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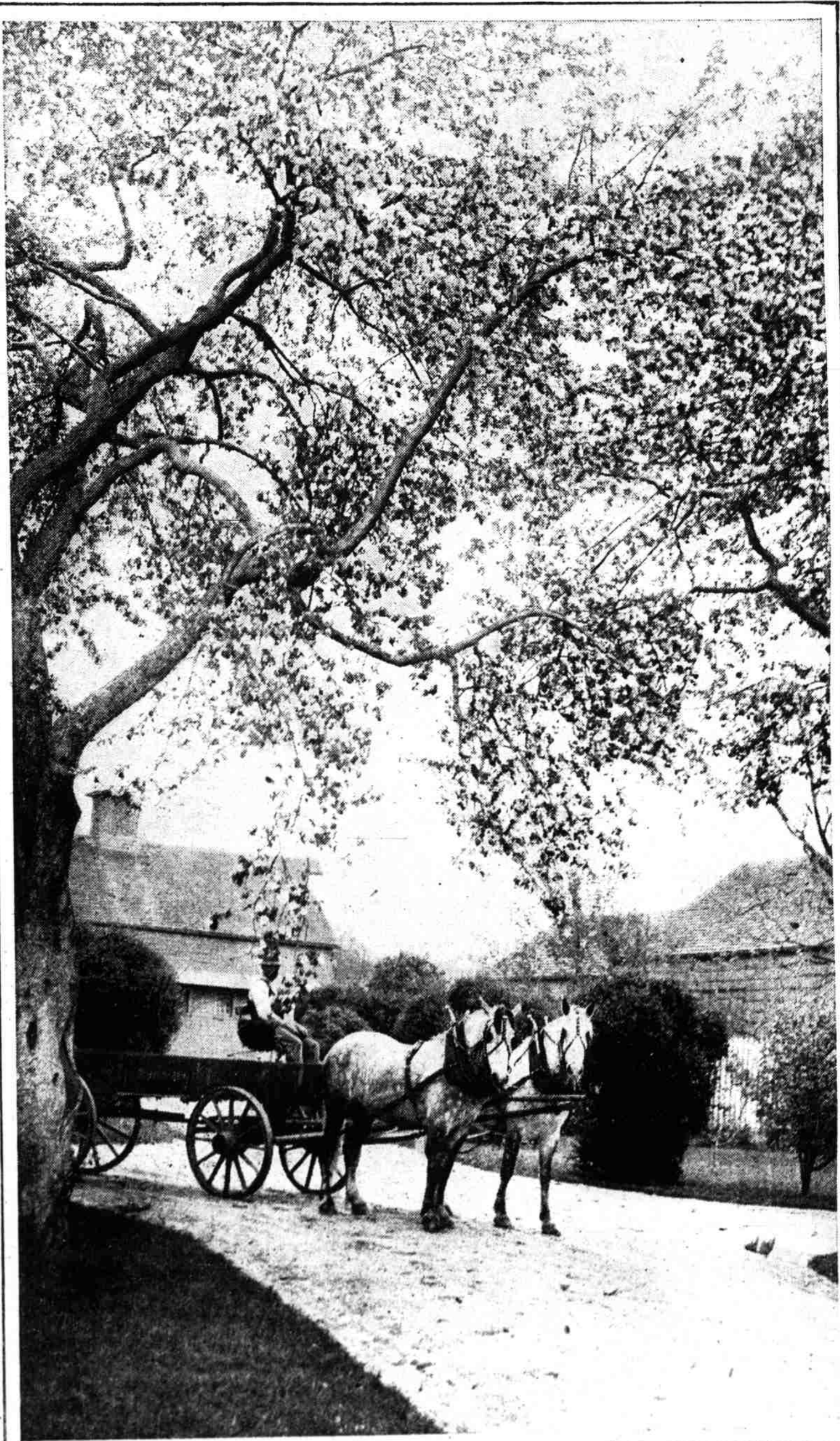
## War Seems Certain: Let Food and Feed Come First

WITH the United States on the brink of the great world war, the fact stands out clearly that foods and feedstuffs will all this year and probably for several years to come be in demand at higher prices than have been known for fifty years. War has always meant high prices for the things we eat, and high as prices are now, actual war will probably put them higher still. Nearly every day prices on flour, corn, meat, lard, hay and similar commodities are marked up, and the end is nowhere in sight.

The situation affords a lesson to the Southern farmer and likewise points plainly to his duty. As we have many times pointed out, no farmer who does not first of all provide food for himself and his family and feed for his livestock is likely ever to get anywhere financially. And now that food and feed prices are so high, we may well consider not only amply supplying our own needs, but producing a surplus to sell. Hogs are now selling for fifteen cents a pound on foot, and nowhere in America can they be raised cheaper than right here in the Cotton Belt. Corn is bringing \$1.40 a bushel, oats 80 cents, hay \$18 to \$30 a ton, and Southern farmers have the conditions for producing these at a lower cost than the Northern or Western farmer.

The plain truth is that Southern farmers are face to face with the opportunity of a lifetime. Everything they can and should produce is high-priced and likely to remain so; and for the farmer who farms right there should be few things to buy. Some cotton should and will be raised, and if we feed ourselves, our stock and our soils, what cotton we do grow will be clear cash.

Will you, Brother Farmer, see and seize this golden opportunity? The time to decide is now.



APPLE BLOSSOM TIME

Courtesy St. Louis Farmer

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