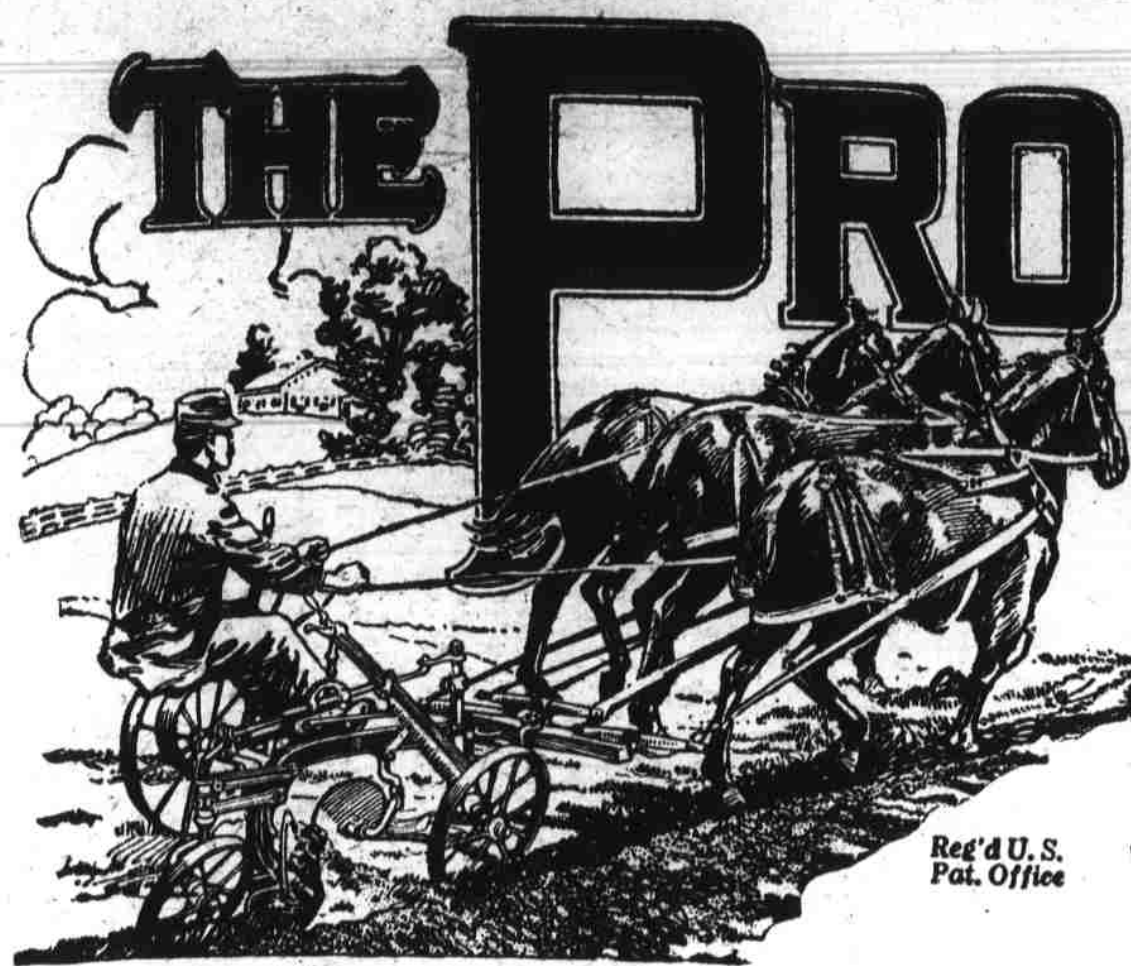


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Make Plans Now to Have a Good Home Orchard

DO you and your family have fruit of some kind 365 days in the year? Is this fruit home-grown?

Fruit as a food and promoter of good health is, we fear, too little

kind that are known to do well in any particular locality, but enough varieties of each kind should be planted to have a succession as nearly all season as possible. Of peaches, for instance, there may be



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appreciated on the average Southern farm. There is much truth in the old saying: "An apple a day keeps the doctor away," for the acids and salts in fruit juices possess health-giving properties surpassing all the drugs and nostrums in the world. The fruit-eating family is usually a family with rosy cheeks and only a slight acquaintance with the doctor and drug store man.

This fall, with prosperity pretty general all over the Cotton Belt, every farmer who hasn't one already should make plans to have a really first-class home orchard. In doing this, it must be remembered that a few peach and apple trees, with fruit ripening for only a few weeks at best, fall far short of a good orchard; for a good orchard means plenty of fresh fruit from May until October or November, with an ample surplus for canning and preserving that will insure a plenitude during the winter and early spring when fresh fruits cannot be had.

Not only should there be fruits of every

had a continuous supply from May until October, simply by selecting such varieties as will ripen in succession. Then let us diversify our plantings to a greater extent. Grapes do well nearly everywhere in

the South; strawberries, dewberries and blackberries thrive; figs are an almost certain crop over the lower half of the Cotton Belt, yet on relatively few farms will all these be found.

In laying out the home orchard and selecting the best varieties, the best advice we can offer is that you write your state agricultural college, asking for full information. Then get in touch with a reliable nurseryman and have everything ready to put out the trees at the proper time.

A good home orchard for every farm home should be the aim. During the next few weeks plans should be made, varieties selected and everything made ready for an orchard that will insure plenty of fruit the year round.

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