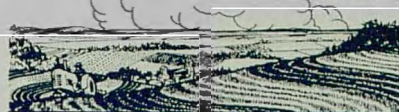


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A good mulch applied to the surface of the soil around tomato plants in the latter half of July or early August will help to control weeds, avoid erosion, conserve moisture and keep fruits clean, points out O. C. Turnquist, extension horticulturist at University Farm. Straw is probably best, but lawn grass clippings or ground corn cobs are suitable. To keep leaves of mulched plants from turning yellow, apply 2 to 3 pounds per 100 square feet of a fertilizer similar to 5-10-5 or 4-12-4 to the mulch.

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Lake improvement project is part of the complete farm conservation plan of Robert Jeffers, Prior Lake. With engineering help from U. S. Soil Conservation Service, Jeffers constructed inlet and outlet structures, diverted useless water from a slough into the lake. He increased lake surface from 12 to 16 acres and the depth by 4 feet. Stocked with bass and bluegills and fenced against livestock, the lake will provide recreation, wildlife area, and beautiful building site for new home.

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Herb Johnson, Hadley, Minnesota, and D. E. Blake, Webster City, Iowa, experienced owners of beef cattle herds, will give first-hand accounts of problems in starting and maintaining a beef cow herd at the Livestock and Land Institute, at Albert Lea, September 26. Ways in which different types of land use can be adapted to fit high income beef production will be brought out at the Institute.

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As part of Hay Creek flood control program, students from Red Wing High School and Training School planted 10,000 red and jack pines on farms in Hay Creek Valley this year. Soil Conservation Service personnel, county agent, and school staff members acted as "foremen". Program includes reforestation, complete soil conservation on farm land and -- later -- structures on Hay Creek and tributaries.

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