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Crops, Soils Days -- Many answers to current problems concerning crops and soil will be given at Farm and Home Week at University Farm, St. Paul, January 13-16.

Carl Borgeson, associate professor of agronomy, points out that crops topics will be discussed on Crop Improvement Day, January 14, and also on January 16. The pros and cons of crop varieties and such topics as "Grassland Farming Has Arrived" will be on the program. Professors E.C. Stakman and R.F. Crim will give the benefits of their many years of experience.

C.O. Rost, soils chief, points out that members of his department will discuss soils and fertilizer problems January 15. These include glacial features, soil characteristics, microorganisms, the nitrogen problem, pasture experiments, phosphate fertilizers, fall application of fertilizer, heavy fertilization, side dressing, soil conditioners.

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Tough for Waterfowl -- "This fall we have seen a greater destruction of waterfowl and winter cover by plowing and burning than ever before," says Theodore Hegseth, chairman of the board of supervisors of the West Otter Tail Soil Conservation District. Although Hegseth blames this on the dry fall, he thinks it underscores the need for a positive wildlife program if we are to even maintain our present wildlife population. One way to do this is for the state or individuals to acquire land suitable for such a program and improve it by plantings and water level controls. The West Ottertail District has contacted the State Conservation Department regarding the acquisition of wildlife land. The Department is investigating.

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Selling Job Needed -- "One of the major problems of this country is saving our soil we can produce food for future generations," said Congressman Harold C. Hagen at a recent meeting of supervisors of eight soil conservation districts held in Thief River Falls. Hagen emphasized the need of selling the general public on the merits of the soil conservation program. "Otherwise," he warned, "people will criticize Congress for appropriating funds for soil and water conservation, farmers will be attacked for accepting conservation payments, and agricultural workers will be criticized."

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