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Water now goes under the bridge in Fred Schmidt's yard near Blakely, instead of five feet over it. He has terraces and other practices which cut the runoff from fields above the farmstead. A 20-foot gully has been checked. His yields are up, enabling him to decrease acres in grain and make better use of land.

Schmidt did the job by developing a complete farm conservation plan with the help of SCS men in Scott county.

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S. B. Cleland, U Farm extension specialist, says farmers near Crookston are reporting good success with delayed planting of alfalfa. Instead of planting alfalfa with a companion crop, they wait until wheat or oats is about 3 inches tall. If it is flax, they wait until it is 1 to 2 inches tall. Then they seed the alfalfa at right angles to the grain rows with a press drill set very shallow.

Biggest advantage of the delayed seeding is that the soil has a chance to settle. In addition, the farmers find they can spray to kill mustard and other weeds before the alfalfa is seeded.

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The East Fillmore Soil Conservation District is giving a year's subscription to SOIL CONSERVATION, official U. S. Soil Conservation Service magazine, to each of the seven village school systems. It will be placed in a library or some other central place where students can use it.

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"A small investment of time and money toward stimulating 4-H club activity in soil saving and soil rebuilding practices is the soundest investment an implement dealer can make toward Continuing the American Way of Life through future generations," --- Leonard Harkness, Minnesota 4-H club leader.

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