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Consider the Mother -- Cows calving since late winter need special attention -- also the cows which will calve from now until late fall. Ralph Wayne, extension dairyman at the University of Minnesota, suggests that you see that they are in good condition--some grain to dry cows is usually a good investment. Good pasture is excellent feed, but real good cows will also pay well for extra grain, hay or silage, according to Wayne.

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Conservation Blueprint -- A recent item in the Sauk Centre Herald, Stearns county, said in part, "This business of saving the soil is not just for a few years but for all time. A house is a temporary structure by comparison, yet every builder uses a blueprint so that everyone will know what is to be done from foundation to finished building. As with a building, a conservation blueprint for your farm will help you plan for better soil and higher yields in the present as well as in the future."

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4-H Programs -- Two national 4-H programs relating to conservation and home beautification in rural areas have been approved by the Minnesota state club office. Incentives for outstanding records of achievement include medals for county winners and 17-jewel watches to state winners in both programs. In soil and water conservation, sectional winners are given expense-paid trips to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago in November, and national winners receive \$300 college scholarships. There are no sectional awards in the beautification of home grounds program, but national winners receive trips to the 4-H Club Congress.

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