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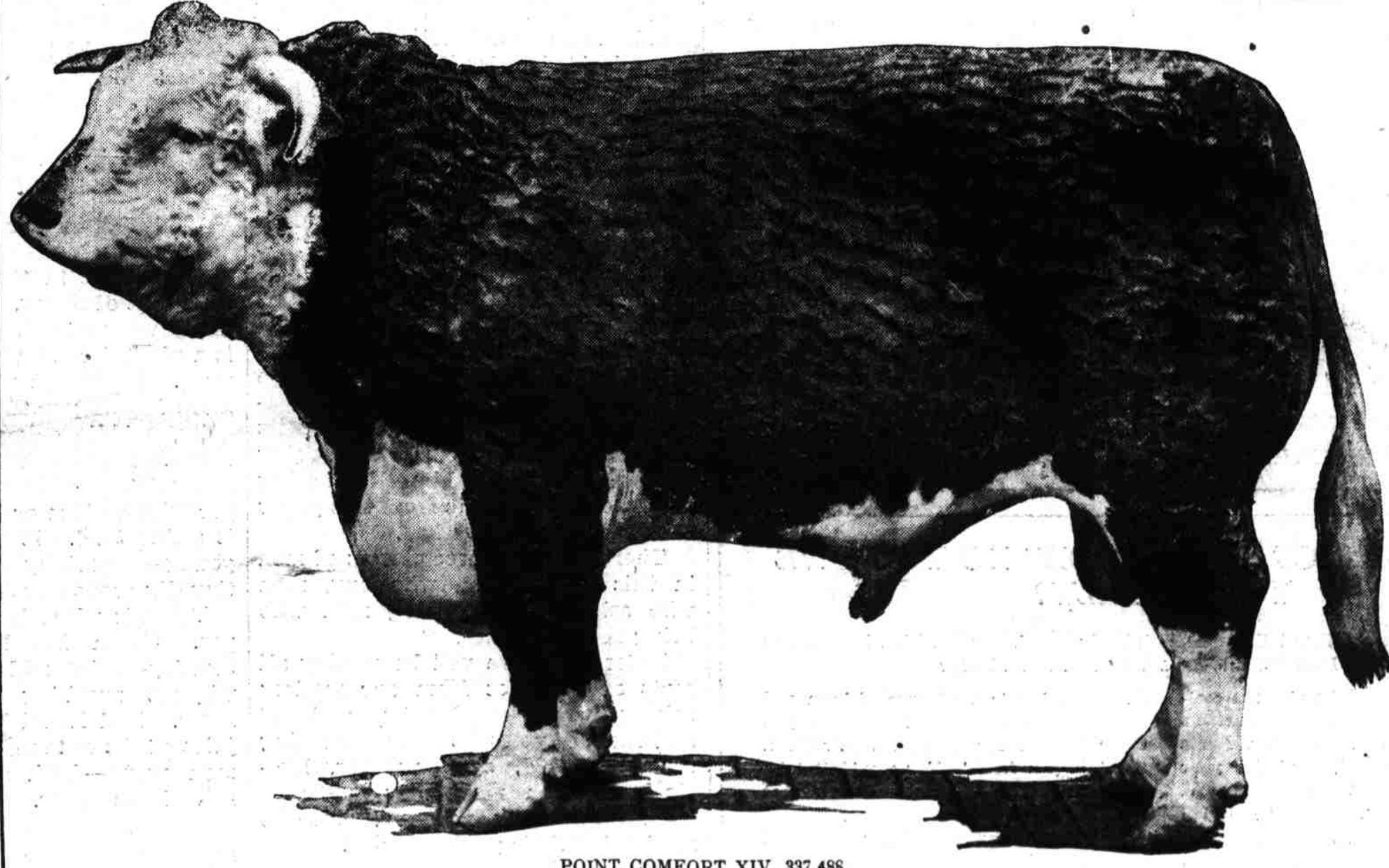
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## A LITTLE SERMON ON TICK ERADICATION.

ON THIS page we are carrying a picture that is an almost unanswerable argument to the opponents of tick eradication work in the South. At the International Livestock Exposition recently held in Chicago the South perhaps attained for the first time national recognition as a natural livestock region. To begin with, in competition with teams from all over the country, the boys from the A. and M. College of Texas won first place in the stock judging contests; then the famous Lespedeza Farms, of Tennessee, came to the front with an exhibit of Shorthorns that was a feature of the exposition, winning second place in the international contest; and to cap the climax, the Mississippi Hereford bull here shown led all competitors and took first prize as the champion of his class in all the country.



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America. We believe this prophecy is a true one, but we shall never see it fulfilled until tick eradication is an accomplished fact. And tick eradication over the whole South must be preceded by the eradication of an even more blighting curse—the curse of ignorance. But this

handicap has been overcome and the ticks eradicated over an area of about 200,000 square miles, a territory equal in area to about four average Southern states.

We simply can't afford to allow our indifferent, ignorant neighbors to stand in the way of a movement that's fraught with so much of good to ourselves individually, to our neighborhoods, and to the South. It is largely a matter of demonstration—of showing them—and you can best do this by putting in a dipping vat.

**The tick never fails to make scrub cattle scrubber and scrubs out of pure-breds; the dipping vat kills the tick.**

A few years ago the very counties from which these prize winners came were infested with ticks and with scrub cattle; but by the co-operation of the farmers themselves with county, state and United States authorities the ticks have been cleaned up and the last obstacle to successful, profitable stock raising has been removed.

Gradually the quarantine line has been moving southward. The State of Tennessee is now practically entirely free of ticks, and by next spring almost half of Mississippi will be released. The Carolinas, too, have made marked progress in ridding themselves of this pest.

We take it that the fact that a man reads The Progressive Farmer is of itself evidence that he is a progressive—that he does not need to be taught the truth that ticks are costing us millions of dollars annually, and that they can be exterminated at a nominal cost once we make up our minds to do it. But it is the other fellow, the man who doesn't read and doesn't believe, that stands in the way. Hence the speedy eradication of the tick is largely a matter of education—of getting the Southern farmers as a whole to see the value of this great work and get solidly behind it, and we know of no more powerful agency to aid in this effort than our progressive army of Progressive Farmer readers. We are quoting on another page from a leading Northern livestock journal a statement that the South is the coming meat house of

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