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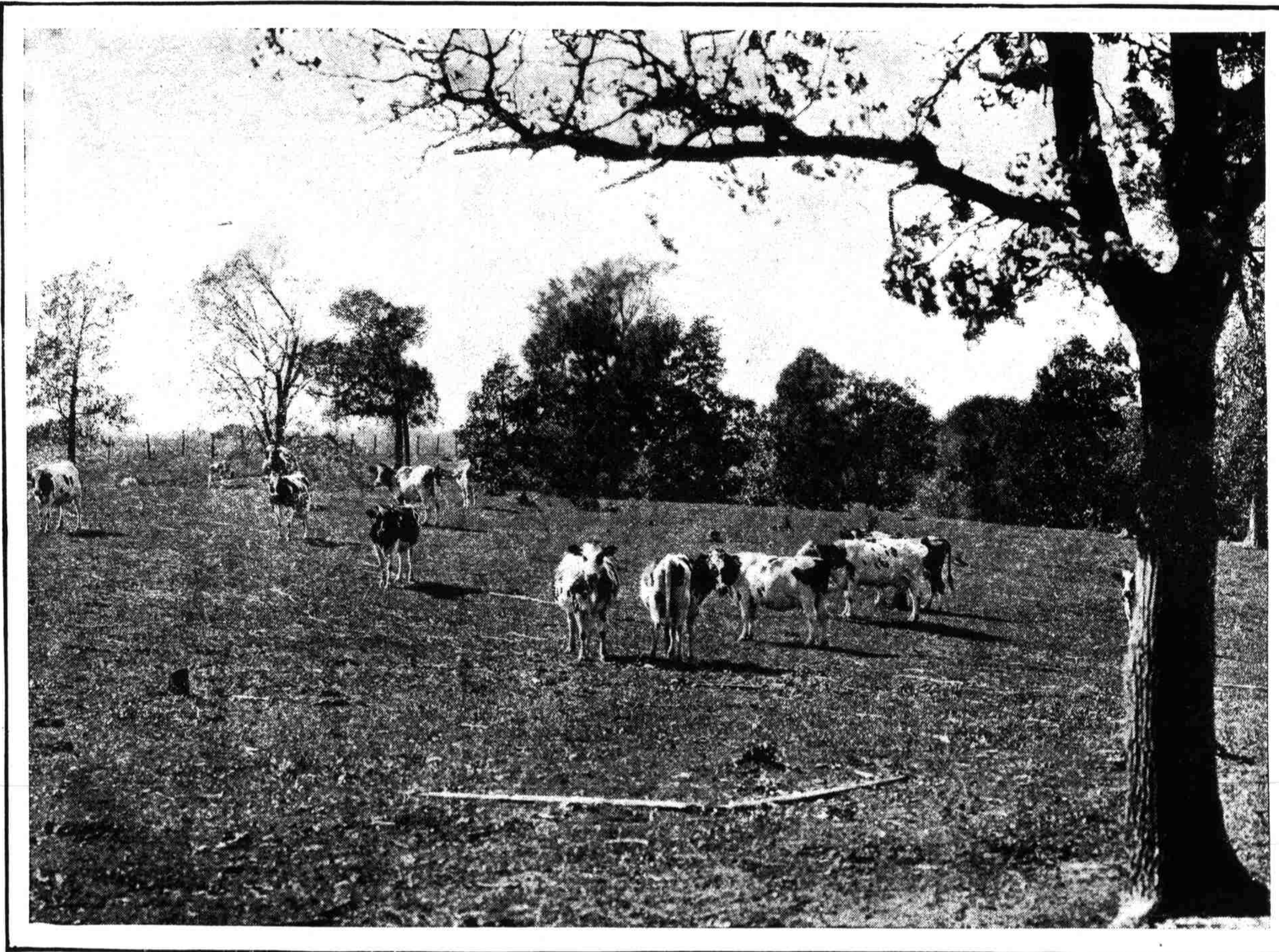
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WHAT SORT OF PASTURE HAVE YOU?



HAPPY HOLSTEINS WHERE THE GRAZING IS GOOD

SOME of our critics have described pastures in the South as places where grass won't grow; and we are afraid they are at least partly right. Too often our enclosures that serve as pastures are largely rocky, wooded or barren lands that grow very little grass, and that of a poor quality.

We Southern farmers no longer have any warrant for claiming that ours isn't a grass country. We have ourselves disproved this for the past fifty years by our strenuous warfare against vigorous-growing grasses in our cultivated fields; and now the great success of some of our best farmers in growing livestock on pastures of Bermuda, white and bur clover and lespedeza makes it certain that potentially we have one of the greatest livestock and pasture regions anywhere. The big trouble is that we haven't understood and taken advantage of our opportunities.

So let's quit worrying because we perhaps cannot grow bluegrass, alfalfa, red clover and a few other plants the Northern man banks on, and come around to a realization of the fact that we have some that are just as good or better. Certainly our milder climate and longer growing season, affording as they often do nearly twelve months grazing, give us a fine opportunity for cheap livestock production. But here again we're not using what a kind nature has given us.

Now, Mr. Progressive Farmer, one of the main essentials to good, progressive farming—something we all intend doing, you know—is a good pasture, well sodded with nutritious grasses. Now is the season for getting ready to make a really good one, in case you haven't one already.

How about it?

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