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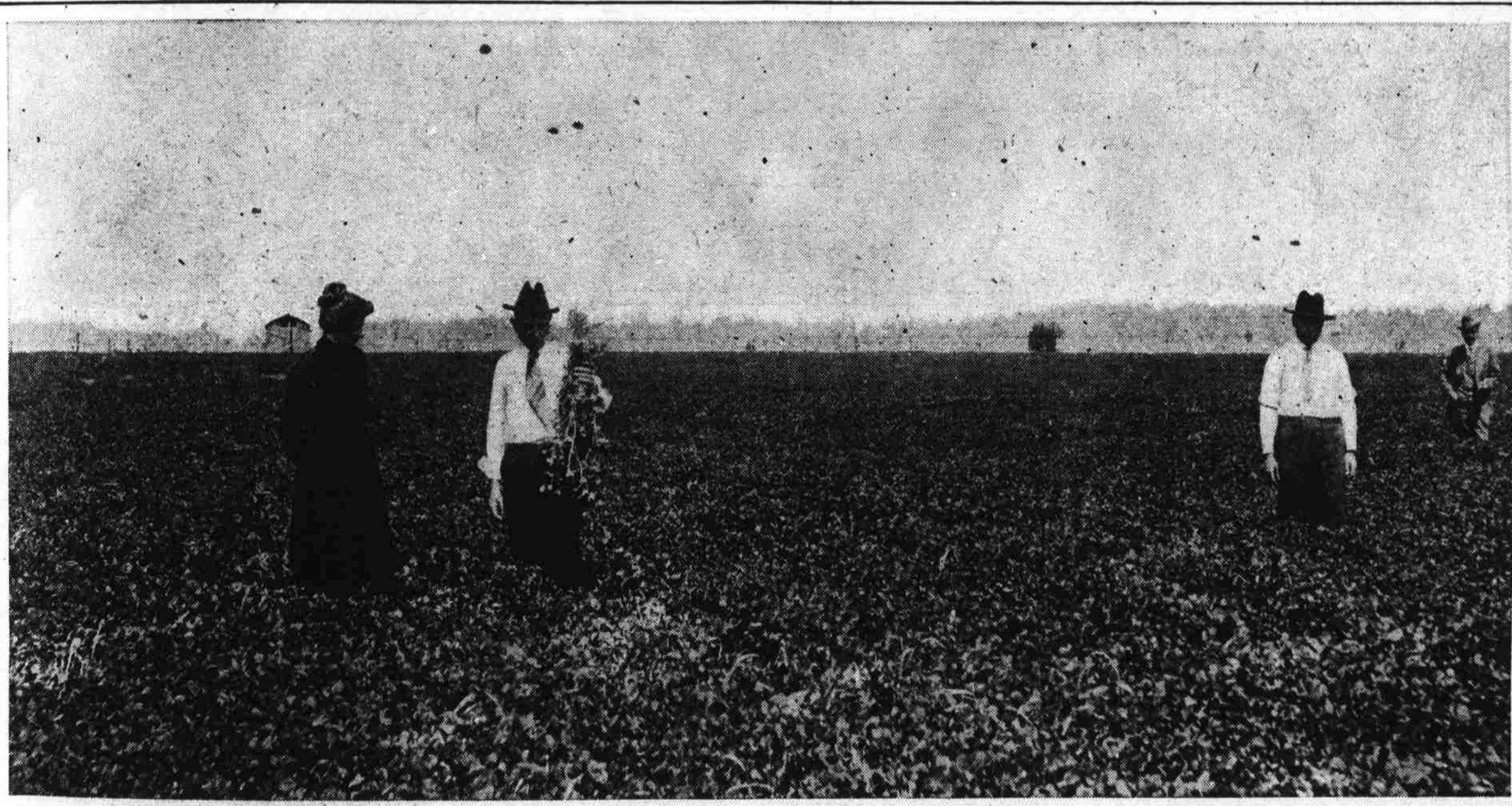
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## BE SURE TO PLANT SOME CLOVER THIS FALL

**B**ELIEVING as we do that the winter legumes, particularly bur and crimson clover and hairy vetch, will, if we use them as we should, work a revolution in Southern agriculture, The Progressive Farmer will during the next three months persistently hammer the idea of "a legume crop for every acre every year." In last week's Clover-

izing element, but in cottonseed meal and nitrate of soda it costs from 20 to 25 cents a pound, while an acre of crimson clover costing us \$3 will furnish us \$12 or \$15 worth of nitrogen, or the equivalent of 400 pounds of nitrate of soda or 1,000 pounds of cottonseed meal. Shame, we say, on the farmer who continues to depend on "store-bought" ni-



AS FINE AS EVER GREW  
Crimson Clover on Scotland Plantation, R. C. Farrar, Manager, Beulah, Miss.

Vetch Special we showed how this is possible, while at the same time we can grow even larger crops of cotton and corn than we are now growing; here we propose to show that not only do these great winter crops point the way to rich lands and prosperous farmers, but that to be without them can only mean poor lands and poor farmers. Here are some of the reasons why this is true:

**1. Bare land is wasting land.** The nakedness of our Southern fields in winter is shameful. Mile after mile of cotton fields, barren and gullied, the best of their soils being carried away by every downpour, are everywhere, mute testimony to our wastefulness. Already thousands of acres have been gutted and ruined; millions of acres more are doomed to a similar fate unless we awake to their value and save them. A carpet of green—clovers and vetch—will do this as nothing else will, and every farmer, every winter, should aim to have every acre covered with a protecting, soil-saving, soil-enriching mantle.

**2. We can't afford to buy nitrogen.** Nitrogen probably is our most needed fertil-

trogen, when above his farm there are millions of pounds of it, his merely for the taking.

**3. Clovers fill the land with humus,** which probably next to nitrogen is the thing most needed to bring our impoverished, dead soils to life. Farmers who have tried the clovers agree that they are wonderful in making soils loose, deep, mellow and drouth-resistant.

**4. We need more winter grazing crops,** and bur and crimson clover are ideal for this purpose. Planted in the fall they not only hold our soils and fill them with humus and nitrogen, but by February or early March they are furnishing the finest of grazing for chickens, hogs and cattle, thus saving high-priced feed long before the regular pastures furnish good grazing.

So, then, the question is not, can we afford to plant these crops, but can we afford *not* to plant them. With all their excellent qualities, we hold that the farmer who does without them is neglecting the surest of all means by which he can enrich his lands and grow better and bigger crops.

*Whatever you do, don't fail to plant some clover and vetch this fall.*

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