

# Our LAND



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New Northeast Area Conservationist Chosen -- Leonard E. Bullard of St. Cloud is the new northeast Minnesota Area Conservationist. He succeeds Morrie A Bolline of Stillwater, now Assistant State Conservationist. State Conservationist H. A. Flueck says Bullard's headquarters will be St. Cloud. The change from Stillwater to St. Cloud will provide more efficient service he said.

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Potholes Made Into Wildlife Area -- Jens Jenson of Benton County had two spring-fed potholes that gave him a lot of "static" until recently. The local SCS office encouraged him to fence off the area for wildlife. The large hole had two acres of open water and seemed an ideal place for ducks. Ducks thought so, too. So Jenson built a 1,600-foot fence around the area and planted 500 white pine and spruce along it this spring. He plans more trees and building wood duck-nesting boxes in some trees in one corner of the area. That's six acres a lot better off because of a little thinking.

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Winter Cover Saves Soil -- Winter cover is a wonderful help in preventing soil loss from wind and water erosion. Carl Borgeson, University agronomist, recommends winter wheats such as Minter or Minturki and winter ryes Caribou, Emerald or Imperial. There's not much Caribou seed, however, and no varieties of winter barley suitable to the northern states, of course. Certified seed will insure high purity and top germination, Borgeson says. Certified rye seed is produced on fields at least 40 rods away from other rye as one precaution in the purity-keeping process.

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Two Great Days -- Friday and Saturday, September 17-18. Those are the two great days of Plowville '54. The location again: On the Walter Cyriacks Farm near Lake Benton, Lincoln county. Some outstanding on-farm conservation practices will be shown.