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New Twist...The folks in the East Agassiz SCD have a new twist on the old saw, "Everyone complains about the weather but no one does anything about it." Farmers in that district are doing something about it--at least about the snowing and blowing part, according to Einar Henrickson of the Soil Conservation Service, who is stationed at Twin Valley. Snow-blocked roads, drifting snow and blowing soil can be stopped or greatly minimized by properly spaced and designed field and farmstead shelterbelts, according to Henrickson. Einar cautions that right now is the time to plan shelterbelts if you want to really do something about the weather.

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Soil Samples Show Potash Need...More than 28,000 soil samples from 8,500 farmers have been tested in the University of Minnesota soil testing laboratory since it was opened two years ago, reports Professor Paul Burson, who is in charge of the lab. The samples show that the greatest need is for phosphate. This deficiency shows up in all parts of the state. Potash is not so necessary in western Minnesota, but the need for it increases as one moves eastward and northward across the state, says Burson.

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Soil Conservation and Woodwork...M. C. and E. B. Rockne, Zumbrota attorneys who are also cooperators with the South Goodhue SCD, have a special reason to be proud of their new office. It's entirely finished in red oak that came from their farm woodlot. The Rockne brothers get a lot of satisfaction in showing the new woodwork to visitors, and the discussion, needless to say, always turns to soil conservation.

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Greater Growth in Fall...One of the advantages of Madric and Evergreen sweet clovers, recommended varieties for Minnesota, is the greater growth in the fall of the seedling year, points out H. L. Thomas, associate professor of agronomy at the University of Minnesota. Information concerning these varieties will be found in Extension Folder 22, "Improved Varieties of Farm Crops," which may be obtained from the county agent or the Bulletin Room, University Farm, St. Paul 1, Minnesota.

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