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Spread Manure on Snow -- Except on steep slopes where an ice sheet has formed, spreading manure fresh from the barn on frozen ground or on the snow will usually conserve nutrients better than leaving it in piles in the barn lot or field, says Harold E. Jones, extension soils specialist at the University of Minnesota. Spreading on fall-plowed land or on pastures and meadows will help prevent run-off losses in the spring if the land is sloping. In case the snow gets too deep to spread and a good storage shed is not available, the manure may be piled in narrow enough piles to freeze through quickly. These piles should be spread in the spring before rains wash out plant food.

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Soil Means Jobs -- Speaking at a meeting in the West Fillmore SCD, Alf Larson, a director of the National Association of Soil Conservation districts, said, "Farmers provide more work for more people than any other group in our national economy. Farmers should use the soil wisely," said Larson, "so that this nation will not sink into the shadows of want, but bask in the sunshine of plenty."

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New Forestry Book -- The University of Minnesota had the assistance of the "Keep Minnesota Green" committee in preparing Extension 4-H Bulletin 26, "Forestry in 4-H", by Marvin Smith, extension forester. The committee, a voluntary citizens' group, is eager to enlist the help of 4-H members in reaching its goals of better fire protection and greater interest in conservation. The publication has four divisions--forest appreciation, forest tree nursery and planting, forest protection, and harvesting forest products. Club members may begin project work in any one of the divisions.

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56 Districts -- Alfred Wiger of Ulen, retiring president of the State Soil Conservation District Supervisors Association, reported recently that four new districts were organized during 1952, bringing the total to 56.

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