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A six-county soil conservation field day is being planned for southern Minnesota this fall. Sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Service with the help of soil conservation district supervisors, it will be held on the Art Byron farm north of Janesville on Sept. 7.

A complete "face lifting" job, including terracing, pasture renovation, contour strips, windbreak planting, grassed waterways, and some 4,000 feet of tiling, will be demonstrated for field day visitors.

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Supervisors in the Carver Soil Conservation District are making a color educational movie of work being done in that district. It will emphasize the complete farm conservation plan being developed by farmers, together with other practices and methods which make up the plan.

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Sydney Frost, Pine Island, never lacks good pasture. Besides ten acres of alfalfa-brome, which he pastures in normal fashion, he let 37 cattle run on 50 acres of alfalfa-brome last summer. Yet the hay yield from this 50 acres was equal to that of the neighborhood. Harvey Bjerke, University Extension Farm Management Specialist, says Frost has learned the value of leaving hilly land in grass.

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Seventeen Murray county farmers shifted their field management to include 660 acres of contouring, 175 acres of strip cropping, and 34 sodded waterways last summer. They did it with the help of Dell Pryor, a fieldman hired by the county commissioners to help County Agent A. B. Hagen in weed control and soil conservation. U Farm extension specialists guided Pryor in his conservation work.