

RADIO ADDRESS OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THE OPENING OF THE LAWSON FROZEN FOOD LOCKER PLANT, AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON JUNE 17, 1947.

The frozen food industry in South Carolina, which is exemplified by the formal opening of this magnificent plant, is one of the outstanding examples of how agriculture, industry and the consumer can profit by working together.

What could be finer than for our farmers and livestock producers to sell their goods for processing into excellent foods which are made available the year round? The producer makes a profit, the processor makes a profit and the consumer profits by getting good vegetables, fruits and meats at reasonable cost throughout the year.

Since the war's end, there have been many frozen food plants opened in South Carolina. They are providing an excellent service for the people of our State. Now that this plant here in Columbia, the focal point of South Carolina and its Capital, has begun operation on a scale never approached before in this State, many hundreds of other people will have the service that is offered and will profit by good living throughout the year.

The growth of South Carolina, in every phase, should be on such a sound basis that every field of activity is benefited. The new industries that we receive should be well-paying, soundly-financed, community minded enterprises. They should employ people who are anxious to give a good day's work for a good day's pay. They should utilize our natural resources and the natural advantages that South Carolina possesses.

~~And~~ We are making progress industrially. We are progressing in the right direction. We are using our resources and our citizens and our capital to make profits for all concerned. We will continue

to progress even more rapidly when we blend the efforts of agriculture and of industry in such industries as frozen foods.

This is particularly true when you consider that the result of this blend is cheaper food for the people of our State---wholesome, energy-building, stimulating food.

I want to congratulate Mr. Lawson and his associates for their far-sighted business enterprise in establishing this processing plant and in providing 1,500 lockers for the people of Columbia and this section of South Carolina. I wish them the best of success and I know that when the public learns of this service at such low costs that the lockers will be filled and the tables of our people will ~~be~~ ^{supplied with} present excellent food at reasonable cost.