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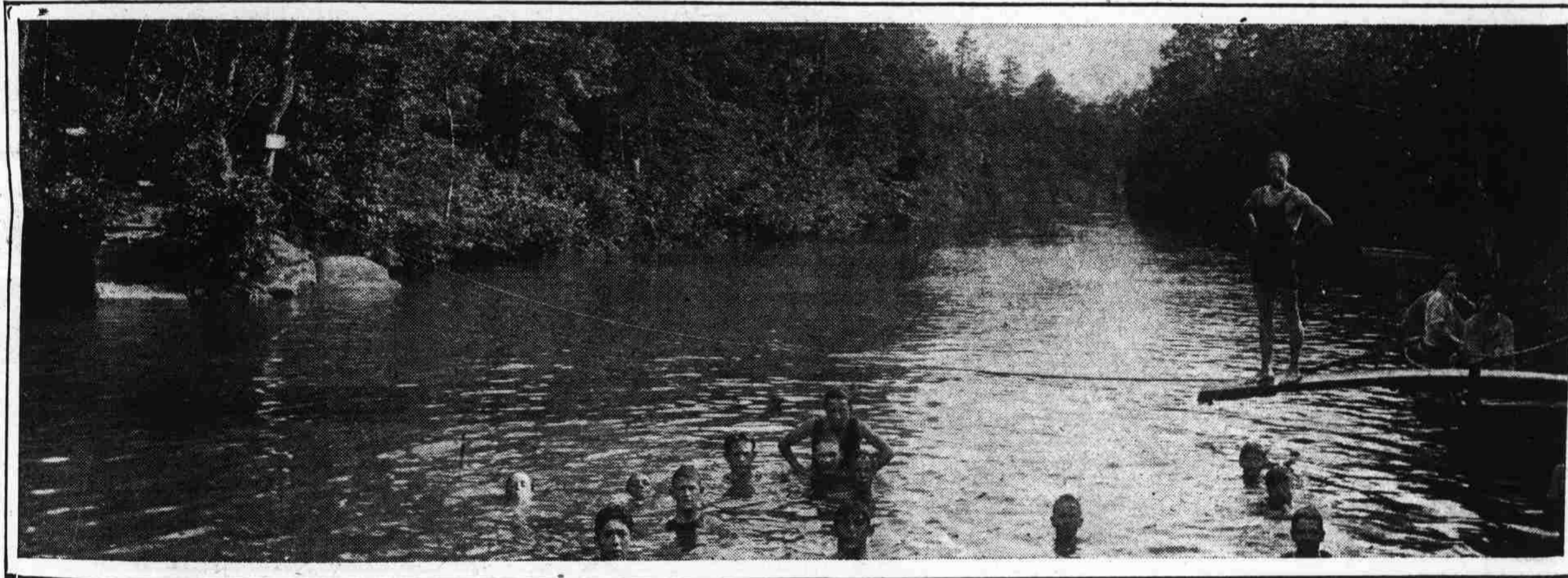
PLAN NOW FOR THAT VACATION AND PICNIC

HOW about a few days off for yourself and your family this summer, Mr. Progressive Farmer? In short, how about a real vacation for you, your wife, your boys and girls?

"Oh, we can't afford it," we hear you say. The truth is, you can't afford *not* to afford it. You can't afford, however fine your farm may be, to stick by it day in and day out for 365 days in the year. If you do you're going to dry up the wells of good will and human fellowship in your heart; Mrs. Progressive Farmer is going to feel, and rightly so, that something is lacking in her life; and the boys and girls, as soon as

neighborhood that you have long wanted to visit but somehow never found the time. Hitch up and go! Take as much time as may be necessary—camping or spending the nights with friends—and get a line on how other folks do things. Or you might go on a trip to see some kinsfolk of your own or your wife's or some loved old neighbors who have moved to a distant section—friends you know really want to see you.

Or if you find it simply impossible to go on a several days' outing, why not make it a rule during the next two months to have Saturdays



THE JOYS OF THE OLD SWIMMING HOLE

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Go on a vacation this summer—break away from things for a few days and you will come back ready for some of the best work you have ever done.

they get old enough, will likely voice their protests by leaving the farm forever.

Hard work with a liberal amount of thought behind it is unquestionably the first essential to success; but if one farmer clears two thousand dollars a year by driving himself and his family month after month and year after year, with never a Saturday off for a game of ball, a picnic or a fishing trip, while his neighbor, though making less perhaps financially, joins with his family in their games and outings as well as in their work, instilling in them an undying love for the open country and for farm life, we should call the latter far the more successful and richer man.

So it's settled, and we're going on that outing! Where? Oh, anywhere, just so we travel over new roads, see new scenes, breathe fresh air, and take it all with a spirit of fun and play that will bring us back home feeling twenty years younger.

Maybe there's a cool brook back in the hills, where the fish bite and the cool air is like a tonic; where, after a day of strenuous fun, you can lie and look up at the stars and make plans for the old farm, for the boys and girls, for mother, that would never have come amid your every-day surroundings. Or maybe off in another corner of the county, or even in an adjoining county, there is a particularly enterprising

as vacation days, the whole family to break away and go fishing, on a picnic, or to a neighborhood ball-game?

Whatever form your vacation takes, be sure that you and your family do not deny yourselves the joys of a few days off. However fine our work may be, however we may love it, if our minds are to be kept keen and clear and our

bodies fit, it is good to get away from it a few days in the year. It is well not to forget that only as we make our lives well rounded and balanced, giving due emphasis to play and recreation as well as to work, can we make farm life permanent and satisfying. "Keep the boys on the farm by letting them off the farm occasionally," very truly says the Dakota Farmer, and the same truth applies as well to the rest of the family. Make the joy of play, of social intercourse, a part of our farm life. By so doing we will plant in the heart of every child a love for the country that will never be forgotten; we will create a tie that will hold through all the after years against the city's call.

Right now is the time to plan for that vacation, after crops are laid by, and don't make a single plan that doesn't include every one in the family, from Mother and Dad down to the tiniest little tot.

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