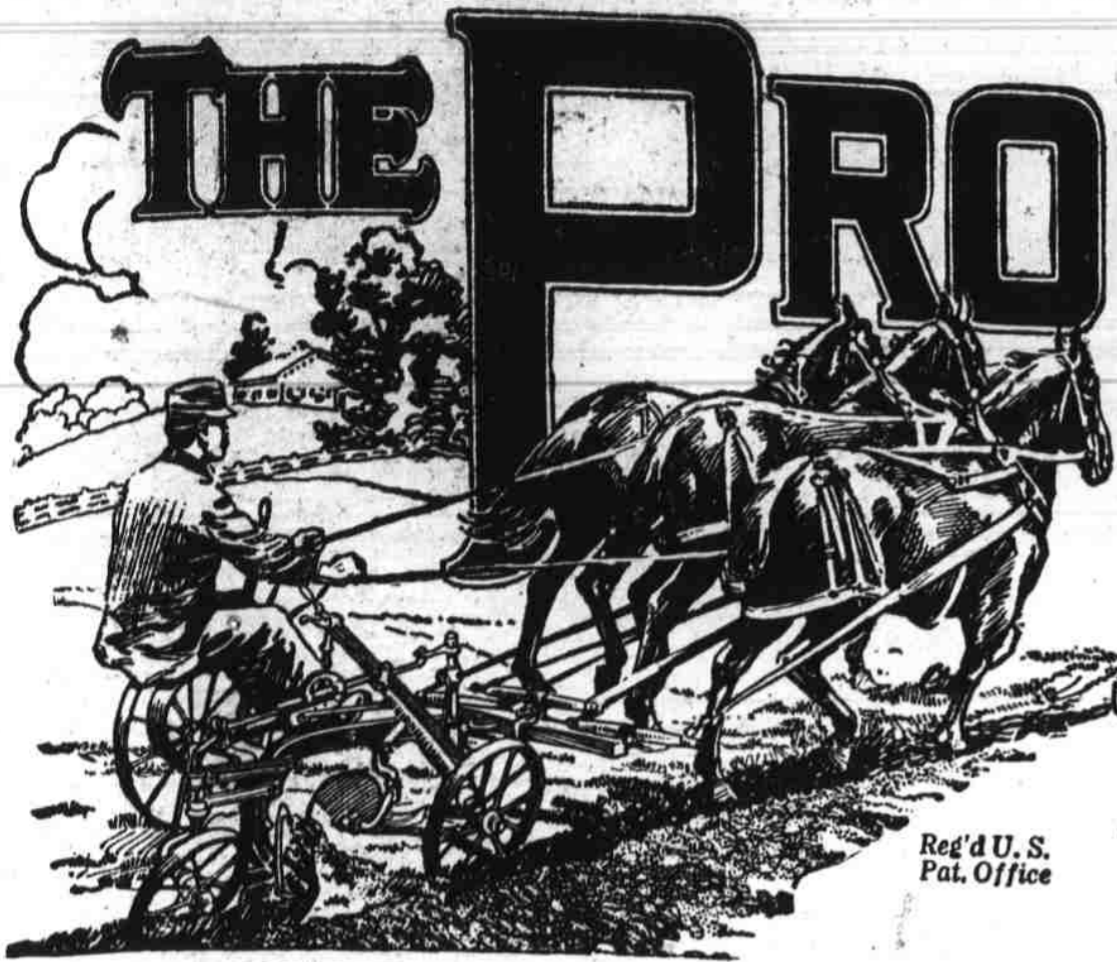


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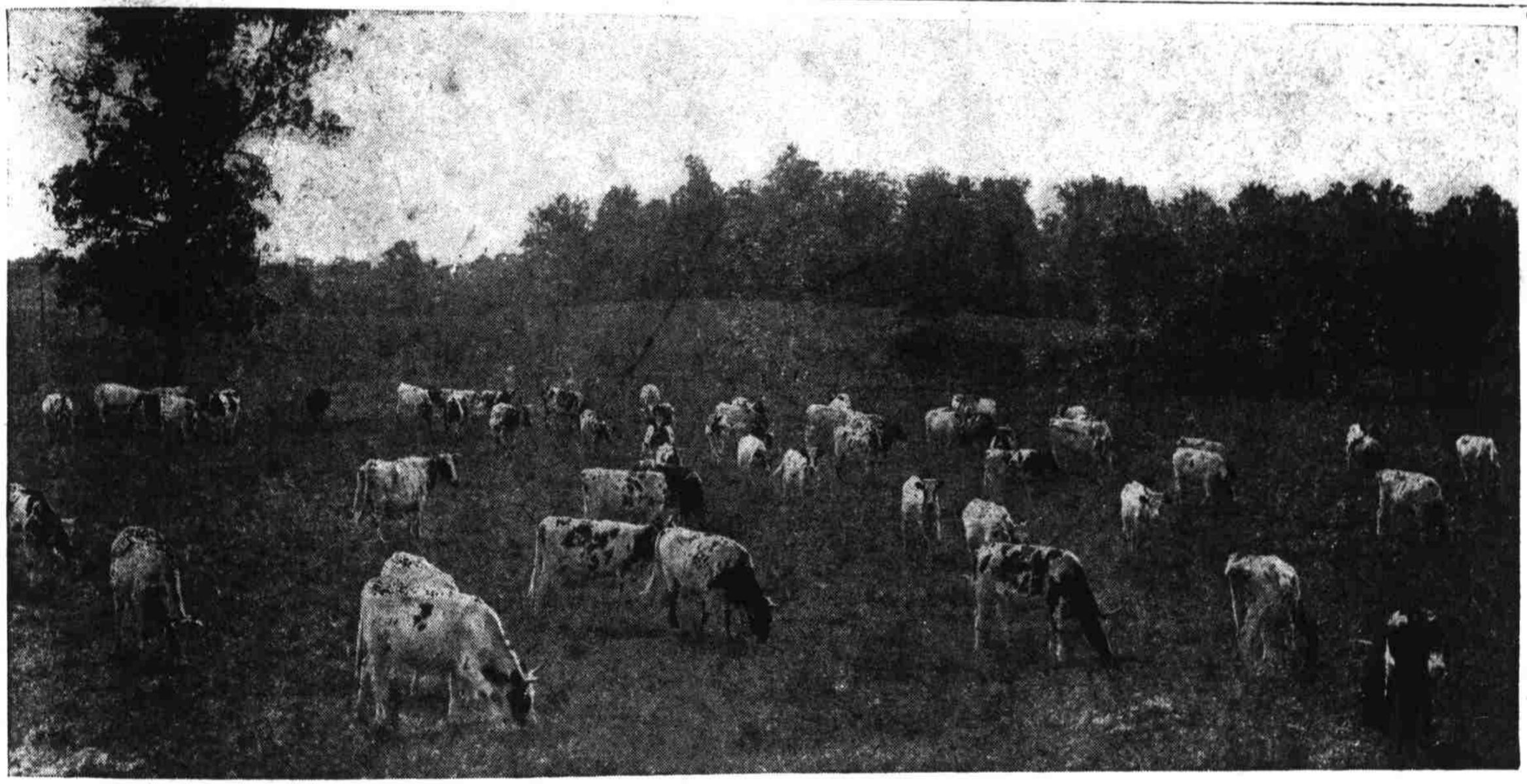
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## Every School District Needs a Community Club

EVERY farm neighborhood ought to have a farmers' club—some sort of local organization of farmers usually interested in some form of business coöperation and which usually meets privately—but there should also be in every community a community league or

can't you, Kind Reader, get three or four others to join you in issuing a call for a neighborhood meeting to organize such a club? Or get the school committee and one or two others to issue such a call? You do not require any elaborate machinery or a big membership.



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community club with public meetings to which everybody is invited, and which has no membership fees, or only nominal fees.

Take any community which is sleeping, stagnating, half-dying, and what is the real trouble? Nine times out of ten it is *lack of leadership*. The general run of the people are as capable as the general run of people elsewhere. Their hearts and minds average up about as well as the hearts and minds of people in more progressive neighborhoods. But they lack leadership.

And why haven't they leadership? Chiefly because they lack organization. There are plenty of men who realize the need for taking this or that forward step, but each man is waiting for somebody else to move. It's a case of "what's everybody's business is nobody's business."

What we wish to urge, therefore, is that the people in every school district in the South during the coming year organize some sort of community club. Why

Of course, if you can arrange for regular monthly or quarterly meetings, so much the better. But this is not absolutely essential. The main thing is to have an organization with five or six live men and

women at the head—a president, a vice-president, a secretary-treasurer, and an executive committee of three—and let them call a meeting of the people whenever there is need of one—to hear an address, debate, or discussion; to have a play or musical feature; or to start a community fair, or a corn club, or a canning club, or to get a library, or a school farm, or a better schoolhouse, etc., etc. The main thing is to have somebody who knows that it's his business—that his neighbors have made it his business—to take the lead when there is an opportunity to go forward. And by getting the general body of citizens interested in organization, the business organization of farmers will be helped also.

*Let's start now to have a Community Club in every wide-awake school in the South. It's a foundation stone of progress.*

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