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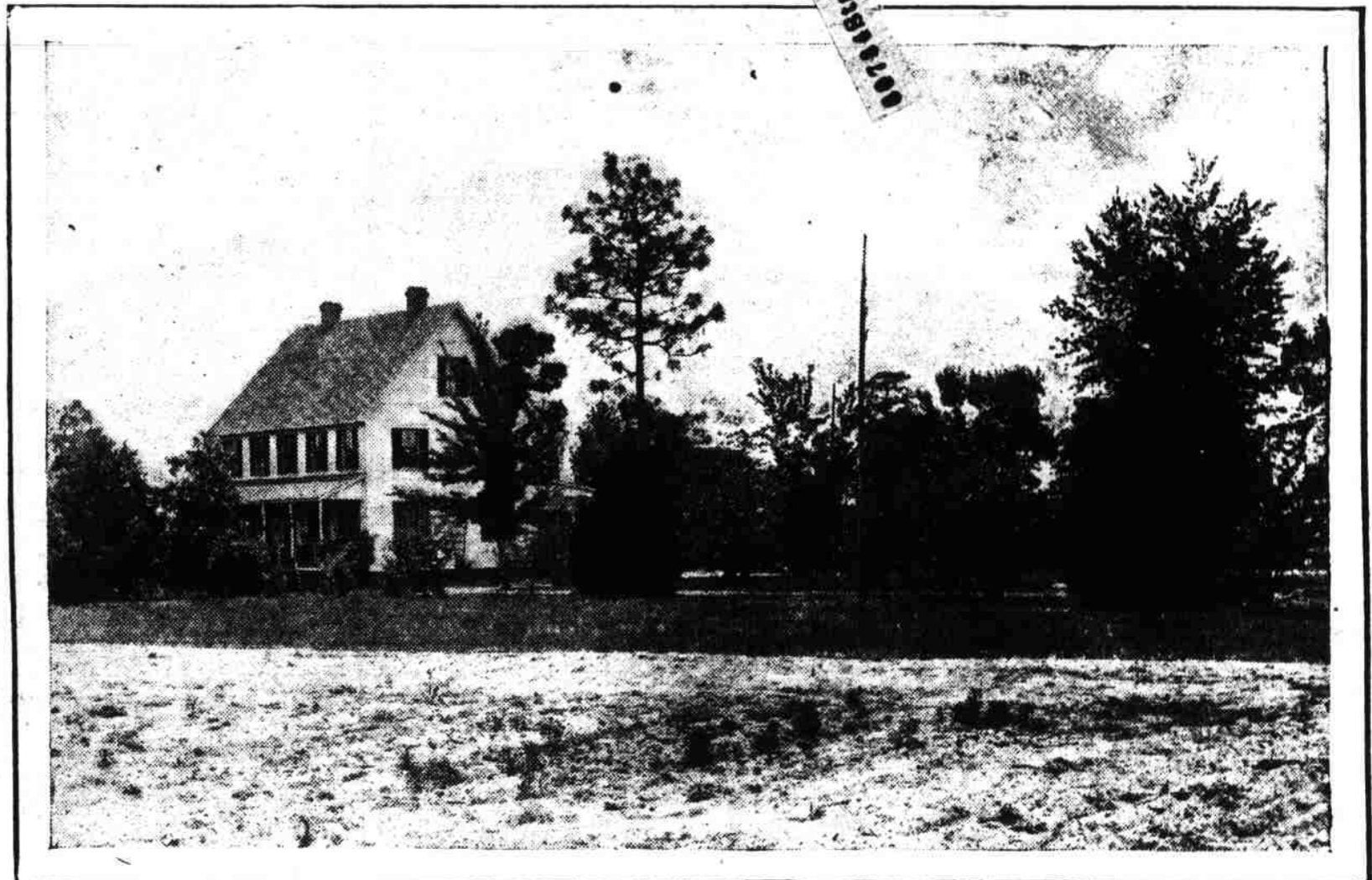
## LET'S HAVE AN ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY

IN MANY towns and cities of the country it is the custom to have an annual clean-up day—a day on which all the old cans, bottles, brickbats, newspapers and junk generally are collected and carted away, no longer to remain a source of mortification to the citizens who take a pride in the beauty of their surroundings. Such clean-up campaigns pay, too—not alone in the added pride and self-respect that come from having things looking their best, but in improved health conditions and in the attractiveness of such a town to visitors. Who will say that a city of green lawns and flowers, clean streets and sidewalks, does not exert a powerful pull on the country boy or girl, already dissatisfied with the farm?

Our boys are going to town simply because we have allowed the town to become more attractive to them—more attractive financially, more attractive socially, more attractive in surroundings generally. To counteract this dangerous tendency to desert the farm there is only one remedy—make the country a better place than the city for the country boy and girl. Not only make it better, but make it so clearly, so plainly superior that its advantages will stand out so boldly that every country child may see and know them.

The farm is a place for hard work, 'tis true; but it must be made a place of joy and happiness if it is to compete with the city that is greedily reaching out for our best blood and brain.

It is the busy season, we know, the season of long days, filled with hard work; but it is also the season when nature is at her best and is most enjoyable. Did you ever think, Mr. Farmer, that mother and the



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girls have a right to expect flowers and cool, green lawns, instead of the hard, bare ground, with wornout plows, harrows and cultivators, broken wagon parts and numberless other pieces of junk scattered pell-mell about the premises? The right to a bit of beauty is the heritage of every human being, and nowhere may it be had more easily and cheaply than on the farm.

Besides, it pays, if we care to take that view of it—pays in the example of neatness and order set the farm boy and girl; in the added attractiveness it lends to farm life; in the satisfaction and betterment that come from association.

Some time ago we had an article on "Fixing Day on the Farm;" how about establishing a regular "Clean-up Day," when everything should be made tidy and ship-shape?



SHRUBS AND FLOWERS ADD TO THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF THIS SIMPLE DOORYARD

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