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Clarence Nelson, farm owner and co-operator with Dakhue Soil Conservation District, says his tenant, George Fox, has a farm as long as he wants it. It seems that Fox "sold" Nelson on a complete farm conservation program. Nelson reports: "In 1946 our grain crop was 300 bushels, not nearly enough hay, pastures little better than nothing and it took 21 acres to fill our 14 by 48-foot silo. Quite different in 1950...2,300 bushels of grain from fewer acres...15 acres produced more pasture than 60 acres 3 years ago...13 acres filled the silo."

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E. R. Duncan, extension soil specialist at University Farm, reports that Cy Crawford of Winona county has found that pasture improvement pays off in a big way. Weak bluegrass and short ragweeds of two years ago were replaced this past summer by brome-grass, alfalfa and sweet clover. You have to talk to Cy to get the full story, but he is going ahead with additional pasture improvement each year.

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Willard Prink, co-operator with Dakhue Soil Conservation District, finds that improved pasture is an important—and profitable—part of a complete farm conservation plan he developed with help of U.S. Soil Conservation Service. He has his pasture divided into five parts. He rotated his livestock among four fields this year. The fifth he seeded last spring to brome, sweet clover, alfalfa and red clover. In spring, his slogan is: "Let the grass get a start on the cows, instead of the cows getting a start on the grass."

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Much interest in teaching soil conservation in rural graded schools is being shown, reports Roger Harris, University Farm extension soil conservation specialist. While attending fall institutes of county rural school teachers, Harris pointed out ways of obtaining assistance and materials for instructors' use. Kits of helpful material for rural school teachers may be requested through the county superintendent of schools and the county agent.

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