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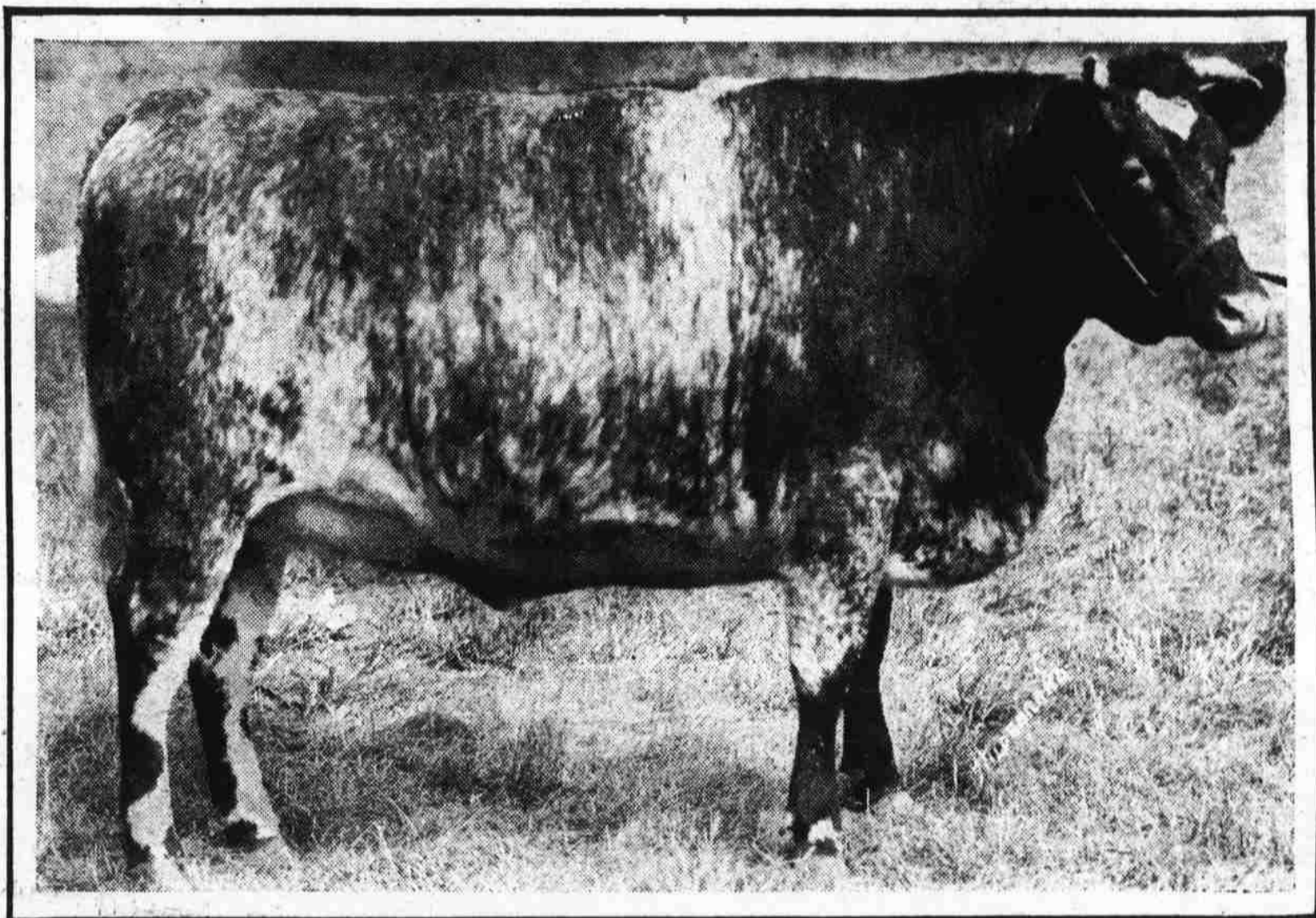
WHICH KIND ARE YOU RAISING?

LAST week we urged the need for more silos in the South, and this week we are stressing the necessity for more and better livestock. Until we get these—more stock and more and better feed for them—our agriculture, with all our splendid climatic advantages, must still lag behind other more progressive but naturally less favored sections. In working out this problem of more food and feed, of more dollars kept at home and in our own pockets, there is another problem of pressing importance, and which must also be solved as one of the conditions to putting ourselves on the highway to lasting economic independence. This is the problem of getting rid of the cattle tick.

We are aware that in some localities there has been opposition to tick eradication work. Dipping vats have been blown up, and in a few cases something akin to riot and rebellion has prevailed. At the same time the general progress of the work has been truly wonderful, and if kept up it is certain that a few more years will find the tick cleaned up over the whole South.

Whenever a considerable number of farmers are found opposed to tick eradication, one or both of two causes exist: (1) a lack of knowledge of the great benefits that come from destroying the tick; or (2) failure on the part of the officials in charge, through a lack of tact and because of arbitrary methods, to secure the active support and coöperation of stock owners. That both these hindrances are yearly growing less is evident from the continually broadening interest in the work and the growing certainty in an ultimately "tickless" South.

We share to the utmost the average American citizen's objection to being summarily ordered to do something without being given a reason



A TENNESSEE SHORT-HORN RAISED ON TICK-FREE PASTURES
This is the type that brings the money to the farmer

for doing it or a chance to talk the matter over. But at the same time let's not forget that *it is our duty to get at the real truth*, and when this is done to act accordingly. If all the people of Alabama and Georgia and Louisiana and Texas knew what the farmers of Tennessee, where every tick in the whole state has been destroyed, know, then the problem would be an easy one indeed.

We do not believe in starting tick eradication work and making dipping compulsory unless the majority of the people are in favor of it and so express themselves by their votes. But once they have so expressed themselves, we hold that it is the duty of every man as a citizen to obey the law to the letter.

You and we, Mr. Progressive Farmer, may frankly differ as to the merits of this work. We believe it means finer cattle and more of them, and a more prosperous South. At the same time we're going to keep on studying the problem, and if we ever find we're wrong we're coming right over to your side of the question.

Will you promise to do the same by us?

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A TICK-INFESTED STEER
Ticks and profitable livestock production cannot go together