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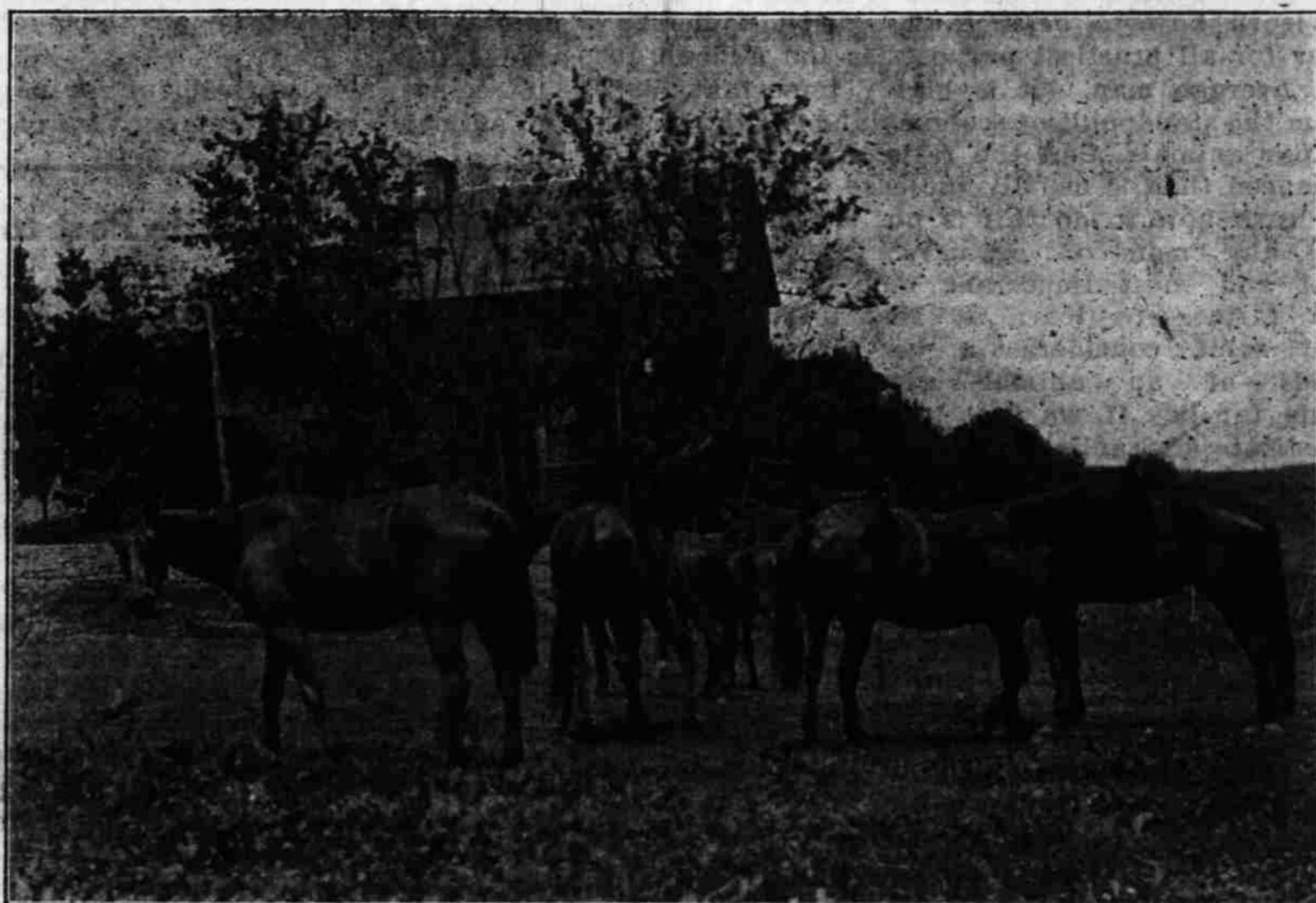
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## Better Feeding as a Guide Post to "\$500 More a Year Farming."

**D**ID YOU ever think that there are two classes of lazy folks—those who have lazy bodies and those who have lazy minds? Most farmers consider it a disgrace to be thought too indolent to tend their crops or feed their stock; but is it any less discreditable to be too lazy mentally to find out how to do these things in the best and most economical way? We have muscles to work with and we should use them, we also have brains to work with, and they, too, should be kept at work. We Southern farmers have worked our legs too much and our minds too little. We have not balanced our work any more than we have our rations. The result is that we have not had the profit from our work that we should have had, for head work invariably pays better than hand work, and to get the most from our farms we must keep our minds active as well as our bodies.

On the next page there is a lesson in more profitable feeding, the learning of which would mean increased profits to every farmer who does not now know how. It is not a difficult lesson to learn, either.

There is scarcely a reader of this paper who could not, if he would just buckle down to three or four hours of hard study, gain enough knowledge of the composition of feeds and the needs of his stock to enable him to feed a fairly well balanced and economical ration. Some we believe will do this; others will not. The one class will put their brains to work and make that work pay them; the others will let their poor tired brains remain idle and do extra work with their hands and feet trying to make up for it.



The mature animal at rest is concerned chiefly with the keeping up of the bodily functions, and requires comparatively little protein. The young animal, however, which must build up bone and blood and muscle needs liberal supplies of protein. Yet some farmers think a colt can make a good frame on a ration of corn and fodder or on feeds with a similarly low per cent. of protein.



A 1,250-pound mule doing heavy work needs about three pounds of protein a day. To get this much from corn alone he would have to eat a half bushel. To get it from corn and corn stover he would have to eat 20 pounds of corn and 45 pounds of stover. Yet many farmers think nothing else is needed for their work stock.

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