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Field Day Near Le Sueur -- The soil conservation districts of Le Sueur, Scott and Carver counties in cooperation with the Agricultural Extension Service and the SCS will hold a field day September 9 at the Horrisberger Bros. farm near Le Sueur. The Horrisberger Bros. have been cooperating with the project for two years in getting some of the practices established. The plan for this event is not to show how to establish soil conservation practices but to show the benefits which soil conservation will produce.

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Plan Now for '54 Weed Control -- Plow small grain or flax stubble as soon as possible after harvest, except where plowing would result in serious erosion. That's a suggestion from R. G. Robinson, assistant professor of agronomy at the University of Minnesota.

Early plowing will help control perennial weeds, prevent weed seed production and may stimulate annual weed seed germination in late summer and fall. Annual weeds germinated in the fall will not be in the soil to infest 1954 crops. Furthermore, patches of perennial weeds can be easily located on the plowed land and controlled by more tillage or by chemicals.

The plow has generally been better than a disc or field cultivator for August tillage of grain stubble. A drag section pulled behind the plow will make a better seedbed for germinating weed seeds than plowing alone, says Robinson.

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Save Surplus Pasture -- Ralph Grant, superintendent of the Northeast Experiment Station, Duluth, reports that "by rotating the grazing of our pasture we can keep our cows producing at a high level during June and July. In fact, we find that we have a surplus of pasture during part of that time. This surplus we cut, chop and load into stacks to start feeding in August, when the pastures get a little shorter. This helps maintain our milk flow during the late summer months."

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