

# Mystery Farm Home No. 33 Found On Marion-Walthall County Line

Dairying provides a steady income on Mystery Farm Number 33, about four miles north of Kokomo on the western edge of Marion and into Walthall counties. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Holmes can look out their front door and see the white house of their closest neighbor, Sen Magee, who lives in Walthall county. Magee identified this Mystery Farm.

Mrs. Holmes was Glendora Brumfield before she and Mr. Holmes were married July 30, 1933. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Brumfield who live nearby.

Benny Gail Holmes is the young son at Mystery Farm Number 33. He likes to watch television at night. Consequently, when it is time to get up in the morning he wants to sleep. Mr. Holmes says that Benny tells them that he will start getting up early in the mornings when he starts to school next year.

Mystery Farm Home Number 33 is set back from the road in a large well-kept green lawn on a little hill. The house is painted white and is surrounded by a nice arrangement of shrubbery. Behind the house is the large barn for livestock and some implement storage. This barn also holds the corn and other feeds grown on the farm for the dairy cattle.

Somewhat under the hill from the house is the dairy barn. Between the dairy barn and the house is the garage where the pickup truck and the tractor are kept out of the weather.

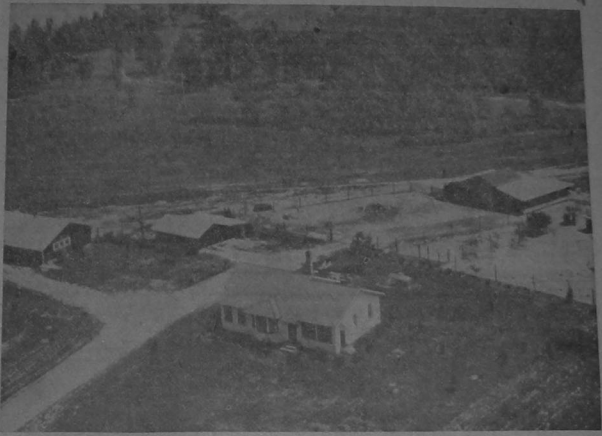
Ten acres of corn were grown on this farm this year, and Mr. Holmes says his field of hybrid corn is an exceptionally well for this dry year. He had a couple of ears on nearly every stalk and judging from the load parked in front of the crib the ears are all large and sound.

Mr. Holmes was in the Army during World War II. He first went to Europe, where he was sent to the hospital with pneumonia. Less than two weeks after returning to his company, they continued on to the Pacific. He says it was about eight months before his papers caught up with him and he had a payday. The trip back home was by way of the West Coast, so Mr. Holmes can say he's been around the world.

Mrs. Holmes works in Tylertown at the Haspel plant. Working in town and keeping house, too, makes her days full and she doesn't have a lot of time for extra activities. However, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes are active in the Magees Creek Baptist church.

Mr. Holmes says he started into the dairy business because of two things. He liked the idea of having a payday every two weeks instead

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of cotton's once-a-year payment. Too, he found that hiring cotton choppers and pickers took too much of the total income of a cotton crop.

Most of the old cows on the farm have been sold off, and now the milkers are a bunch of heifers. There are 24 head of grown cows and 18 heifers on this 80 acre farm.

The next bunch of 9 heifers to begin milking will be artificially bred from some of Mr. Holmes' older cows. He is interested to see how they will turn out as milkers.

Eight acres of this farm are in timber. The balance is cultivated. Twenty-one acres have been planted this year in oats and crimson clover and there are seven more to be planted. Pastures play an important part in the feeding program on this Mystery Farm.

Mr. Holmes says you earn all you get out of milking a bunch of cows but that he enjoys it very much when he has green stuff for them to graze. He says they give more milk when they have green grazing. Profit in the dairy business, he figures, comes from green pastures.

In order to make his green pastures greener, Mr. Holmes uses all the help he can get from the agricultural agencies in the county. A good part of his soil was tested last year and he will make tests before planting corn next spring.

Electricity is the most important hired hand on this farm, pumping the water on the operating the cooler and milker at the dairy barn in ad-

dition to the usual household chores.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes moved to this farm in 1940. They built their new house in 1950 and the dairy barn in 1951. They are getting their home more like they want it as time passes, and are looking forward to a long and happy life.

We have a suspicion the farmer is going to make his voice felt in the November 2nd election.

The secret of enjoyable food usually lies in the amount of labor used to prepare it.

### Sweet Potato Pie

- 2 cups mashed sweet potatoes
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Salt
- Pastry
- Line pie plate with pastry.
- To the hot cooked mashed potatoes add butter, sugar, milk, salt, well beaten eggs, and lemon juice. Mix well. Pour in an oven 425 degrees until brown, about 30 minutes.

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