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Fertilizer Improves Alfalfa -- Paul Burson, University of Minnesota professor of soils, reports that legume crops for hay and pasture properly limed and fertilized have greater feeding value than those untreated.

Work in the soils division at University Farm shows that the phosphorus composition of alfalfa hay can be increased as much as 27 per cent. This means a 9 pound increase per acre, equal to approximately 100 pounds of 10 per cent bone meal. In the University experiment, protein was upped 440 pounds per acre. For a 6-year average, the total digestible nutrients produced from fertilized alfalfa were increased 40 per cent per acre, according to Burson.

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100 Per Cent for Vets -- Every veteran enrolled in GI training classes at Jordan and Shakopee in the Scott County Soil Conservation District is now a cooperator with the district, according to Dewey Hahn, SCS farm planner at Jordan. The classes are conducted by C. E. Bublitz and Raymond Joackum, who have stressed soil conservation since the program started. "A good many veterans have prepared farm plans in the past few years," Hahn said recently, "but this is the first time every member of both classes has been a cooperator."

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Library Helps Conservation -- The Soil Conservation Service library of motion pictures established late last year at Winona, has been servicing the needs of the state well, according to Miss Winnifred Kennedy, who is in charge of the library. Since the first of the year 148 movies have been loaned for 182 showings with a total attendance of 6,350.

The library contains about 70 movies and is maintained for the use of soil conservation. There is no loan fee, and the user pays only the return postage. Miss Kennedy gave three rules for the most efficient use of the limited number of movies: allow as much advance notice as possible; clean and thread projectors carefully; return movies promptly.

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