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Conservation Acres Give 90-bushel Corn -- Walter Kuehl, Luverne, told SCS man Don Briggs that he pulled 90-bushel corn yields off his conservation acres even in 1955's drought. By starting a five-year rotation and contouring eight years ago, he has saved rainfall. Yields were only half as much on the adjoining 80 acres farmed the ordinary way. Walter states frankly he doesn't know how he could have continued farming these past few dry years without his conservation plan. He has been a cooperator in the Rock County Soil Conservation District since 1948.

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Fertilize Red and Alsike Clover Fields Now -- Now is the time to fertilize your red and alsike clover fields for higher seed production. Phosphate fertilizer has given the greatest response and potash gives another boost. But to determine just how much of what fertilizers you should use, you need to have the soil tested. After top-dressing at from 300 to 500 pounds per acre, don't bother to work the fertilizer into the soil. University researchers report yields four times as high from fertilized fields as from unfertilized. The fertilized fields gave us to 600 pounds of seed per acre; the unfertilized, about 150 pounds. And the carryover of fertilizer next fall will give a big increase in the small grain that follows.

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Brainerd Farmer is Big Wildlife Booster -- Brainerd's Bernie Williams today is known as one of the state's foremost county fair leaders and farmers. His interest, however, extends to wildlife conservation. Practices he follows include maintenance of feeding stations for birds, leaving areas along fences and between fields for game protection, and using a flushing bar on his hay mower. At the same time he's the county's largest fertilizer user.

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Big Field Days Coming Up -- It's field day time again and the University of Minnesota's branch experiment stations each will be holding their own special open house during July. These are wonderfully worthwhile events, full of helpful examples of how University crops and livestock specialists get higher yields of meat, milk and grain--and still keep the land in top condition.