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## Don't Let the Flies and Mosquitoes Get Start

IN FIELD, orchard and garden and about the farm home April is the month in which harmful pests begin to multiply, and unless steps be taken at once to control them they will soon be beyond control. On other pages of this issue we are dealing particularly with the insect pests that affect crop production, and here we wish especially to deal with our old-time enemies, the fly and mosquito.

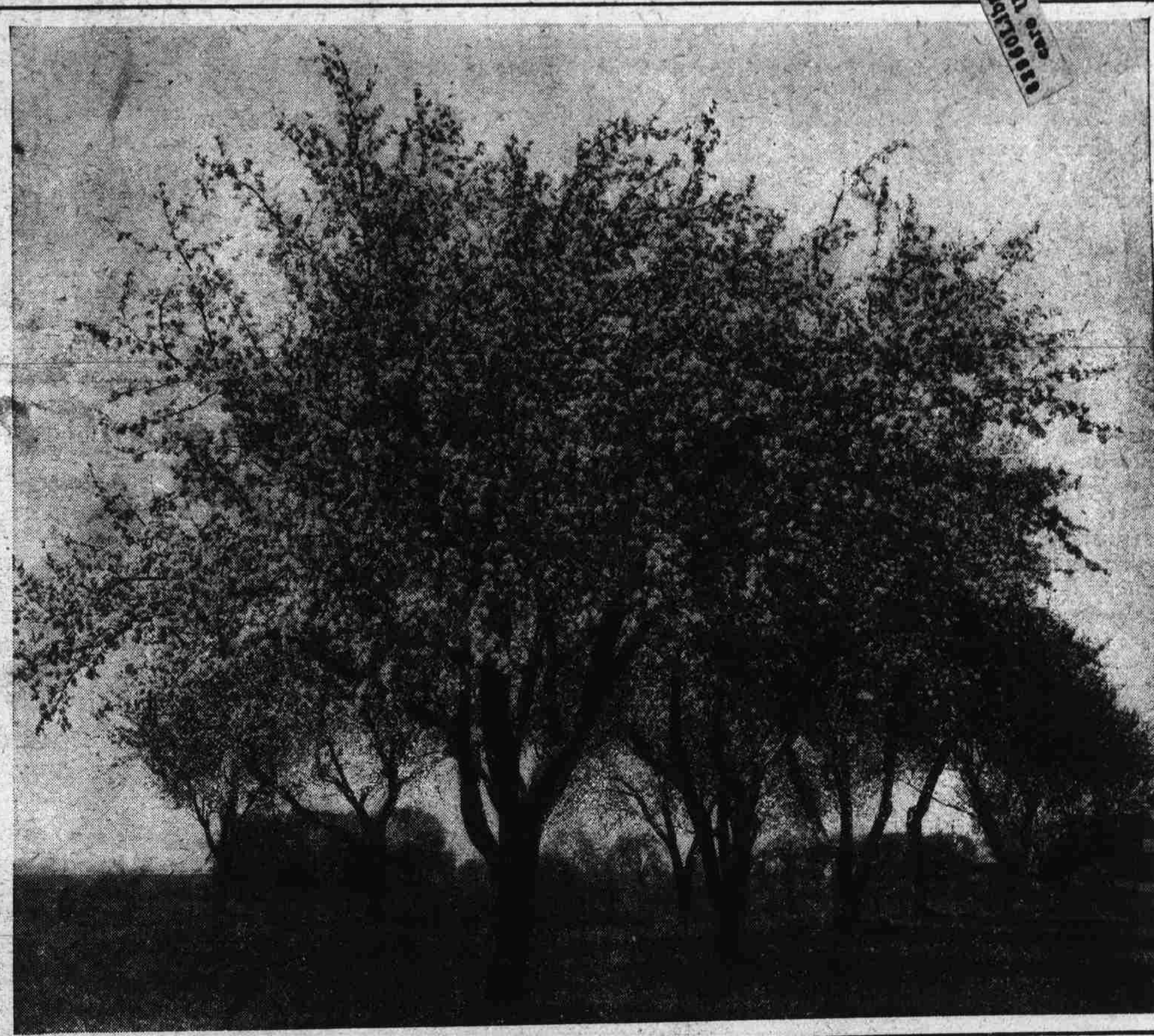
We have recently heard a great deal about economy, but we doubt if enough has been said about health conservation, which, after all, is one of the finest kinds of economy measures, and one that in the end will pay us the most substantial dividends. Every year the fly-borne disease, typhoid fever, and the mosquito-borne malaria are responsible for thousands and thousands of unnecessary deaths, lingering illnesses, greatly impaired efficiency, and untold millions in doctors' bills.

**Typhoid fever and malaria are preventable diseases,** and there

is no good reason why they should not be absolutely banished from our country. It may sound a little hard, but do you know that it is somebody's fault when there is an outbreak of typhoid in your family or your neighborhood? Somebody's fault when your loved ones suffer from malaria borne by mosquitoes that should never have been allowed to breed? Right now is the time to fight these death-carrying pests, and it is again a case where an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

**Don't let the flies and mosquitoes breed.**

Perhaps 90 per cent of the common house flies breed in horse manure in the stables, and this can be prevented by cleaning out the stables at least once a week and keeping the manure in screened receptacles until it can be put on the fields. If this cannot be done, powdered borax frequently sprinkled over the manure will keep flies from breeding. Then be careful to see that no flies have access to privies and garbage



Round them danced the sunbeams bright,  
Green the grass-lawn stretched before them,  
While the apple blossoms white  
Hung in rich profusion o'er them.—Will Carleton.

piles, and our usual plague of flies will be a thing of the past.

Science has proved that a particular kind of mosquito is entirely responsible for malaria, and if this particular species of mosquito never bites us we are certain never to suffer with chills and fever. Here, too, it

is a simple case of prevention—not letting these pests breed. All ponds and stagnant pools should be drained, or if this is impossible, they should be oiled once a week. Buckets, barrels, tin cans and like receptacles should be kept emptied of water, and thickets of weeds and underbrush that might harbor mosquitoes should be cleaned up.

After all these precautions have been taken, every window and door in the house should be carefully screened. The expense of this will not be great, and it is the best kind of insurance against doctors' bills, sickness and death. Good health is one of the biggest and best things life gives us. Let's make sure of our share of it by swatting the fly and mosquito now.

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