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Adjust Planter to Avoid Corn Burn -- A properly adjusted planter prevents corn burn by starter fertilizer. According to Harold E. Jones, extension soils specialist at the University of Minnesota, most fertilizer burn from row applications happens when the planter's fertilizer distributor is adjusted so that both fertilizer and corn fall together in the row. The correction--adjust the planter so that it leaves a narrow band of soil at least an inch between corn and fertilizer.

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"Plowville '54" Chairman is Strong Conservationist -- Andrew Andersen of Tyler, "Plowville '54's" general chairman, is well experienced in conservation's benefits. His farm is built around a strong livestock base, tuned to better land use. Andersen markets over 100 steers and 200 hogs every year from his 240-acre farm. He makes full use of high-quality forage as pasture, hay and grass silage. The Plowville chairman reports a big increase in forage crop yields--as well as corn and grain--from carefully planned rotations and fertility program.

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Portrait of Minnesota's 1954 Master Farmer-Conservationist -- Minnesota's 1954 Master Farmer-Conservationist is John Brill of Lakefield, who farms 416 acres. Has herd of registered Brown Swiss, 80 acres of farm in grass, grassed waterways on sloping land. Puts on about 15 tons of fertilizer each year and turns back green manure crops. Planted 4,000 trees--3,500 for game cover--in 1953. Leaves 10 acres of standing sweet clover, plus four acres corn for winter pheasant feed. Has half-mile of five-row trees in wildlife cover, total about 2,200 trees. Has a slough for waterfowl. Farm open to hunters who ask permission. Is a community leader, director of Lakefield Creamery, active in church as trustee.

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Look Over Machinery -- A pair of pliers that's fallen inside the flywheel housing of a forage harvester can cause costly trouble--and at just the wrong time, when you're beginning harvest. A careful check now on machinery's "health" will save money and time when you need it most.

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