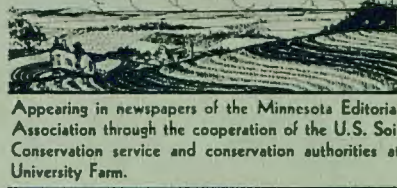


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"Soil erosion has been much less and yield better since my land was terraced," reports Norman Berger, Lake Benton. Many farmers are finding the same thing on long, gentle slopes where run-off and erosion are too great to be controlled with strip-cropping and contour farming alone, says H. E. Jones, U. of M. extension soils specialist.

On this type of land, drainage terraces will help feed excess water from the land without causing erosion damage. Best time to construct terraces is in the late summer and early fall when crops are not on the land. They may be rather easily and economically constructed with equipment present on the average Minnesota farm. If you have land that needs terracing, your county agricultural agent can give you assistance in planning the proper terrace system, says Jones.

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Two members of the Plummer veterans class, Leonard Boucher and Alphonse Juneau, joined hands across a new drainage ditch the other day. Having a mutual drainage problem, the neighboring farmers decided to solve it mutually. They called in technicians of the Soil Conservation Service, who supplied the necessary engineering assistance.

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You can see how soil conservation practices and progress look from the air by attending the soil conservation air tour nearest you. Tours are scheduled for August 14 at the Stanson airport in Goodhue county; August 22 at Northport in Washington county near White Bear Lake; and September 8 at the Horan farm near Chatfield in Fillmore county. First in the series was held at Flying Cloud airport near Shakopee July 18.

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Minnesota has its share of monuments to soil erosion but none more dramatic than the "ghost town" of Beaver. Unlike Pompeii, which ducked under a flood of lava and ash, much of Beaver gave up the ghost to silt and debris of flood origin. Once it was a prosperous village, but only one small store and a handful of houses remain today.

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