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Strip Layout Time ... September and October are good months to lay out contour strips, reminds M.A. Thorfinnson, extension soil conservationist at the University of Minnesota. You can lay them out through the grain field now and plow on the contour. If a cornfield is in the way, that part of the strip can be laid out after the corn is husked. Next spring seed down the strips planned for hay in 1954 to start your crop rotation. Crop rotations and contour strip cropping are a good soil conservation team on hilly or rolling lands.

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Be At Albert Lea 25th ... Don't overlook the chance to hear some top-flight agricultural experts such as Robert M. Salter, chief of the Soil Conservation Service; Maurice Soultz, assistant director of the Iowa Agricultural Extension Service; P. E. Miller, director of the Minnesota Agricultural Extension Service; and William Beeson, Purdue University animal husbandry expert. They'll be at the Livestock and the Land Institute at Albert Lea September 25. Beeson has startled livestock feeders with his announcement, based on experimental work, that with the proper concentrates cattle can be fed much coarser roughage than they are usually fed. He has obtained unheard-of low-cost gains by feeding straw and corncobs.

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Finds Fertilizer Pays ... Clarence Williams of near Lanesboro is satisfied that it pays to use fertilizer. He has been using some fertilizer, and has been watching an experiment with higher rates on corn on his farm. He thinks the results of the experiment are outstanding. The heavily fertilized corn is well eared and two feet taller than that not so heavily fertilized, besides having a nice, dark green color. Williams told E. R. Duncan, extension soils specialist at the University of Minnesota, that it wasn't a question of whether the heavier fertilizer rate would pay this year but rather how much it would pay.