

# Acting Postmaster Philip Singley Is Owner Of Mystery Farm Number 88 Located In East Columbia Community

Silage plays a big part in the feeding of the dairy cattle on Mystery Farm Number 88, as one would think from seeing the silo in the picture. However, something new has been added since this picture was made. Another silo has been built near the first.

Philip Singley, owner of Mystery Farm Number 88, and acting postmaster of the Columbia Post Office, began dairying in 1949. He says that when he was a little boy he used to say that he would never run a dairy, but that didn't keep him from going into the business.

The farm is made up of 178 acres, 110 of which are in pastures and row crops. The balance is in woodland. It is a part of his father's place — the Albert Singley farm at East Columbia.

For winter pastures Mr. Singley likes White Dutch and Crimson clovers with Rye grass or oats. Millet is a favorite summer standby. Alyce clover is also used quite a bit.

Mr. Singley says he finds silage more dependable for dairy feed than pastures alone because of droughts. Cows on pastures many times eat them down to where the milk supply drops. By using silage he says the supply of milk holds constant. It takes silage and pastures and some concentrates to keep production up.

The dairy barn was constructed of concrete blocks when the dairying business was begun. A couple of years ago the first of the two concrete stave silos was built and the second one was built the following season.

Speaking of silage, Mr. Singley said that the grade that comes out of the silo certainly can't be of a higher quality than the crop put into the silo. He has used some oats and crimson clover for silage, but he says there is much more work involved in this type of silage than when straight corn is used.

A field of corn is growing at this time and taking advantage of the recent rains to provide silage for

the silos, Mr. Singley stated.

Two tractors are on this farm. One is used mostly for heavier work and the other one is what this mystery farmer terms the cultivating tractor.

The owner of Mystery Farm Number 88 is a member of the East Columbia Baptist church where he teaches a young men's Sunday School class. He is a Mason, a member of the Farm Bureau, State Bar Association, County Bar Association, County School Board, and is the acting postmaster of the Columbia Post Office.

The postmaster likes sports and likes to fish and hunt, though he says he doesn't have much time for any of them.

Mrs. Singley, formerly Miss Kathleen Pittman, is also a member of the East Columbia Baptist church. She and Philip were married on June 25, 1941. They have four children: Philip, Jr., Judy, Bob and Jane.

Mrs. Singley is an excellent seamstress. She can see a picture

of a dress and make it without a pattern. This week she is helping with the Daily Vacation Bible school at the church, quite characteristic of her church activity.

Philip, Jr., like his father, likes to fish and hunt and has more time to participate in these sports than Mr. Singley. His father says he is a good fisherman and is a pretty well be in the sixth grade when school opens this fall.

Judy will enter the fifth grade when school gets underway again. She is quite fond of reading. She is taking music, too, and seems very interested, as evidenced by her hard work.

Bob will begin his first year in school next term. He has been quite busy the last few years in trying to keep up with Philip, Jr.

Jane is sixteen months old. She hasn't become interested in too many activities as yet but is beginning to do a lot of talking. She is her mother's constant companion.

