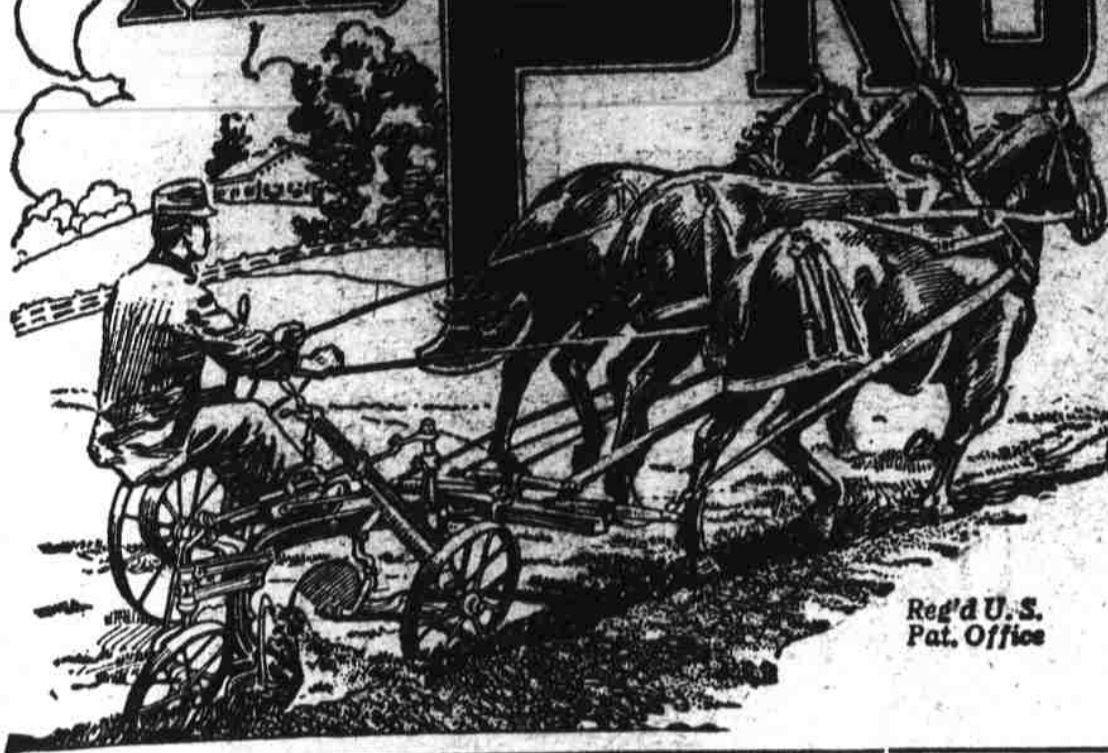


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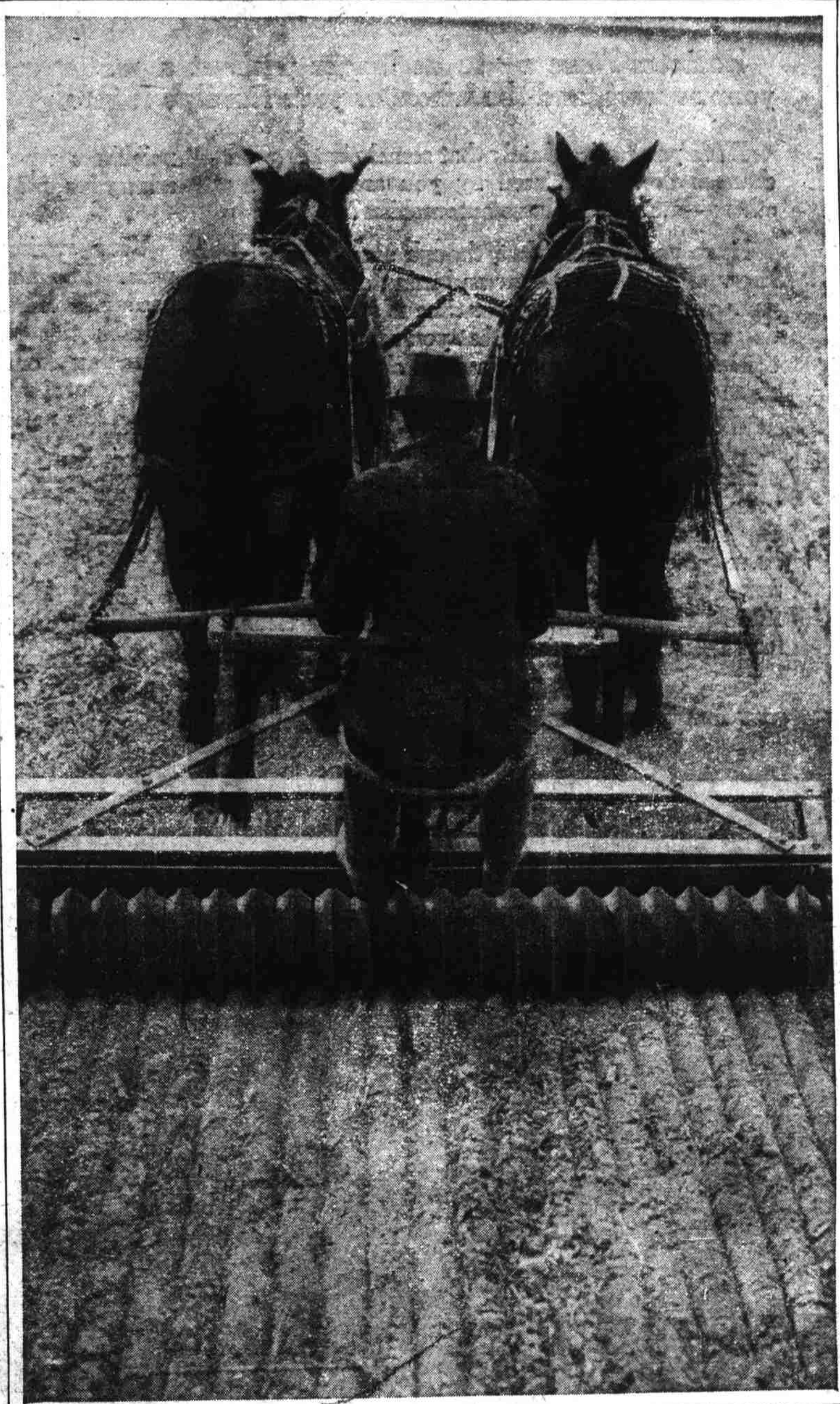
Make February 18-23, "Straw and Leaf-hauling Week"

FOR two reasons, every Southern farmer should this year aim to make every acre yield to its utmost. In the first place, the world needs the very biggest crops we can grow; and, second, the world is paying prices that afford us an opportunity such as we have never before had of getting a profit from our labor.

That we may meet this joint responsibility and opportunity, it is necessary that we make each acre do its best. And that we may do this, liberal fertilization is necessary.

In addition to using commercial fertilizers liberally and every pound of manure produced on the farm, it will pay handsomely to supplement these with four or five tons per acre of straw and leaves from the woods. As we have pointed out in recent issues of *The Progressive Farmer*, a ton of pine straw has a plant food value of \$3.52, and a ton of oak leaves, \$6.26. In addition to this actual plant food value, these materials add valuable humus to the soil, so that it probably is not far wrong to give pine straw a value of \$5 per ton and the leaves \$8 or \$9. Certainly this value is much too high to let these materials lie in the woods or to let them go up in smoke from the first carelessly started fire.

So we propose that on every farm in the South the week of February 18-23 be observed as "Straw and Leaf-hauling Week," and that during this period the labor of all men and teams on the farm busy itself hauling and scattering leaves and straw over the fields. Few jobs will pay better in these times of high-priced crops. Will you observe the week on *your* farm?



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