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Combination Does It -- Maximum crop yields can seldom be obtained by hit-and-miss methods of using only one or two soil building practices, according to a report by the East Goodhue Crops and Soils Committee. The committee points out that only when crop rotations, adapted seed varieties, proper tillage, green manure, lime and fertilizer, strip cropping, drainage and terraces are used to the extent of soil needs, can maximum economic crop production be affected. The combination of all these practices, says the report, is what is known as a complete farm plan.

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Grazing Hurts Woodlots -- Biggest handicap to woodlot management and profitable growth is summer pasturing, points out Parker Anderson, extension forester at the University of Minnesota. Cattle grazing in woodlots cause deterioration of timber through trampling and grazing of the more desirable tree species. Constant packing of the soil around the larger trees by grazing animals injures root systems and results in gradual weakening of standing trees, so that they become easy prey to diseases and insects. As a result of grazing, the only species able to survive cattle injury are the least valuable or the foreign shrubs which too often become a menace to livestock, says Anderson.

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Interstate Air Tour -- Minnesota and North Dakota's first Interstate Soil Conservation Air Tour was held at airport at Wahpeton, N. Dak., June 24, reports M. A. Thorfinnson, secretary of the Minnesota Soil Conservation Committee and extension soil conservationist at the University of Minnesota. Airplane passengers got bird's-eye views of soil conservation practices in flights over Richland county, N. Dak., and Wilkin county, Minn. Soil conservation district supervisors planned the tour with the help of their county agents, area conservationists and farm planners.

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