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Lessen Erosion in Soybeans -- Danger of erosion in hilly or not-so-level soybean fields can be lessened by drilling the beans in six-inch rows and sowing a companion crop of winter rye or winter wheat. This suggestion comes from a University of Minnesota Extension agronomist, Ed Jensen. He explains that the winter grains compete with the weeds and give some erosion control. They've also been very effective in controlling some annual weeds. In University fields, the practice has resulted in better control of weeds and higher soybean yields than the drilling in with no cultivation or companion crop. Neither the yield nor the weed control has been as good as in beans in cultivated rows.

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Conservation Ideas to Show in Banks -- The Wright County Soil Conservation District's supervisors are arranging with the county bankers' association to display conservation farm plans in bank lobbies. The customers will see a different farm plan display every week.

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New Watershed Described -- The Rush-Pine Creek watershed lies in Winona, Fillmore and Houston Counties and totals 88,000 acres. Nearly 13,000 acres are in the East Fillmore Conservation District of Fillmore County. East Fillmore farmers grouped into six sub-watersheds of eight to ten farmers, each with a leader. George Highum, chairman of the district board, worked with each group leader and set up dates of their meetings. Beginning meetings were planned to tell all farmers about watershed protection and control and to plan establishment of soil conservation practices on the land. Harold Karli, Extension soil conservation agent at Preston, and Arnold Askre, SCS area farm planner, spoke at each session.

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Plowville '55 -- They're getting ready for a dramatic two days of plowing and conservation demonstrations at Plowville '55, the Trosvik Brothers Farms near Rothsay, up in northwestern Minnesota. The dates: Friday and Saturday, September 16-17.