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Treating Land Well Gives Good Corn Yields -- Joyce Ericson, a Goodhue county farmer, and his nephew, Donald, get top corn yields--100 bushels and over--with careful planning. So reports Arnold Wiebusch, assistant Goodhue county agent in soil conservation at Red Wing.

Among their planning, he reports, is a full year of legume growth plowed under once during the rotation--that really paid off. They also limed generously and provided 100-pound boosters of 5-20-20 on both corn and grain seedings to help legume stands along.

Other steps included 400 pounds of 5-20-20, and 100 pounds of 33-0-0 plowed under last spring. This helped give yields of from 102 to 122 bushels per acre.

Soil Conservation Contest Planned -- The contest for soil conservation districts sponsored by the Minneapolis Star and Tribune will be judged this month in eight areas of Minnesota, reports M. A. Thorfinnson, extension soil conservationist with the University of Minnesota. Judges will be selected by chairmen of the six to ten districts of each area. Winner in each area will receive \$100 cash at the soil conservation district association annual convention, February 11 and 12 in St. Paul.

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Banker Has Forest Hobby -- A New Prague banker has trees for a hobby. He is R. G. Sirek, chairman of the state bankers' association. He got interested in trees as a hobby from talking with Dewey Hahn, farm planner for the Scott County Soil Conservation district and Chester Graham, Scott county agent. Now Sirek has grown to be an authority in his own right. He points out that nearly every hilly farm has an area that should be planted to trees. "Minnesota has fallen from first place to 21st place in forest products sales," Sirek says. "We can reverse that trend and make out countryside greener and improve our land in the bargain."

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