

Mystery Farm Number 9 Is Carrol Campbell House In Curve Of Road

Carrol, Hazel, Carolyn and Gloria Jean Campbell live at Mystery Farm Number 9, two and a half miles northeast of Columbia. To get to their house, go north on Section Avenue.

Carrol and Hazel Miller were married in 1941 and have lived here their married life. Carolyn joined them 11 years ago and Gloria Jean has 7 years of farm life behind her.

A school bus will run through this community and bring the girls to school in Columbia this term, Carrol says this is going to be a big advantage to the parents because it has been rather inconvenient to come to meet them when school is out in the afternoons. The girls are looking forward to the opening of school, Carrol said, but he didn't give us any information about the little boys around the neighborhood.

There are 27 acres in the farm. Four acres are around the house on the same side of the road. On the other side of the road is the pasture. This ground grows good lespedeza and lespedeza plays an important part in the pasture program of the farm.

Bermuda, carpet and lespedeza take care of the grazing in the summer. White dutch, rye grass and oats take over for winter pasture for the 30 head of grade white face cattle during the winter.

"Oats, now, that's the stuff," Carrol said in talking about his pasture program. He banks heavily on his oat crop for his feeding program. He says he gets good winter pasture from them during the winter if the season is at all favorable. Later, he takes the cattle off the oats. This lets the oats grow up. Then he has two choices. He takes which ever seems best for that year. Usually, though, he cuts some oats for hay, even if he combines part of them.

ASC allotments were used for buying fertilizer for the pasture. He says he managed to buy the seed to go with the fertilizer and has a good pasture program underway. Carrol has used information from all the agricultural agencies to help him to get his program into effect.

Carrol works at the Reliance plant and farms when he gets home in the afternoons. He does his work with a jeep. He has a 5 ft. gang disc, mower and rake. The mule on the farm does mostly garden work.

Four acres of bitter weeds have just been plowed under. The land is ready for discing. This will be plant-

ed in White Dutch and Bahia grass.

Carrol clips his pastures during the summer. He says he clips as much as three times if the rain is heavy enough to make the pastures need this amount of cutting. Bitter weeds are not wanted. He says he tries to get all of them out of the corners and along the fence rows because they make seed and keep the weeds coming.

This year Carrol plans to use a pasture dream to plant his oats. He figures that he will do a little experimenting with this method of planting oats in rows. This method has been highly recommended, especially in fields where there is a sod established that should not be plowed under.

Mr. Campbell turned to growing livestock because he figured he could realize as much from cattle as he could by growing row crops and there would be lots less work involved. He says the row crop

kept him too busy, with working in town, too.

Now, he has more time for his family. They enjoy the Sunday programs over the local station. The girls enjoy the Hillbilly Hay Ride program, and the family keeps up with the happenings in the world by listening to the news programs and by reading newspapers. The Columbian-Progress brings them more news about Marion county people than any other newspaper in the world.

The Campbells will be saluted over a radio program at 8:00 o'clock Saturday morning over station WCJU, along with the Mystery Farm Home in The Columbian-Progress. Some fryers are frozen each spring.

The Campbells believe in a good week's work. They believe in enjoying the good things of life and in saving what is provided for future use. Conservation of time, energy this week.

Carrol has two barns, as you saw when you were looking at the picture last week, trying to figure out whose place this is. One of these barns is built of concrete blocks. It is impossible for a rat to gnaw through these walls. He says he is going to make it weevil-proof this fall before he puts his corn in it. Then he can use high life and stop feeding weevils. Carrol doesn't mind working, but he figures keeping rats and weevils out of his corn is good business and a sound conservation practice, just as much so as building terraces and a stock pond.

The Campbells have an extra large garden. Everything possible is put in the deep freeze. Irish potatoes are grown and kept under the house. The potatoes usually last until Christmas or later. Chickens furnish the eggs this family uses, and food are practiced. They also believe in spiritual things, as evidenced by their membership in the First Baptist Church in Columbia.

