

POTATO BUG WAS FIRST KNOWN DESTRUCTIVE BUG IN EARLY DAYS

(Yeah that's about the only thing that was sprayed was potato bugs.)

Potato bug. And then finally the boll weevil got in. And they finally got to spraying for the boll weevil. But that potato bug was the first thing that I ever laid eyes upon. The only destructive bug there was.

(Well, of all the changes over the years it seems like there's more bugs now and more stuff to fight with sprays than it used to be. You think that all the spraying that they do that they'd eliminate the bugs but I guess the bugs just as thick now as they ever was.)

Yeah they was. When I first started growing soybeans in 1950 or '51. And them beans you didn't have to do a thing. There wasn't nothing bother them, you know. Now then you got to spray for hornets and bugs. Well about two or three different things now, destroy them. But the old boll weevils he's still after the cotton.

(You still got boll weevils?)

Yeah. Down here in river bottom well they had to spray.

(Well.)

That cotton I raised, I dusted it twelve times.

(Hum. Looks like you'd eventually get rid of them.)

I don't know. They'll always be some that get by in a boll or something that's left on the vine. And I guess they're hard to do away with. I hear you freeze them in ice and thaw out and the boll weevil just take off.

That's what ruined the cotton deal in here.

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(Looks like that along the river bottom would be a good peanut country.)

Well, it would. But now then since they've got equipment and everything to raise now you have to be on your allotment. You know, so many acres