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**Cover:** Illustration of a dogtrot-style Framework House in a rural setting. Courtesy Joe Meppelink.