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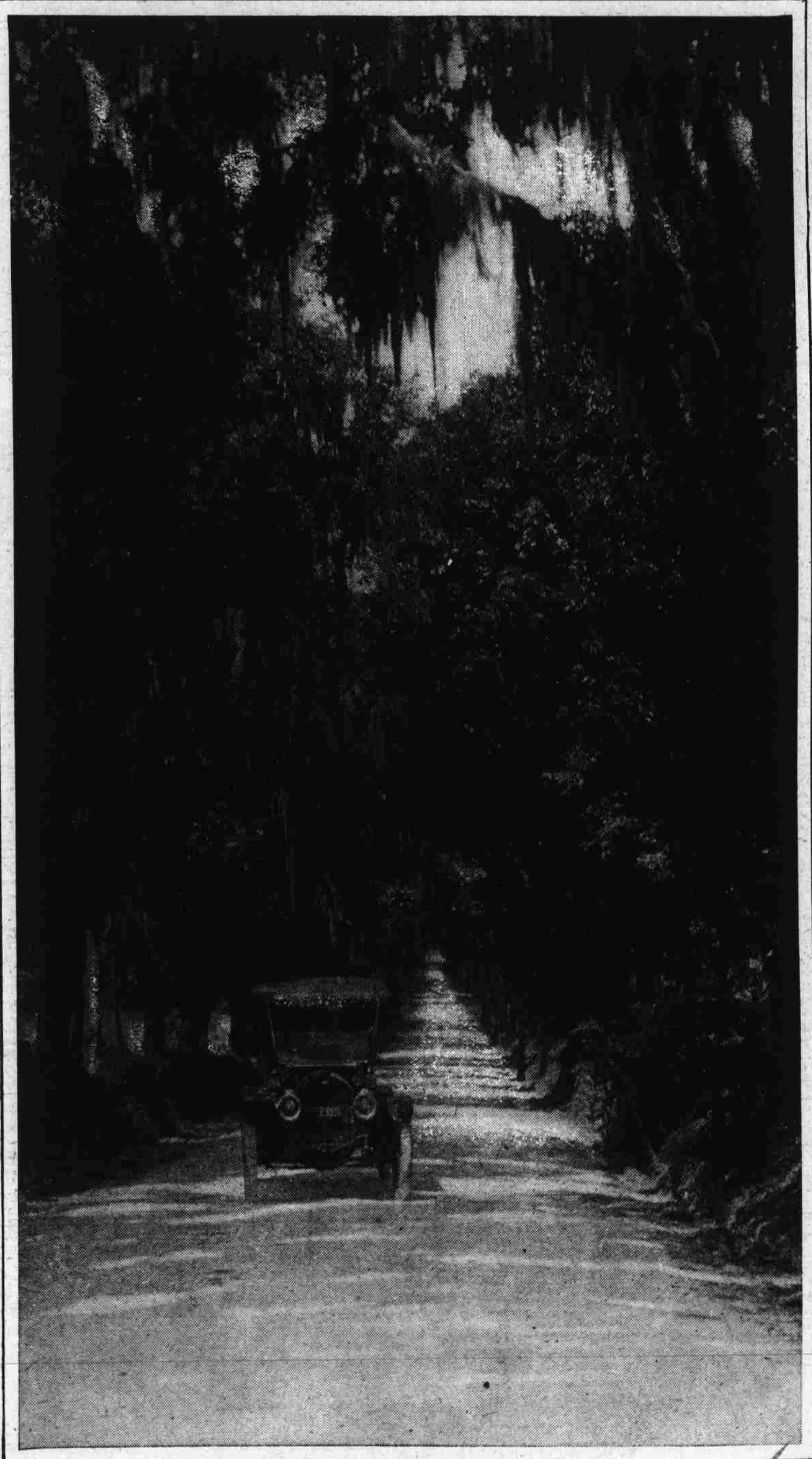
MIX SOME PLAY WITH YOUR WORK

THE fish are biting down on the creek; out at the millpond there are cool water lanes over-arched with trees where it is a joy to drop a hook and lazily wait for a nibble; ashore in the deep cool woods mayhap a picnic dinner is waiting; the old swimming hole, cold and clear, calls us as it called in our boyhood; peaches and plums are ripening, watermelon patches are abloom with sweet promises, corn and cotton are booming in the warm sunshine, the open road invites us.

What has all this to do with better farming? Simply this, that the best of better farming must also include better living, and better living means in part at least that we shall go joyously about our jobs, that laughter shall be mixed with labor.

Where is the boy who will not put more drive into his work if he knows that at its end there is a fishing excursion or the swimming hole? What farm woman or farm girl does not do her work all the better for an occasional picnic or outing? Which boy will have the greater love for the farm, he who is hard driven till Saturday night, or he who plays baseball Saturday afternoon, with an enthusiastic dad there to cheer his boy's team on to victory?

Don't let's forget that after all, steady grinding day in and day out, year after year, is not success. It's the spirit we put into our work that determines what shall come out of it. Break away for a day or a half-day. See your neighbors, see what they are doing and how; try the high dive at the swimming hole as you did in the days of yore; go to the ball game and see how loud you can yell; unbend, limber up, tackle your job with a smile instead of a scowl and a growl. Then at the year's end, whatever the harvest, you will call the season a good one.



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