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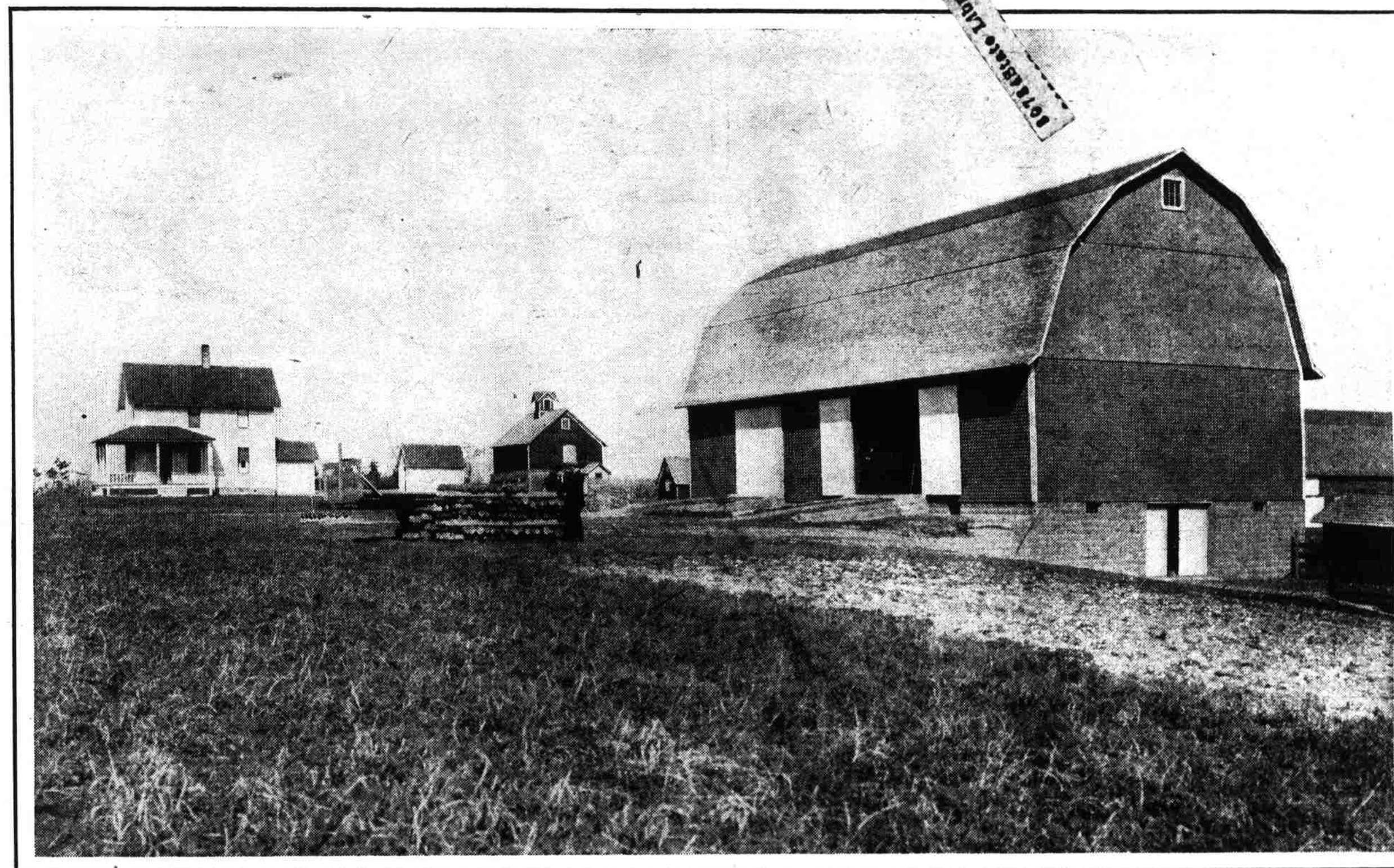
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## Now Is the Time to Plan Next Year's Work



A WELL PLANNED GROUP OF FARM BUILDINGS  
This is the season of the year for making systematic plans for the next year's work; attention to the farm buildings should receive early consideration

THESE bright fall days find the average Southern farmer busy in the harvest fields, and a large part of our time and efforts are necessarily taken up with this work; but at the same time let us not forget that autumn is the logical time for planning our farm operations for the next twelve months. Unquestionably one of the serious defects of our farming system has been a lack of adequate plans and the tendency to do things in a haphazard way, which is equivalent to doing them in an unprofitable way.

One of the things to which we hope Progressive Farmer readers will give immediate attention is that of establishing a well defined crop rotation that can be adhered to for years. It is said that in European countries such systematic rotations are followed that the farmer can tell just what crop grew on a particular piece of land ten years ago, and what crop will be planted on it ten years hence. Of course it is needless to say that in the South perhaps not one farmer in a thousand has his plans so systematically laid.

What rotation shall be followed must of course be determined by the individual farmer and his local conditions; but for

the man who makes cotton, corn and oats his staple crops, it will undoubtedly pay to divide the cultivated land into two equal parts, one of these to go in cotton and the other to corn and oats, with cotton on the corn and oat land the following year and the grain on the land that grew cotton. In this way, with peas in the corn; peas, beans, or lespedeza following the oats; and crimson clover sown in the cotton middles

in the fall, there is no reason why our lands should not make forty bushels of corn and a bale of cotton per acre with less commercial fertilizers than we are now using.

Other work that should be planned now is the tiling of that low wet spot down in the field; stopping those washes on the hillside and building broad terraces wherever needed; and removing the stumps on the newly cleared land.

When we have systematized our farm operations, installed a rational plan of crop rotations, and made our farms the business-like plants, both in production and marketing, that they should be, we will have taken a long step toward putting the farm on a profitable basis.

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