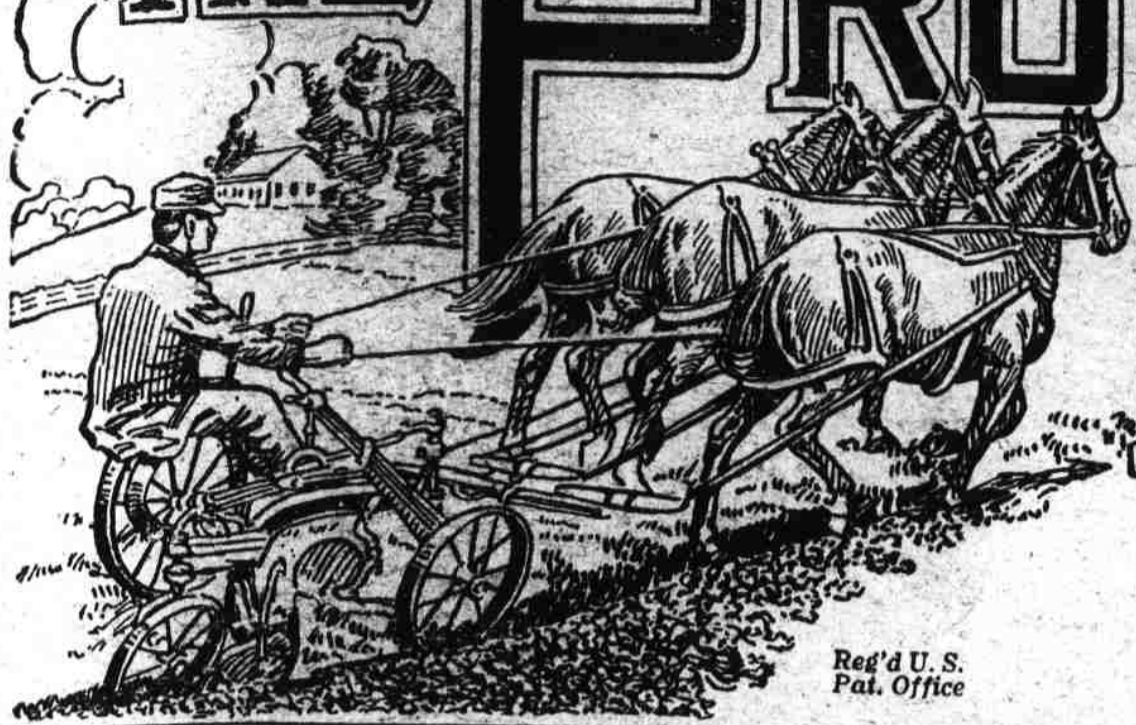


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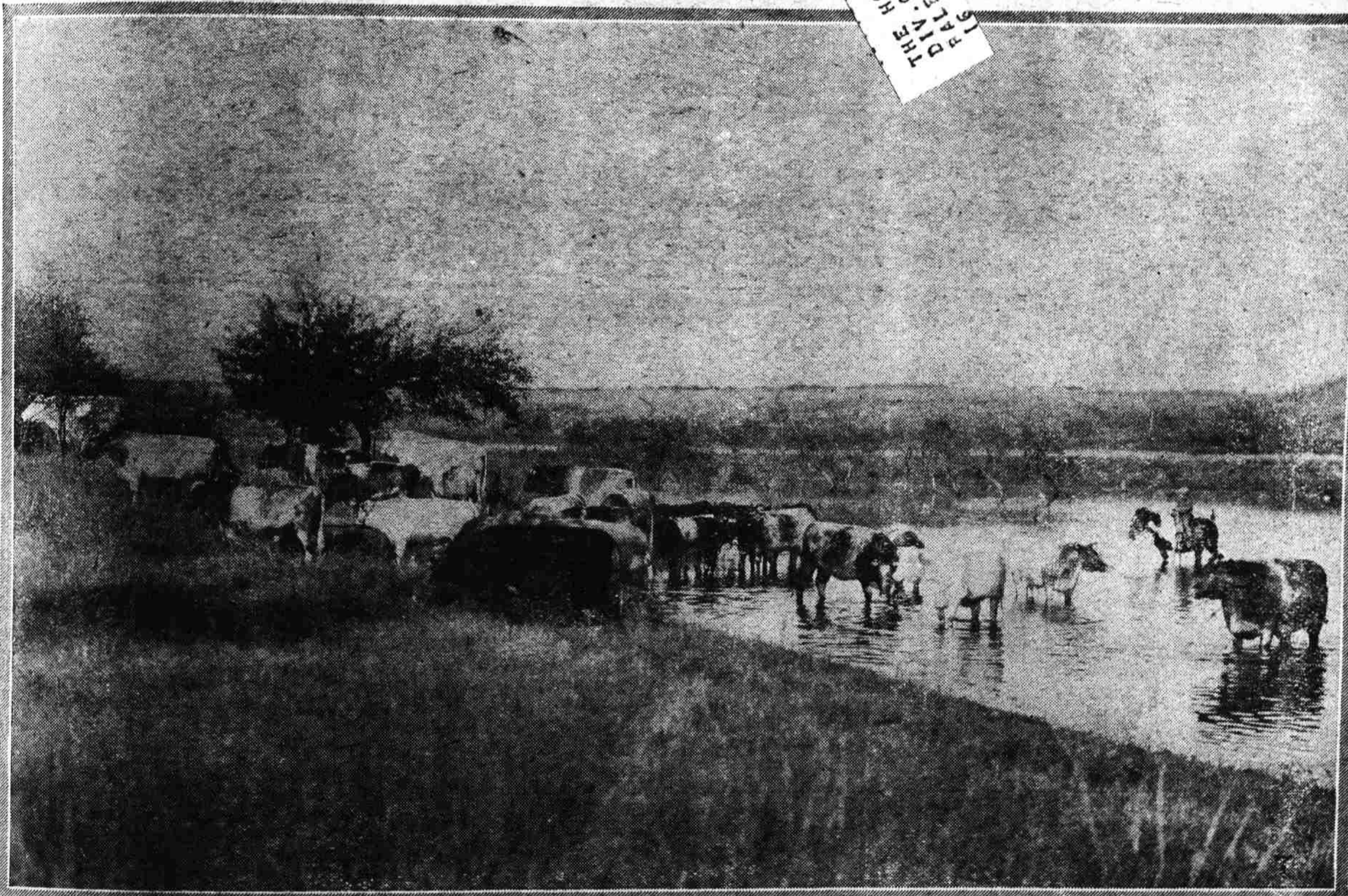
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## MAKE A PARTNER OF YOUR BOY THIS YEAR



THE END OF A SUMMER DAY

**M**ANY a boy has left the old farm and left his parents to live out a lonely old age by themselves, simply because his father in no way made him a partner in the management and operation of the farm. The boy could take no interest in the work because he was asked to put only his muscle into it. He was not asked to put his mind, his thoughts, his enthusiasm, his ability to plan and advise and direct.

It is against this serious mistake that we wish to caution all fathers who read *The Progressive Farmer*. And by way of practical suggestion we wish to mention five definite plans for properly recognizing and encouraging the farm boy.

1. **Put your boy in club work** with a calf, or colt, or pig of his own, or an acre of corn for his own; and when he sells, help him invest the proceeds wisely.

2. **Talk over farm work and problems with your boy** and get his views. In so far as they are not sound, correct him. And if he can get you straight about some matter wherein you have been wrong, be glad you have such an enterprising, thoughtful son.

3. **If some problem comes up about which** neither of you are quite sure of your ground, encourage the youngster to find out in some way, just what the facts really are. He may look up the subject in his farm paper, if you file it. He may ask your county agent, or your farm paper, or your experiment station. He may write for some

bulletin on the subject. But in any event the quest of knowledge will do him good.

4. **Throw some responsibility on the farm boy.** Don't always be doing difficult things for him, or even telling him how to do them. Try to develop in him initiative and self-reliance, and then congratulate him when he measures up to your confidence. Go away now and then, and put it up to your boy to run things properly while you are away. Teach him not only how to manage mules and machinery, but also how to manage men so as to get interest, friendship and loyalty as well as mere muscle-work out of them.

5. **Train your boy to be a good business man.** Teach him to buy wisely. Get him to write part of your business letters for you. Teach him how to manage a bank account. As soon as he is old enough, get him to help you in selling the farm products. Get him to keep a record of farm receipts and expenditures and of the farm business generally.

It is by such policies as we have here suggested for your boy that you will "make a man of him." There are few properly-reared boys who will not respond manfully to confidence and faith of this sort on a father's part. And there is no better time to start on this wise course than right now.

**Make a partner of your boy this year.**