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District Conservation Top-Placers -- John Brill, Lakefield farmer and widely known conservationist, was honored recently at the Northwest Sportsman's Show as 1954's Minnesota Master Farmer-Conservationist. Four district toppers also were honored in local celebrations--Andrew Andersen, St. Vincent, Kittson county, northwest district; William Stevermer, Easton, Faribault county, southeast; George Hofelman, Luverne, Rock county, southwest; and Reuben Kuusenen, Hibbing, West St. Louis county, northeast.

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"Plowville '54" Owner is Land-Saving Leader -- The owner of the farm on which "Plowville '54" will be staged next September 17-18 has given the event a good, strong operating base. The owner's name is Walter Cyriacks and his 240-acre farm near Lake Benton has many operating conservation practices. They include a six-year crop rotation, contouring, terraces, waterways, rotation hog pastures--all aided by a wise fertility program.

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Redwood County Soil Conservation District Hits High Gear -- "Plenty busy" is what farm planner Bob Feldt of Redwood Falls will be as the Redwood County Soil Conservation District puts its show on the road. Coming up is 500 acres of contouring on 12 farms. Although Redwood county is mostly level, there's plenty of rolling land along the rivers, subject to erosion, reports County Agent J. I. Swedberg.

Also on Feldt's calendar are plans for 12 farmers who will seed down 20 acres in grassed waterways. Far fewer wet spots, too, after Feldt's checklist is all crossed out--plans call for about 100,000 feet of tile and 10 miles of open drainage. And 20,000 trees are ordered for planting. Sounds like an ambitious program--a real benefit to Redwood county.

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Dry Conditions Create Fire Hazard -- This may be a dry 1954 and a dangerous year for forest fires. This means Minnesotans will want to be extra-cautious with fire while they're near our beautiful northern forests.

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