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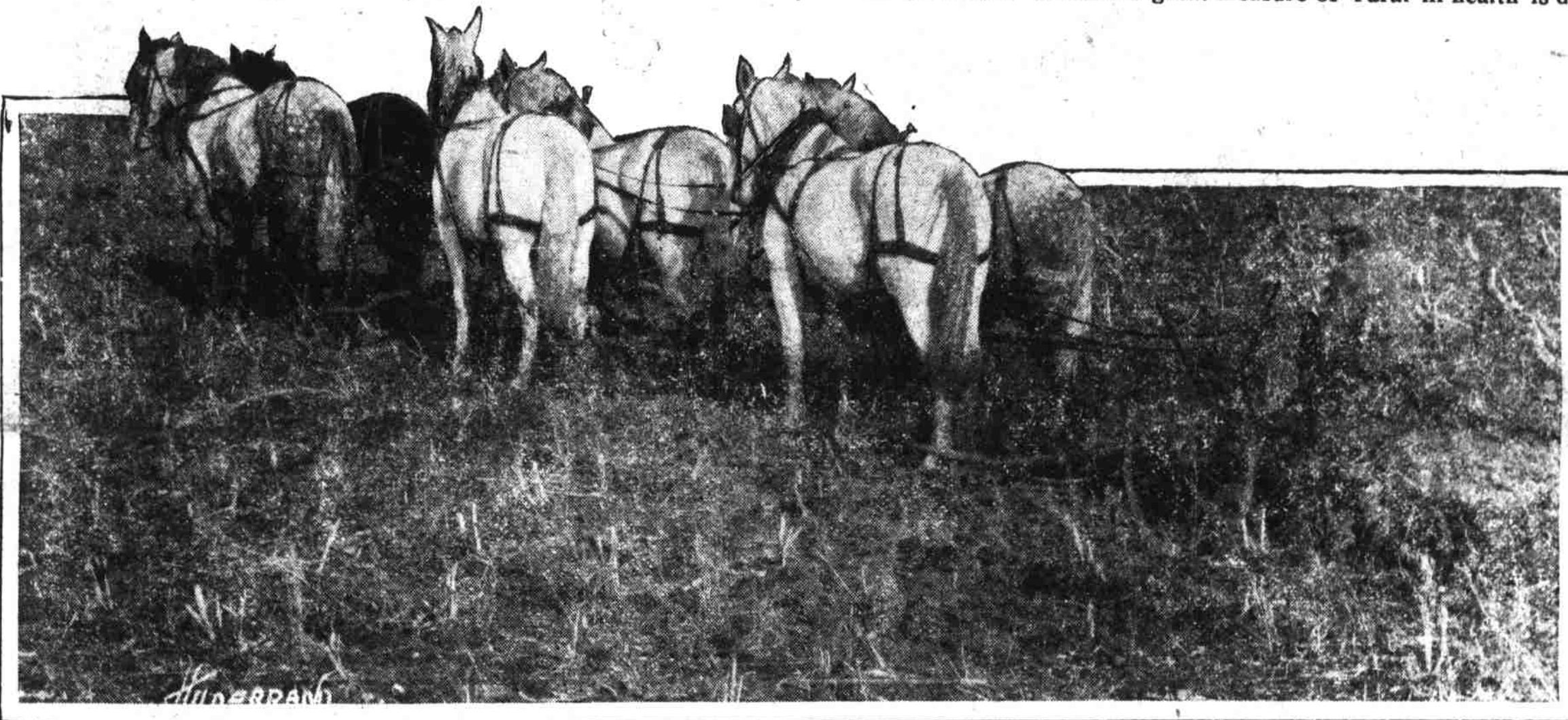
## Let's Fix a Definite Date for Doing These Jobs

THERE are certain duties which all of us "intend to do sometime," but too often keep putting off; and it often happens that a man lives out his life intending to do these things and yet "just never gets to them."

The first of this year The Progressive Farmer suggested twelve such

4. Let's take a short course at the agricultural college—something no farmer is too old to do.

5. Let's have a dentist put the teeth of the whole family in order and have a competent physician examine each child for eye, ear, nose and throat defects—because a great measure of rural ill health is due



DOING A GOOD JOB OF BREAKING LAND

tasks which are too often neglected and urged each reader to hurry them up. Below we print the twelve jobs then mentioned and we should like for each reader to check over the list, see how many he has already accomplished, and then fix a definite date for getting to work on the others. For the writer in his own experience has found—and we suspect others have also—that *the only job that gets done is the job you have fixed a definite time for doing—never the one you just "intend to do sometime."*

Let's look over this list, therefore, check the items that have already had attention, and hold a family council to decide on definite dates for doing the others:

1. Let's get a will made—and remember the community in making it.

2. Let's take out some life insurance so that the wife and children may be protected in case the breadwinner of the family should die—considering also whether it may not be well to have the insurance money paid, at least in part, in monthly installments.

3. If not now taking out life insurance let's have a physical examination now and once a year hereafter—so that any disease may be detected and cured in the outset rather than allowed to run on until too late.

to neglect at these points.

6. Let's start a bank account—because it means safety, thrift, and a new sense of dignity.

7. Let's take out some fire insurance—because the average farmer is not able to rebuild a burned home without financially cramping himself for years, and insurance is just and equitable coöperation, whereas getting subscriptions from neighbors is not.

8. Let's provide enough raincoats, overshoes, cloaks, and boots or leggings for every member of the family—because they cost less than doctors' bills and coffins.

9. Let's start now to make wood and water just as convenient as possible for the good wife—providing a wood house to keep fuel dry, and if we can't provide water works, then at least a nearby well with covered walkway to it.

10. Get some pure-bred poultry now and resolve that every animal born on the farm henceforth shall have a pure-bred sire—because this increases pride and profits.

11. Build a good implement shed and provide sanitary and convenient privies—because absence of these advertises the farm-owner as careless of cash, health and civilization.

12. Let's make friends with any neighbors with whom we have been at outs—submitting to arbitration rather than a lawsuit any matters about which we can't agree.

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