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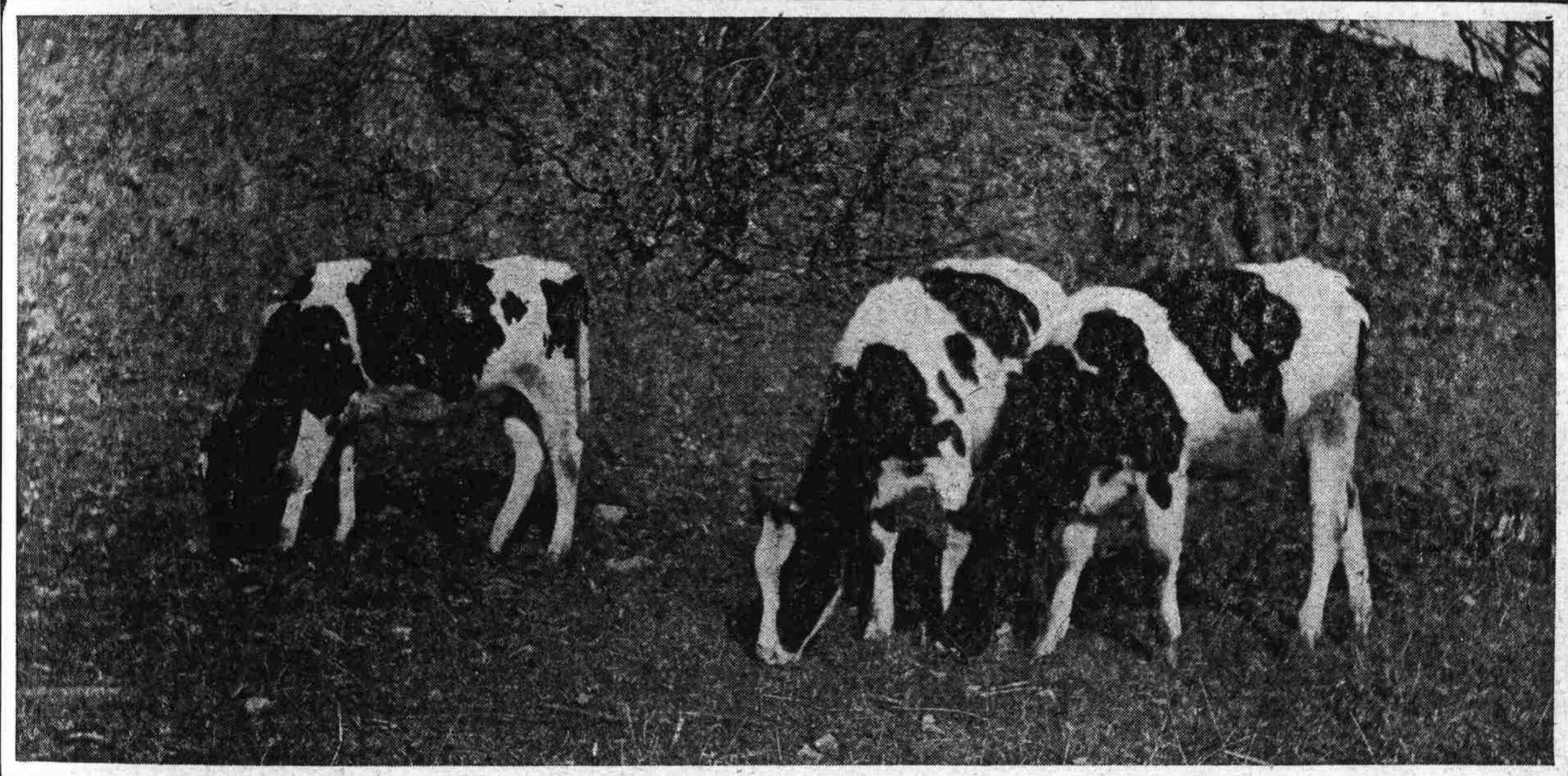
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LET'S SET A NEW INDEPENDENCE DAY

THE ARKANSAS extension workers suggest October 1 as a new independence day for Southern farmers, and the idea is such an excellent one that we take this occasion to emphasize its importance to all Progressive Farmer readers. With all crops bringing good

ter gardens, growing food all the year; nowhere is there a better corn, grass and hay country; nowhere can pork and milk and butter be produced cheaper or easier than here in the South. Shame, then, on the man who pays golden tribute to the North and West, instead of



PROMISING YOUNG HOLSTEINS

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prices, there has never been a more opportune time for us to strike for that priceless boon of economic freedom and independence that we must have if our country and our people are ever to come into their rightful own. Three points we would especially emphasize:

1. Independence of time prices. A millstone around our necks is the "time prices" system, under which we are paying anywhere from from 20 to 100 per cent interest on our store accounts. No business in the world can long stand such excessive charges, and we will have made an immense economic advance when we have cast off this burden. To do so will in many cases mean bitter sacrifices, but anything worth having is worth fighting for and suffering for. Even if it means few clothes and scanty food for a time, freedom will be worth it all, and more.

2. Independence of imported foods and feedstuffs. It is little short of a crime that the South, blessed with splendid soil and climate, should look to the North and West for its corn, its hay, its meat, butter and actually for its vegetables. As individuals is it not high time that we declare our independence of such a system and put ourselves on a rational, live-at-home basis? In no country can people have bet-

asserting his freedom and then fighting for it.

3. Independence of high-priced fertilizers. Another enormous leak is our seventy-five-million-dollars-a-year expenditure for high-priced commercial fertilizers. Phosphoric acid and some potash will always be necessary and must be bought; but with our wealth of peas, beans, clovers and other legumes that flourish all over the South,

it is folly unspeakable for us to continue to pay twenty and twenty-five cents a pound for millions and millions of dollars worth of nitrogen that we should get from the air.

Attention to just these three things—avoiding ruinous time prices, living at home, and making our lands rich with legumes—will make of the South one of the richest countries on earth. Having attended to these three things, the money from our cash crops, whatever they may be, is ours to put in the bank, or into better homes, better schools, better roads, and all that goes to make better living.

A new independence day for the South! Isn't the ideal a splendid one to aim at? Isn't the cause one worth fighting for? Now is the time for *you* to begin. Set October 1 as the day, and when that day comes, *be prepared.*

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