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Finds Contour Strips Most Productive Land -- "The most productive land on my farm today" -- that's how Al Morrisette, a farmer in the Sibley County Soil Conservation District, describes his contour-stripped acres. "I've had them on my land for about seven years and I can always depend on a crop from these strips -- whereas on some of my flatter fields, even though they're well tilled, I'm not as certain. The only difficulty I had with my strips was making up my mind to go into the idea. Once they were on, I was pleased."

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Silage Show a Great Success -- The University of Minnesota's first Silage Show was a great success. A total of 200 entries occupied one whole floor and took nearly 24 hours to grade. Rodney A. Briggs, extension agronomist did the grading and said he noted one important fact, among several others. Preservative-treated grass silage almost always graded higher than silages which had no preservative.

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Grow Your Own Fence Posts -- Many thrifty farmers grow their own fence posts on a farm woodlot. You can also treat on the farm and lengthen post life several hundred per cent. Full facts on fence post growing and treating are in a new University of Minnesota Extension Folder 153, "Longer Lasting Posts", by Marvin E. Smith, Extension Forester. Folder 153 is available free at county agents' offices.

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Corn Yields Increasing in Contest -- More and more farmers are achieving higher corn yields every year. That is evident from the results of the 1955 Official Minnesota X-Tra Yield corn contest. In 1953, first year of the contest, only 17 out of 161 fields harvested yielded more than 120 bushels per acre. Only one field was above 140 bushels. Now, listen to this: In the 1955 crop, 58 out of 166 farmers entered in the contest made above 120 bushels and 18 made above 140.

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