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SAYS SOIL EROSION MAY BE PREVENTED

NEED NOT ABANDON FARM

Methods Adopted to Eliminate Washing Described by An Expert in Detail: Good Work

Land abandoned in Illinois in virtually every case is a yearly expense which can be eliminated and the land made to give some return on the investment needed to redeem it, according to H. P. Hanson of the department of farm mechanics of the University of Illinois.

There is no need for abandoning farms in Illinois, yet more will be abandoned unless further erosion is checked," said Mr. Hanson. "Part of the 5,500,000 acres of Illinois land that is now subject to serious soil washing already has been given up, but a greater part can be saved.

"Experiments preventing soil erosion conducted at Vienna field in Johnson county prove this contention. This field, comprised of 16 acres, was abandoned with the exception of three acres. The results of the experiment between 1907 and 1915 briefly summarized, follow:

Four Methods Used

"Four methods were used: Terrace, embankment and hill side ditching; organic matter, deep contour plowing and contour planting, and the most convenient way, without giving any special attention to prevent washing. The terrace method produced an average of 31.4 bushels of corn in seven crops, nine bushels of wheat for seven crops, and .68 tons of clover for three crops. The second method produced 32.4 bushels of corn for the average, 12.7 bushels of wheat, and .97 tons of clover. The third method produced 27.9 bushels of corn, 11.7 bushels of wheat, and .80 tons of clover. The fourth, or check, plot produced only 14.1 bushels of corn, only 4.6 bushels of wheat and only .21 tons of clover.

"The land was divided into sections, A, B, C, D, and different methods of preventing erosion practiced on the A, B, and C plots, while D remained as a check, formed in the most convenient way without giving any special attention to prevent washing. These results show the possibilities of improving abandoned Illinois land, and the results to be obtained for Illinois

land that is now subject to serious erosion, but not abandoned, would no doubt be striking if figures were available. By all means, farm land should not reach the stage of abandonment before any measures are taken to redeem it."

QUARTERLY REPORT OF COUNTY FINANCE

No Overdrafts, But Good Share of Budget Appropriation Is Expended

The quarterly report of the financial condition of the county, made to the supervisors in sessions, shows no overdrafts, but \$110,102 have been spent during the quarter just ended, leaving only \$268,657 remaining for the remaining nine months of the fiscal year, out of the annual budget of \$378,760.

The report indicates that the detention home, poor claims and salaries items are among those within the ratio for the quarter, while the county hospital, county farm, stationery and supplies, are above the quarterly apportionment.

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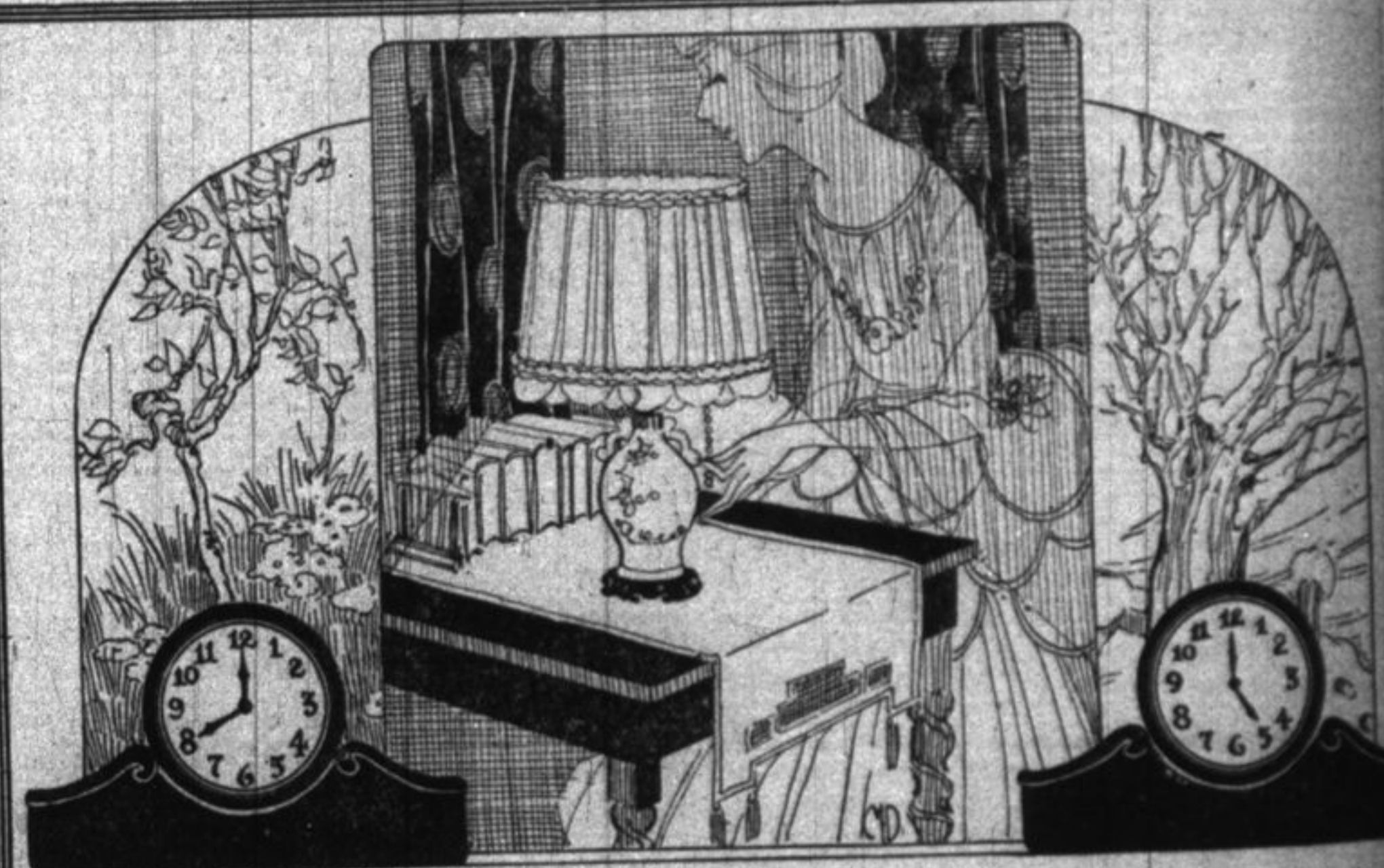
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