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Rock County Top District - The Rock County Soil Conservation District has been selected as Minnesota's winning soil conservation district in the 1951 Sioux City Chamber of Commerce-Journal-Tribune soil conservation contest, according to an announcement by Warren Gregg, SCS soil conservationist at Luverne.

Rock County SCD was represented by J. A. Thorin and Sons, Cecil Chesley and Michael Vos. The district was presented a plaque and \$100 cash award at a banquet in Sioux City.

Rock County farmer Rudolph Nelson was named outstanding conservationist from Minnesota and will be granted an all expense paid short course at Iowa State College.

This award was made by the Mississippi Valley Association.

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'Graves' for Rocks - Jerome Roeser of Meeker county feels that it pays to bury rocks on his farm. Properly buried, these rocks are literally in their graves. On a field that you could walk from rock to rock on a few years ago, this past season he had brome, alfalfa and ladino clover pasture over knee-high for his cattle. "You couldn't help agreeing with him on its value," comments E. R. Duncan, University of Minnesota extension soils specialist.

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Pleasant for Pheasants - Even the pheasants in the Benton County SCD seem to recognize improvements in farming methods. Tony Ebnet, who is farming 54 acres of contour strips installed in the fall of 1950, reports that he has noticed more pheasants around his place. They seem to prefer the contour strips where they are close to a variety of feed and cover.

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