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### How Good Roads Add To Your Pleasure and Freedom

THIS is vacation time, the time when the farmer as well as the townsman should be having at least an occasional outing, taking a little time for rest and recreation, and seeing something fresh and new.

Long vacations are often impossible to the farmer and his family, but that is only the more reason why they should have a great many short vacations.

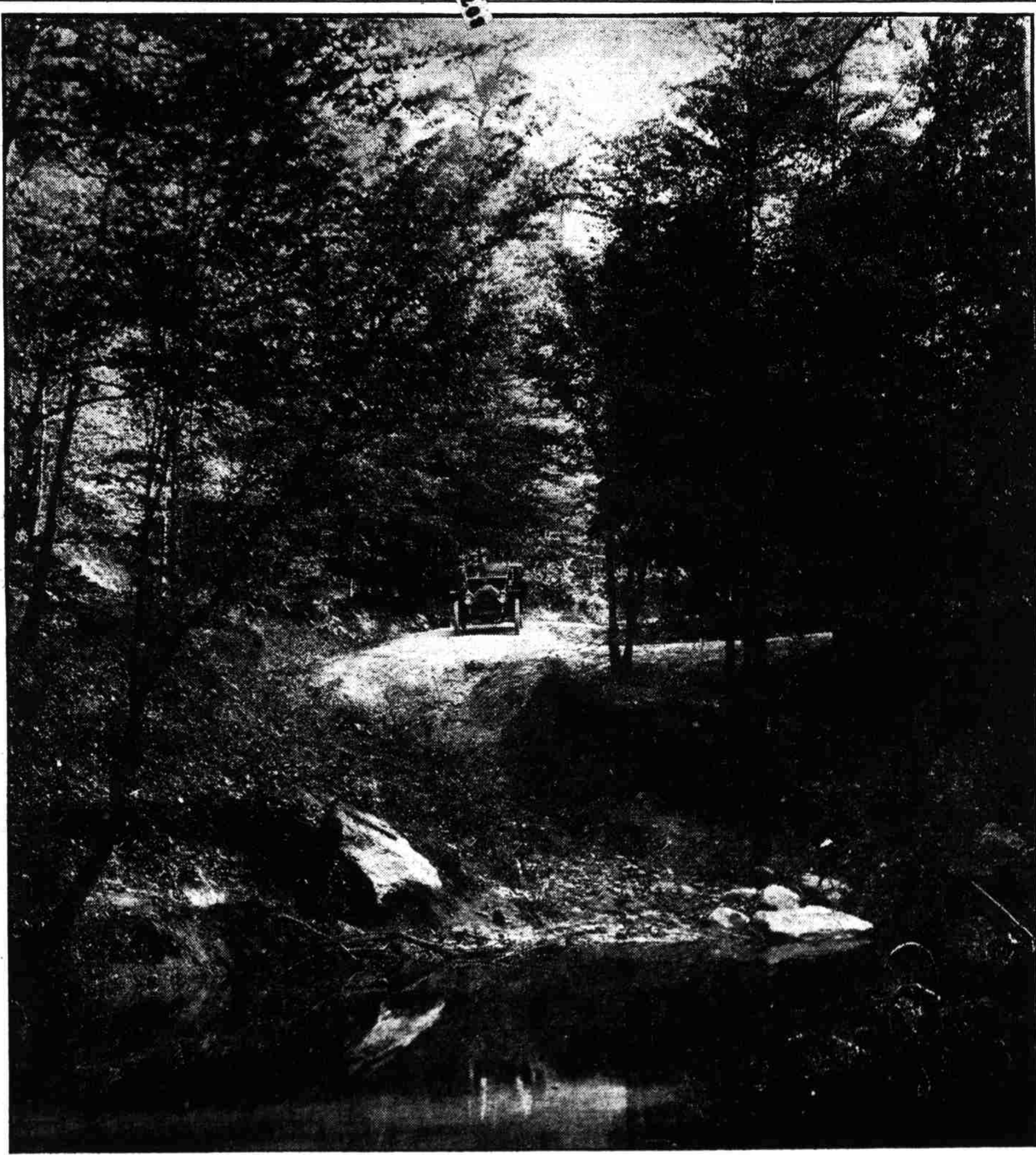
Did you ever reflect, gentle reader, on how much your roads have to do with your ability to get pleasure out of these days of recreation, even, in many cases, your ability to take them at all?

Five miles to the picnic ground—does that mean for you an hour's hard work guiding your team over "chugs" and ruts and around and through mudholes, with tired horses and soiled clothes when you get there, or does it mean a pleasant drive of thirty minutes or less with no exertion on your part and little on the part of your team?

In the winter when the plays and lectures come to your town, can you drive in and arrive as neat and calm as any townsman, or do you think of all the long stretches of bad roads between you and the town hall, and decide to stay at home rather than face them?

Good roads are needed not only because they save the farmer money and increase land values, but because in a very real sense they bring him nearer to all the rest of the world, and enable him and his family to share in pleasures and privileges often out of his reach when roads are bad.

When you go to figure on the cost and the value of improved highways, do not forget that they have a very real and a very great value in the added enjoyment and the added freedom they bring; and that this is a benefit not less real than a reduction in the cost of the hauling you do,



AT THE TURN OF THE ROAD.

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