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Forage vs. Roughage -- W.M. Myers, agronomy and plant genetics chief at the University of Minnesota, warns against being misled by the term "roughage" when it's applied to high quality pasturage, hay and grass silage. Far from falling in a class with such roughage as corn stalks and grain straw, good quality roughages are highly nutritious feed for dairy cows, beef cattle and sheep. Legume-grass mixtures at the proper stage of maturity for pasturing may have more than 20 per cent of crude protein in the dry matter. Well-cured legume hay, cut at the right stage of maturity, may have 15 per cent or more of crude protein.

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Clay District Leads -- Clay County Soil Conservation District farmers led the state in 1952 for the number of trees planted, according to County Extension Agent G. E. May. More than 184 farmers set out 259,850 trees. Most of the planting was under the supervision of Leslie Pulkrabek, soil conservationist for the SCS. Becker County was second in the state with 164,630 trees planted.

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Women and Conservation -- Should women be interested in soil conservation, and if so, why? Here is the way Mrs. Doris Wyman, district home agent supervisor at University Farm, answers that question: "The right use of soil gives more income. Farming is the joint business of the family. The farm family gets its return from the sale of the crops or the livestock raised on the farm. Women are concerned about that income because, if it is greater than expenses, it may mean help to pay for the farm, education for the children, a new auto, vacation trip or other improvements in family living."

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