

FARMS... AND FOLKS

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FERTILIZER BEST BUY

Of all the supplies going into making a crop, fertilizer remains the best buy, according to the USDA. Since the 1947-49 period, fertilizers had risen only 6 per cent by the past spring, according to a digest gotten up by our farm management specialist, P. S. Williamson. But during that time taxes had gone up 94 per cent, farm machinery 59 per cent, wages 51 per cent, motor vehicles 47 per cent, building and fencing materials 33 per cent, and motor supplies 24 per cent. The only things that had gone down were the two the farmer produces, feed and seed.

Relatively cheap fertilizers have helped the farmer stay in the running, under these conditions. For they have helped bring higher and higher yields.

As pointed out by Clemson's Woodie, the farmer needs to be as economical as he can. But cutting on fertilizer is poor business now. For it is the cheapest element going into crop production and it helps pay for the others that are higher. Only with high yields can farming prosper now. And when it comes to fertilizers, we are not using as much as both experiment and experience show pays best.

HIGHER HOG PRICES LIKELY
Our economists have studied the

hog situation and have come to this conclusion: "Marketing during the latter half of 1960 will be below a year earlier and prices during this period are likely to average substantially higher."

So, our hog man, Gus DuRant, says take good care of those shoats, as things are looking better.

GRAIN PLANTING TIME

Grain for grazing should have already been planted, according to Hugh Woodie, our extension agronomist. And it's now getting time to get the oats and barley in. Then out in November is wheat seeding time.

Did you know little South Carolina produces more grain than any other southeastern state? Well, it does. Our acreage is the largest and our production is the highest, too. It pays to fertilize grain at planting time with a complete fertilizer. And then follow that up with nitrogen top-dressing out in February or March.

Some of our land needs lime, too, for grain, just like for many other crops. Grain does best on soils with a pH running from 5.5 to 6.5.

The use of good treated seed pays, too. Full details about this crop are carried in Circular 463 entitled "Small Grains for South Carolina." It is free from your county agent's office.

GRAPES IN GREENWOOD
They have 500 acres of commer-

cial vineyards in Greenwood county. County Agent Garvin says they are doing a good job with everything except spraying. Many have acreages just too small to invest in the proper equipment to do the best job with. The remedy will likely be larger acreages or custom spraying. For, in this climate, spraying is too important in grape culture to play along with, says our grape man, Roy Ferree.

BOYS ARE THAT WAY

As kids, my, how we would have treasured many of the throw-aways of today!

A wide-mouthed gallon jar, one you could get your hand into, we could have kept our things away from the rats and flies in there.

And these sealed containers like oil and anti-freeze come in, boy, what we would have given for a few of them! We would have made boilers that would have blown the whistles we made from canes that grew down on the creek. Yes, and incidentally, one would have likely been stopped up too tight and blown up, scalding us. But kids never bother their minds with such unpleasant subjects. We did a get a friction type molasses bucket once. It was a rare treasure. We built a furnace around it as a boiler and the steam blew our whistles for hours on end, sounding like an old-time peanut parcher. The handle was lost from that one is the only reason we got it. For buckets were scarce and money was too.

Strings, wire, rubber bands, paper sacks, cardboard cartons, and the like of today would have each been a useful and treasured item to us. And all sorts of abandoned wheels of today would have been prized indeed. The only sort we had were sawed from the trunks of trees, and they creaked when they dried. And occasionally the country store there got a cheese box with

solid top and bottom. We watched for those with the eye of an eagle. And they were spoken for time they arrived. Then when the cheese was all gone, the treasure was ours. We nailed them to the end of push sticks, making "grasshoppers" that worked back and forth like the rockers of a locomotive.

An old automobile tire was an un-

known then. We would have treasured one of them for sure. And an old inner tube would have supplied the whole community with slingshot rubbers. Empty shells, crates, bottles, and jugs that we throw away now would have all found a place with us.

Change, change, the constancy of it!

Clinton Davidson

This Week in Washington

Campaign Promises

Voters with a long memory know that campaign promises, however, sincerely they may be made, cannot always be carried out. The country is fortunate that some of them cannot.

I attended both Presidential nominating conventions four years ago. Many promises were made by both parties which were not carried out, partly because Congress refused to vote them.

Similar promises were made at the national conventions this year and are being repeated by the candidates in the campaigning for votes. We are hearing a great deal of talk about "government programs" involving huge outlays of public funds to "strengthen our economy."

Federal regulations and controls follow excessive Federal spending. I have called attention in previous columns to the fact that there are more than 3,000 Federal Bureaus, commissions, and agencies in Washington with administrative authority over private business. More than half of them have been created in the past 25 years.

ANGER FROM WITHIN

A large number of those agencies, with a total of many thousands of employees in all parts of the world are spending billions of the U. S. taxpayers' money in both cash grants and technical aid, to build up foreign competition to private business in this country. Many of these competitors are government-owned and controlled.

Through use of U. S. financing and cheap labor at home, those countries can undersell us in many markets including those in our own country. This not only weakens our

privately owned industry and agriculture but has caused many of the larger corporations to form subsidiary corporations in Europe which provide jobs for thousands of European laborers, while reducing employment within the United States.

CONSERVATIVE AGRICULTURE
This situation is not too bad at present but it would have become very serious if all of these so-called "liberal spending programs" had been put into effect.

Many spending projects were pushed by Congressmen from the large industrial cities. During recent years our country has been saved from inflation and disaster that would have followed such liberal spending, simply because the agricultural areas are conservative.

The liberals have complained bitterly that the Congressmen in the Southern agriculture sections voted with the Northern conservatives and thereby prevented the enactment of the so-called "liberal" plans to spend many billions of dollars of the taxpayers' money. They are right about this.

The moral socialism at the heart of these spending programs has not appealed to Southern representatives in Congress. The South is a basic agricultural section, in which there is a high proportion of farmers, especially small farmers. Southern farmers generally, are conservative in their politics and economic beliefs.

Far-sighted editors of thousands of weekly newspapers have contributed immeasurably to defeat of wasteful and dangerous spending by keeping their readers accurately informed.

NEEDED: A FREEDOM ACADEMY

By THURMAN SENSING, Executive Vice-President
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While the United States is spending vast sums on complex weapons systems, and even larger amounts on utterly wasteful foreign aid, neither type of expenditure is proving itself effective in checking the advance of world communism.

Red Cuba's totalitarian excesses continue to grow in number. Only recently, that island's communist government seized three American-owned banks. On the African continent, Reds dominate the government of Guinea. In North Africa, taking up key positions in the Algerian rebel army that is warring on France. Against communism's techniques of war by subversion, the United States is almost helpless.

The truth is that covert methods are the methods of communism's war planners. They expect to win World War III, not with giant bombs or fleets of submarines but with saboteurs, political agents, and propagandists. To the Red, the propaganda is the heart of the battle.

Tragically, the United States has little with which to fight the Reds on this front. Instead of concentrating on building political war forces to resist communism, it has squandered billions on economic aid. Roads have been built overseas in lands that communism came to seize. Dams have been constructed, only for a leftist regime to deny the U. S. credit for them. Scholarships have been given foreign students, only for them to return home to become anti-western fanatics. It is ironic that Raul Roa, Cuba's foreign minister, was at one time given a Guggenheim fellowship—a grant provided by an American foundation.

At long last, however, the country is beginning to wake up to the need for counter-subversion training.

Representatives A. S. Herlong of Florida, and Walter H. Judd of Minnesota, in the House of Representatives, and Sen. Karl Mundt of South Dakota, in the Senate, fought hard in the last session of Congress to win approval for a Freedom Academy. This would be a Cold War training school in which American officials, agents and military men would get instruction in the methods used by communists and how they can best be checked. All that American conservatives have learned about communism would be taught in this "West Point of political warfare."

Graduates of this school would know how to organize counter-guerrillas, how to expose the fraudulence of Red propaganda, and how to break up communist fronts in remote lands. They would be the spearhead of free capitalism's resistance to Red totalitarianism. They would understand the means of cracking student riots such as prevented President Eisenhower's trip to Japan. They would be in a position to help restore a free pro-American government to Cuba.

The Freedom Academy bill, which had the support of leading American conservatives, won approval in the U. S. Senate. Unhappily the bill did not come to a vote in the House. But it is expected that the Freedom Academy bill will be re-introduced in the next session.

The United States needs a counter-subversion training institute. The country should have had it more than 10 years ago. It is unfortunate that it is not operating right now. Much of the mess the U. S. finds itself in Africa, with its foolish and costly dependence on the United Nations—an organization with a staff made up in part of Russian

and satellite country personnel—might never have happened.

A Freedom Academy should be on the "must" legislative list of Congress next year. The country needs trained professionals to help break the power of the communists and their fellow-travelers who hope to subvert America, the stronghold of freedom.

sions of sympathy shown at the death of our mother, Mrs. John P. Anderson. The cards, floral offerings, food and every deed were deeply appreciated. May God bless each of you is our prayer.

—MR. AND MRS. H. W. STATION

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We wish to express our deep appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown during the illness and at the death of our mother, Mrs. Lula B. Gruber. Especially do we thank Dr. Macdonald, the nurses at Joanna Memorial hos-

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—THE FAMILY

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