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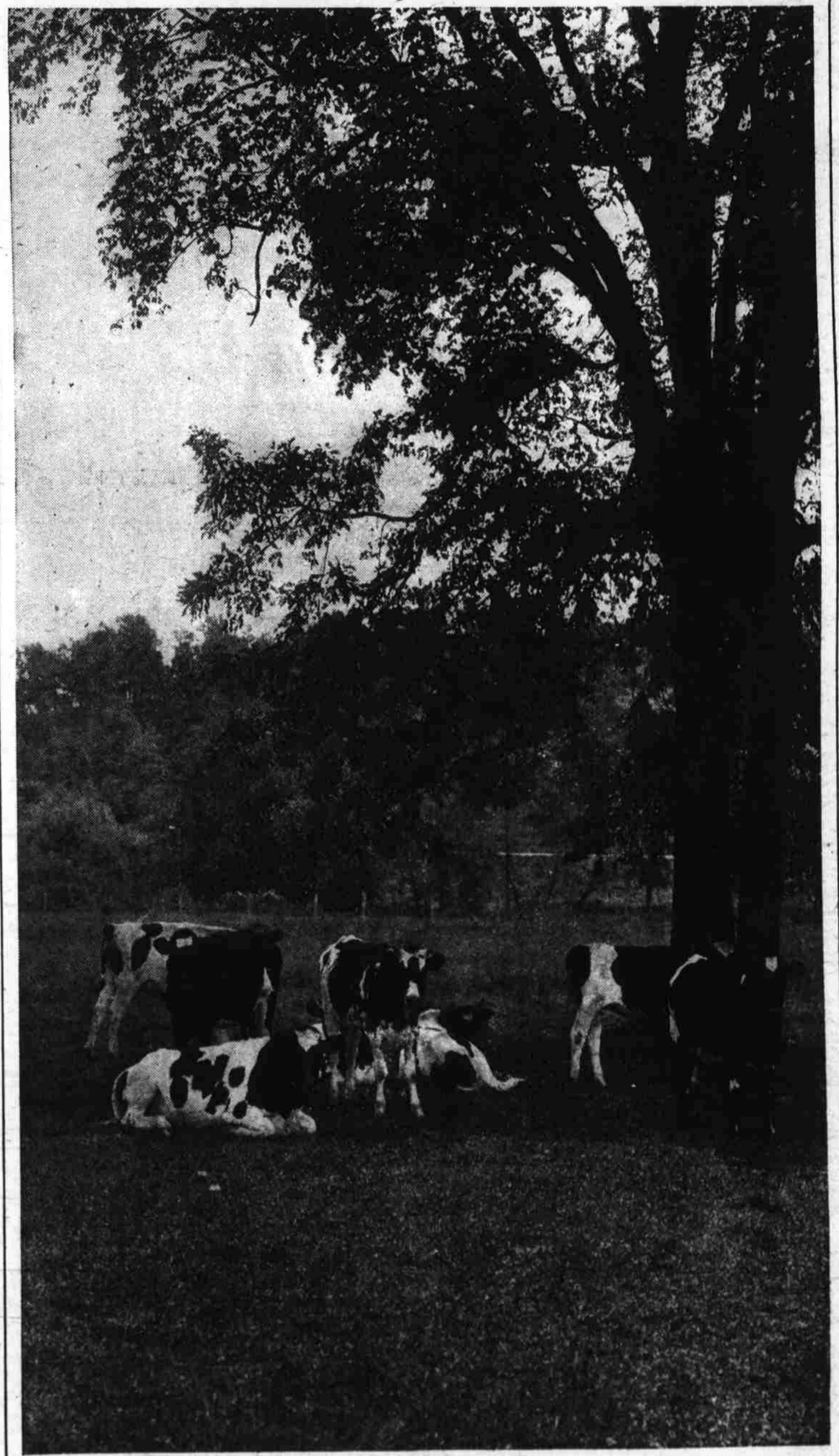
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SOUTH of a line drawn east and west through Savannah and Macon, Ga.; Montgomery, Ala.; Jackson, Miss.; Shreveport, La.; and Dallas, Texas, crimson clover planted before November 15 will very likely succeed and should be put in wherever possible. Generally north of this line it is too late to sow clover, and any cover crops put in at this late date must be rye, oats, wheat or vetch.

Vetch, because of the very high price of seed, we can hardly recommend; so we must choose rye, oats or wheat. Of all the non-legume winter cover and grazing crops, Abruzzi rye is far superior to anything we have ever seen. By mid-winter we believe it will make easily double the growth of any other crop we can use, and by March it has usually made a heavy growth for either grazing or plowing under. If the seed were cheaper, we should urge that Abruzzi rye be planted on every acre that has not already been planted to some cover crop; and even at present prices for seed, we believe every farmer should order at least a bushel for planting an acre seed patch.

In the absence of Abruzzi rye, ordinary rye, wheat and oats should be used. Any of these, put in as quickly as possible, will undoubtedly pay as a cover and protection for our soils during the winter months. Rye and wheat may be safely sowed nearly anywhere in the Cotton Belt during the first half of November, though oats will be safe only in the lower South.

The point we are emphasizing is that every acre left bare this winter will be poorer next spring, and poorer acres inevitably mean poorer crops and poor farmers. The idle acre is the wasting acre; let's cover it's nakedness and save its plant food for next year's crops.



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