

# FARMS... AND FOLKS

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### THEN AND NOW

Some folks now living can well remember when a farmer needed a fence he cut rails and built it. Or if it was a house, he cut poles, his neighbors came, and he "raised" it. And when a building needed covering, he split shingles and did it.

Yes, and when he needed more power, he bred the mare and raised it. And his fertilizer came mainly from the "new ground" that was always being cleared as the old fields were turned out, and from the compost heap that was always amaking down there in the lot.

And when he wanted something to eat, it came from his cellar, pantry, garden, orchard, smokehouse, barn lot, poultry lot, or truck patch.

My, my, how that has changed in my time!

Just about everybody specializes now. A man learns to do a job or grow a crop, and he does it well.

And this principle has built America into greatness. Nowhere has it been more pronounced than on our farms. Research and extension are the keys in this.

Yes, research. What is it? To me it is seeking and finding new and useful knowledge. And extension? Extension is the taking of the new findings of research (science) and demonstrating them in the fields of the farm. For there the new lessons can be read by all. For seeing is believing.

### PEANUT PROGRESS

Sumter is our leading peanut growing county. And there you will find the most up to date methods being employed with the crop. County Agent Bowen and several of his growers went down to the Tifton Experiment Station in South Georgia the past summer to see experiments in combining a and

forced-air drying of peanuts. And they put a lot of what they saw into practice the past fall.

These new ideas in harvesting peanuts not only save a lot on labor, but they also get around a lot of the weather hazard that has usually bothered a lot of peanut-harvesting time.

### BANGS ERADICATION

Dr. Carter, in charge of the Clemson College Livestock Sanitary Office at Pontiac, tells me the aim in the present fight against brucellosis (Bangs disease) in cattle is not only control but complete eradication.

This is a troublesome disease of cattle (and sometimes affects hogs, too, I understand) and is dangerous to human beings in the form of undulant fever.

In Colleton County, Associate County Agent White has been working with the local and state veterinary authorities in mapping out the county and scheduling the testing of the cattle in the different areas. When they were a little over half through there, he tells me they had tested 7,065 cattle on 792 farms. They found 98 reactors on 24 farms and 123 suspects. Reactors were disposed of and suspects are subject to a re-test. And if they show up again as suspects, they, too, are then disposed of.

Our dairy specialist, C. G. Cushman, tells me all dairy herds from

which milk is sold commercially in South Carolina are now free of this disease. Handled right otherwise, this gives us a fine, wholesome local milk supply. For, of course, these herds are tuberculosis free, too.

### BOYS ARE THAT WAY

We looked forward to syrup making time in the Stone Hills of the Dutch Fork when I was a boy. We were out of the sugar cane region, so ours was made from sorghum. And I still like that sort best.

Candy pullings were then in order, and they were the main sort of parties we had. The young folks would get together for a pender parchin' and candy pullin'. And, my, the wonderful times we had!

Parents would help us parch the peanuts. And cooking the molasses properly was quite an art. We didn't have a thermometer then to test it with, so when it would "string" properly off the spoon it was ready. It was then set outside to cool quick to the point we could handle it. During that interim, we ate peanuts and shelled some for the candy.

As soon as the molasses had cooled enough, each couple buttered their hands, got a ball of it, and started pulling it. We'd pull fast for two reasons. It was still rather hot to hold and it wouldn't pull good after it got cool.

There was quite an art to pulling it, to get the air in it, and keep

## THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

By Clinton Davidson

### PAYOLA EVERYWHERE

Fifteen years ago a prominent publicist talked to me about a method which she said beat all other forms of advertising and publicity, both as to effectiveness and low cost.

He said that various people engaged in the production of motion pictures such as camera men, assistant directors, directors, etc., were being paid under the table by people interested in promoting the sale of cigarettes and liquor. At that time a large percentage of women and young girls did not smoke.

So, according to this publicist, the motion picture people were paid to photograph as much smoking as possible by women portrayed as social leaders. In due time, it was reasoned, girls would think that if they did not smoke, too, they would be looked upon as being nobodies.

Another time our hands were really pulling and folding that ambery candy. We glimpsed a fly and she asked me did it go. I said, "I dunno." We didn't eat any of that batch of candy either.

Pulling that hot candy would sure clean our creased hands. Although I balked at that busted blister and fly, that ordinary hand dirt didn't phase me.

Bought candy was scarce in the Stone Hills, so we really feasted at these pullings. Yes, we ate until it didn't taste good any longer. Then thirst was intense, and we often drank out of the branch on the way home.

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ble; some passengers might think that he was drinking gin and would object to the man in whose care the ship rested drinking liquor.

Soon after returning I saw a motion picture in which a well known movie star played the role of Captain of this same ship. A young couple came into his cabin to visit and he immediately got out the liquor and began mixing cocktails. I asked myself the question, "how much was somebody paid to get this liquor scene in" which was absolutely contrary to what actually happens on the Hawaiian bound steamships.

CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION

Just recently we learned that a department store owner in Pennsylvania paid radio and TV personnel to mention the name of his store

on other sponsors' programs. And it appears that a large percentage of the so-called disc jockeys were being paid as much as \$50,000 per year to plug certain records. Although they were employed to play the records that the public wanted most, it appears that they played the records for which they were paid the most by the recording companies.

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