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Tree Planters Going Strong -- The tree planters purchased by banker groups for 25 soil conservation districts throughout the state gave a good account for themselves this spring. In the Sherburne District the planter was used to set out 400,000 trees along Highway 10 between St. Cloud and the Elk River. The project was a joint undertaking by the Soil Conservation Service, the State Highway Department, the State Conservation Department, and the Sherburne Soil Conservation District.

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Straw on Seedings -- Too much combined straw left on the field may injure new seedings. That's a tip from A. R. Schmid, associate professor of agronomy at the University of Minnesota. "It has been shown that straw in excess of one ton per acre will reduce a stand of alfalfa. The safest policy is to remove the combined straw from new seedings," he says.

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Watch Pastures -- Now's the time to watch pastures. Ralph Wayne, extension dairyman at the University of Minnesota, says that if you have good cows they need some extra feed. First, some grain; next some hay or silage. Do this before pastures get so short that production goes down. Start feeding hay or silage before the slump sets in. On hot days cows eat less grass and need more supplemental feed to keep up the milk flow. Feed some hay and silage when they will eat it, Wayne says.

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Committee Elects -- At a recent meeting of the Minnesota Soil Conservation Committee, William Benitt of Hastings was re-elected chairman, and Dr. Harold Macy, dean of the University of Minnesota Institute of Agriculture, was named vice chairman. M. A. Thorfinnson, extension soil conservation specialist at the University of Minnesota, is secretary.

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