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# Our Farm Women

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## UNITED FARM WOMEN'S PROGRAM

**March 3—Plans for a Fairly Prosperous House.**

Roll call: Answer by the names of birds each has around the house.  
 Reading: "The Man and His Two Wives." (Aesop's Fables.)  
 Music: Mendelssohn's "Spring Song."  
 Paper: How an architect can get us more for the money.  
 Song: "Old Black Joe."  
 Discussion:  
 (a) The number and arrangement of rooms for a family of five.  
 (b) The importance of screens and sleeping porches.  
 (c) Real comforts a fair degree of prosperity can bring.  
 (1) Power washing machine; (2) power churn; (3) power wood cutter; (4) dinner wagon or wheel tray; (5) fireless cooker, oil stove and excellent range; (6) stained floors; (7) freedom from flies and mosquitoes.  
 Refreshments: Fruit gelatine, whipped cream, cake.

perience with pecans and magnolias is that they are about as hard to raise as a baby, and observation teaches that it takes a great many more years.

**"INTERESTED READER."**  
 Answer.—Alas, I wish that I might answer your question satisfactorily. Until such time as men realize the money that beauty brings to a community, or the women who do realize it are permitted to share in making our road laws, I fear we shall make slow progress.

It is discouraging to plant lovely cannas and have the hogs eat them up; it is worse than discouraging to dedicate a fine pecan or walnut tree to the public and have some one hitch a hungry flop-eared mule to it. All we can do, it seems at present, is to each give individual care to those things which we plant, a few stakes around it, or a little bracing now and then.

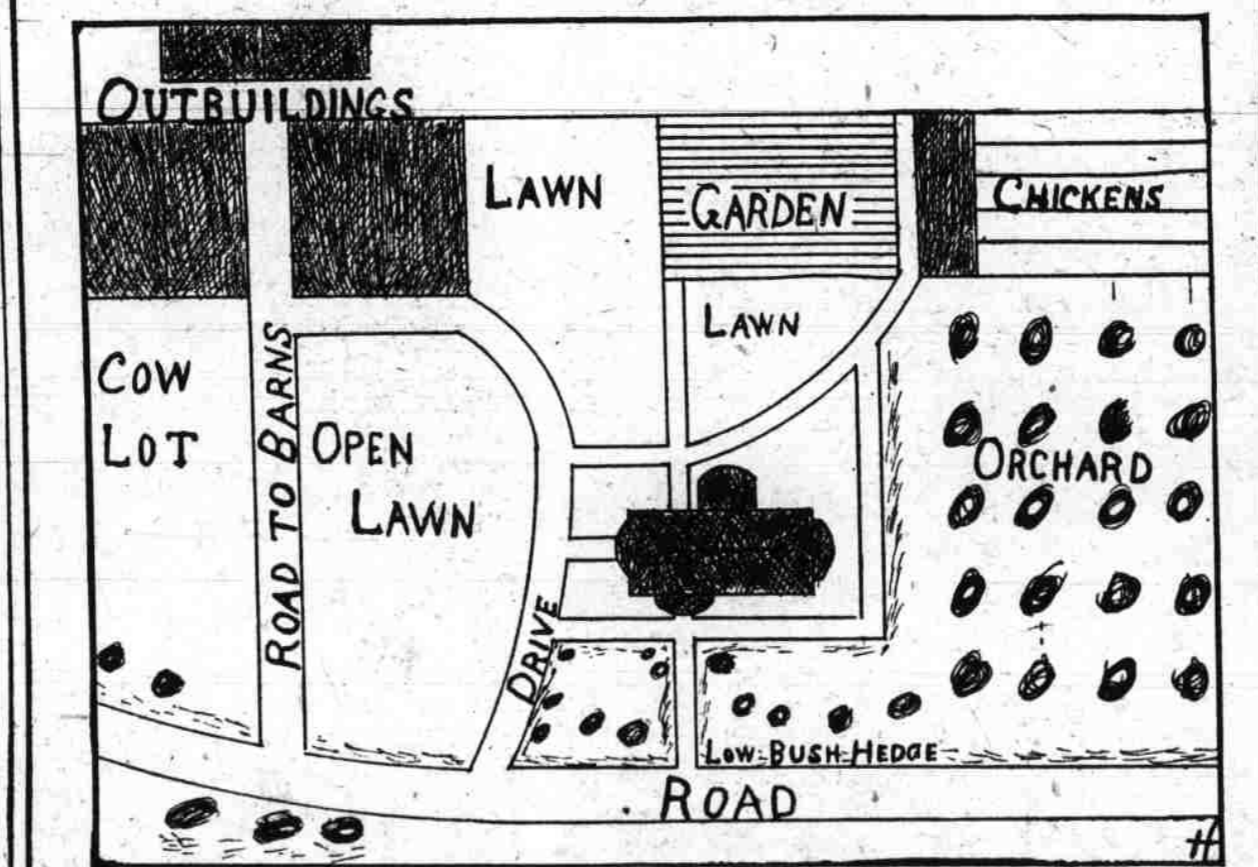
I do not think we shall mind the old Negress, for maybe she will return the flowers to the roadside ten-fold. The real beneficiaries and offenders are the tourists, who go through in automobiles, plucking the blossoms

## WHAT SHALL WE DO ABOUT ROADSIDE PESTS?

**We Must Not Be Discouraged in Our Efforts at Making Our Highways Beautiful**

I HAVE read the article in your department of January 27 issue, en-

## PLANNING THE HOME GROUNDS



**T**HE beauty of a home depends upon its planning rather than its planting. In this home picture plan there is a good, open, spacious, unbroken lawn, bordered by bushes and trees. The flowers flank the edge of the lawn and walks, but are not scattered. There are vistas whichever way you may look; no hard straight lines anywhere take from its restfulness.

titled, "A Plant for Every Baby." The idea is a beautiful one, and appeals very strongly, but I would like to ask a few questions that naturally arise.

1. Who is going to protect the plants along the highways of Florida; who is to prevent any old Negress from helping herself to the plants that strike her fancy?
2. Who is to keep down the weeds that, unless eradicated, will outgrow the perennials, until the latter are firmly established?
3. Who is to enforce the law against hogs? In some sections of Mississippi the hog is turned out to get his own living as the crop is gathered, especially if corn is scarce. No doubt many of us have perennials which must be separated yearly, and are often thrown away, such as hardy chrysanthemums, perennial phlox, many varieties of iris, golden glow, and others, which could be used on the highways.

At our State Conference of D. A. R. in February last, a member from Greenwood, Miss., urged that something be done to prevent the destruction of holly trees and that the planting of magnolia and crape myrtle trees be encouraged. Now your article urges the planting of palms, camphor trees and pecans. My ex-

as they will. If, however, the tourists spend a few dollars in the neighborhood we are repaid. It is for us to have something to sell, some cold buttermilk, a few sandwiches, perhaps.

Our real pay is the feeling that because of us our little corner of the world is lovelier, for out of many plantings a few will stand. If, further, it induces the powers that be to control the hogs, weeds and other roadside pests, it will be worth while.

### A Pretty Bed Spread

**O**NE thing that my neighbor has lately done is worth telling. She took three yards of unbleached sheeting, stitched a six-inch border of gay cretonne around it, just where it would come on top of sides and ends of bed, and made a pretty bed spread. The cover for pillows was made in the same way, only the cretonne border was only two inches.

Another spread was made like this, except the border was crocheted of heavy ball thread. My neighbor has a knack of turning commonplace things into beauty and adding a touch of refinement to all she does.  
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