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Who's Your Man? Why not nominate your choice of the man best qualified to be given title of the state's top farmer-sportsman? County winners will compete for district honors, and district winners will receive awards at "Farmer-Sportsman Day" Sunday, April 20, at the Northwest Sports, Travel and Boat Show in Minneapolis April 11-20. See your county agent for details. Nominations are due in his office March 29.

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Finishes Lambs on Pasture... Arlo Grant, who operates a farm in West Bank Township, Swift County Soil Conservation District, finds that his sheep can be wintered most economically on alfalfa-brome hay without grain. Last year his 50 ewes dropped lambs in March after wintering on the hay and were put on alfalfa-brome pasture. The lambs were marketed off the pasture early last October at an average weight of 92 pounds. They brought \$31 per hundredweight. Besides the lambs, Grant also sold \$12 worth of wool per ewe. He says this is the first time he has been able to finish lambs on pasture alone and that from now on that is the way he is going to do it.

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Prevent Floods, Harness Hills... Uncontrolled water run-off means floods, starvation and finally barren wastes, says Parker Anderson, extension forester at the University of Minnesota. Some of the best ways to prevent floods, he points out, are maintaining forest cover on hills, good grass cover and following practices such as contour farming along the hundreds of small streams which feed the rivers. We know today, says Anderson, that thousands of acres of hilly land should never have been cleared of forests. Agriculture has been only partly successful for a few years on steep hillsides. Removal of forest and resulting erosion have ruined the productive powers of these hills and caused damage to crops below.

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Keep Up Hay Acreage... The large hay crop in 1951 and the difficulties in harvesting it may lead to a cut in the hay acreage, fears G. A. Pond, professor of agricultural economics at the University of Minnesota. "New seedings in 1951 generally resulted in good stands. These may make it possible to plow up existing poor stands, but there should be no over-all reduction in acreage," according to Pond.

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