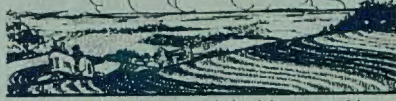


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Plowville '54 Visitors "Sold" on Conservation -- Nearly 60 tractor-drawn tour wagons were in action at Plowville '54, Sept. 17-18. Their job: carriers of the nearly 20,000 people who came to see conservation practices put into action on actual farm land problems. Arnold Claassen, Soil Conservation Agent at Ivanhoe, says the wagons brought people close to the land and soil problems.

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Soybeans Can Improve Soil -- Growing inoculated soybeans is not a good substitute for deep-rooted legumes in a rotation. This advice comes from Edwin H. Jensen, University extension agronomist. It's true, he says, that properly inoculated soybeans get most of their needed nitrogen from the air. But unless much of the top-growth is turned under, little nitrogen will go back into the soil. If both the seed and straw are removed from the field there may even be a loss of nitrogen from the soil. When soybeans are harvested for hay or silage, far more nitrogen is taken from the soil than is put back by roots and stubble.

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Protect Trees from Rabbits -- Rabbits in your area? Plan now to protect young tree plantings. Cottontail and his cousin Jack feed on the tender bark and tops. Marvin Smith, Extension Forester at the University, says most damage occurs when snow has covered the rabbits' other food. One farmer put pruned limbs from apple trees among his young shelterbelt. Rabbits prefer the apple wood and don't bother the young trees. A boy, his dog, and a gun also help. Rabbit repellents, too, get the job done. There are several good ones, but they should be applied in the fall to be most effective.

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Outstanding Conservation Farmer Chosen -- Chester Possehl, Baker, was chosen as the outstanding conservation farmer in the Clay County Soil Conservation District, which placed first in Goodyear Awards competition. Possehl and one of the district supervisors will receive an expense-paid trip to Goodyear Farms, Litchfield Park, Arizona, some time this winter.