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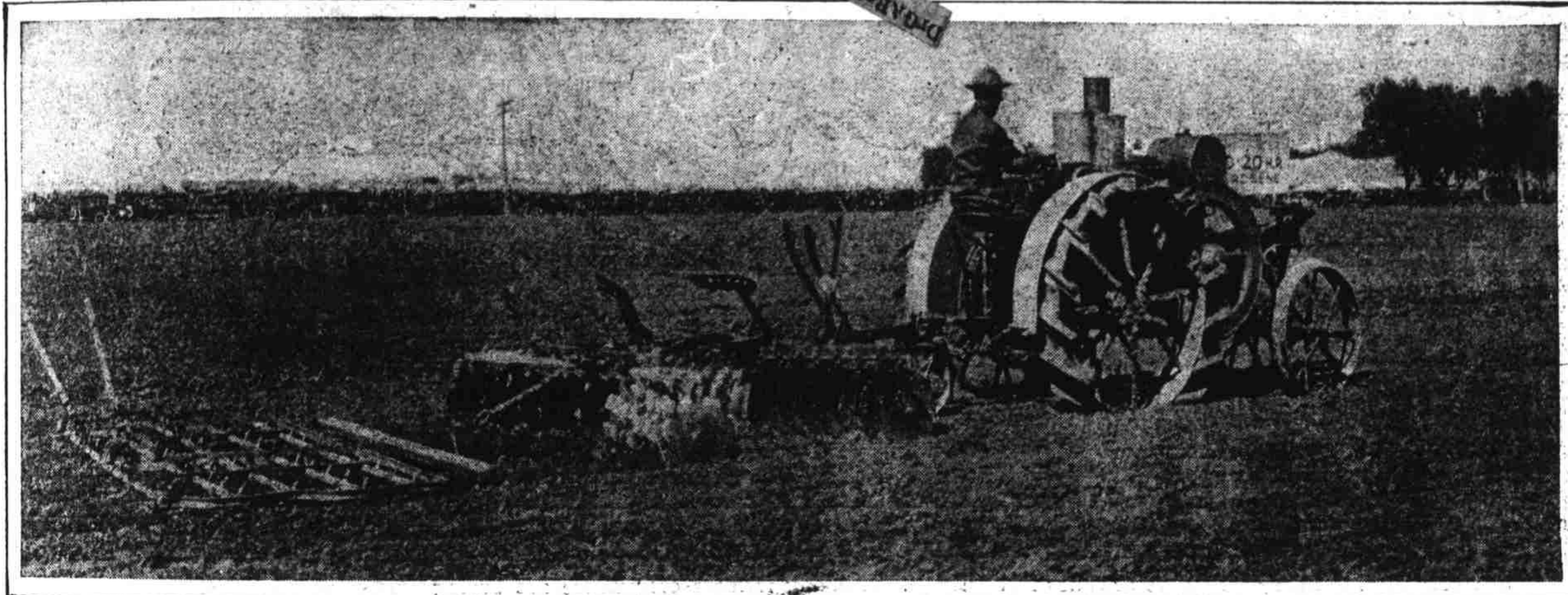
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MAKE IT A ROW AT A TIME

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MAKING A FINE SEED BED AND DOING IT RAPIDLY

ONE of the results of the war has been a labor shortage that is daily becoming more acute. Farm labor has been and is going to the army, and much of it is also going to the cities to take the place of the men whom the draft has taken away from the mills and factories. Furthermore, it is a situation we expect to see get worse before it gets better. In fact, we doubt if ever again the agricultural South will see farm labor back on the old basis.

In the face of this acute labor shortage, we are expected to maintain and even increase production. This appears difficult, and it is; but it is not impossible. Certainly it is our duty to our country and ourselves to do it if it can be done. How?

We have already discussed the need for heavy fertilization, in order that each acre may yield its utmost; here we would emphasize the

need for the best of labor-saving implements that each man may do his utmost.

In methods of preparation and cultivation, the average Southern farm is not efficient. It is sheer waste to break an acre a day with one mule and a tooth-pick plow when by using two or three mules to a larger plow the same man can break twice as much in a day and do a better job. Likewise it is labor wasted to attempt to cultivate a crop by going two and four times to the row, when as good or an even better job can be done by using a modern cultivator and going once to the row, or even cultivating two rows at a time.

This is a time when the Southern farmer cannot afford to lag. Surely if the Northern farmer can cultivate two rows at a time, we should be able to cultivate one. This is the year to try it.



USE TWO OR MORE HORSES FOR BREAKING

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