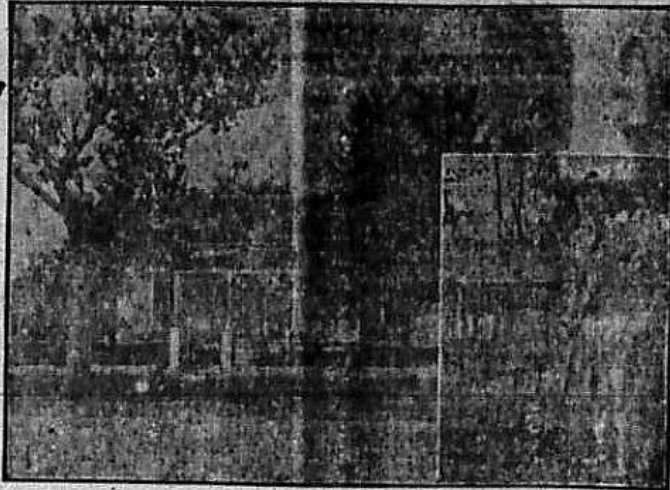


A STATE FAIR PRIZE WINNER



Home of J. J. Middleton, Smithville, Tex., with Mr. Middleton himself, shown in the insert. The big tree at the right of the picture is a Japanese persimmon, fruit from which won first prize at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, in 1922.

The insert shows Mr. Middleton at work in his alfalfa patch, which he cuts four times a year, despite his seventy-five years.

**SMITHVILLE MAN GETS
PUBLICITY FOR FAIR
IN FOREIGN PAPER**

J. J. Middleton of Smithville, Texas, is a native-born Scotchman, and incidentally a prize winner at the State Fair of Texas. In 1922 Mr. Middleton won first prize at the Fair with some Japanese persimmons grown on his home place.

An account of the Smithville man's effort was sent by G. F. Bastian of the Smithville Times, to The Southern Reporter, published in Selkirk, Scotland, and the Scotch paper carried the full story, with generous mention of the big Texas Exposition. Mr. Middleton lived in Selkirk as a boy, but has for many years been a full-fledged Texas citizen.