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# IN THE COTTON PATCH

—By Pat Kourt

Cotton-country friends depend on each other to . . .  
 swap stories about spring plantin'  
 chop weeds under the swelterin' July sun  
 pull crisp, white bolls on frosty fall days  
 wish for spring plantin' days in snow-packed December.

Cotton-country friends are easily recognized by . . .  
 faded, striped overalls with worn knees  
 smooth, pale foreheads above sun-browned cheeks  
 old Ford pickups pullin' wobbly, wooden trailers  
 rag-wrapped jars of water to guzzle in the shade.

Cotton-country friends have the same daily schedules as . . .  
 an early Monday start a sackful at a time  
 a daily trip down 152 to the gin yard  
 a Saturday night Western movie in town  
 a Sunday rest and renewal for another week  
 among friends--  
 in the cotton patch. ☞

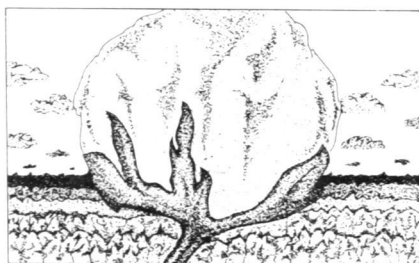


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