

# Our LAND



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New District in Operation ... The new Sibley County Soil Conservation District is now in operation, with office set up at Gaylord. Sibley District Board of Directors is headed by Franklin Kroehler of Henderson. Other board members are Helmer Lind of Winthrop, Arthur Glaeser of Gibbon, Howard Smith of Belle Plaine and Fred Bauer of Gaylord. Mr. Kroehler has announced that Pat Kennedy of the Soil Conservation Service has been appointed farm planner to work in the district.

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Fertilization and Drainage ... Wesley Frank of Waseca is watching a fertilizer experiment on his farm this year with great interest. It has shown that adequate fertilization can help make up for slow drainage. The corn growing in the well fertilized field is perfectly normal, while the unfertilized corn next to it has been showing nitrogen deficiency because of slow drainage in the soil. This is a good observation, because a high water table means that the corn roots have a much smaller area to feed in, so fertilization has really been helping those corn plants, according to E. R. Duncan, extension soils specialist at the University of Minnesota.

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You, Too? ... An agricultural agent for one of the railroads was impressed by a pasture renovation demonstration which he saw at the Arrowhead Experiment Station near Duluth. The work was being done on a patch of rocky virgin sod. The field has been grazed ever since fire cleared the forest growth 34 years ago. The machines were digging up rocks of various sizes. The plan was to fertilize and reseed with grass and legumes which would soon yield several times as much forage as the old rock and sod-bound native grasses. "If it pays to dig up rocks in an old pasture of this kind," the agent said, "what excuse is there for a man with good fertile land that is sod-bound not doing the same thing and thus doubling or trebling the carrying capacity of his pasture?"