

High Sheriff Of Marion County Is Owner Of Mystery Farm Home No. 103, Adjoining Bunker Hill School

J. V. Polk, sheriff of Marion county, is the owner of Mystery Farm Home Number 103, located next to the school at Bunker Hill, and has lived there since March 14, 1916.

There are eighty acres in the Polk farm. Sixty-five acres of the farm are in pastures and the balance is in woods. Pastures consist mostly of bermuda grass and crimson clover, with other grasses growing in thinner stands. Fertilizer has been applied to the pastures at various times and in different types of plant food.

There are usually 25 to 40 head of cattle grazing on the pastures, though Mr. Polk says he sometimes tells down a little below this figure and then, again, there may be more cattle.

The hay barn on the farm is built on a rather unusual design. Mr. Polk didn't like his first barn so he tore it down and rebuilt of poles. These poles run up and down and slant inward at the bottom on

three sides of the barn. This gives the cattle room to get in under the shed and also allows them to feed themselves from the rack. When the hay is taken away from the poles, it is rolled over against the rack again.

Mr. Polk says this self-feeder type barn is very handy and saves a lot of work. The cattle, says he, wait a long time before it is necessary to move any hay. Crins are at the closed end of the barn.

Mrs. Polk is the former Miss Ollie McFarland of Flora, Miss. Mr. Polk says he met her when he was barbering in Clinton. She was working in the same building. They were married August 18, 1906.

The three children in the Polk family are Charles Lewis, Sandra and Janice. They are in school at Bunker Hill.

Charles Lewis is 13 years old. He is in the eighth grade. He belongs to the 4-H Club and is an active Boy Scout. He likes to carve things of wood and has made many differ-

ent carvings. One of his latest projects was to make a butter fly about a foot wide.

Sandra, 11, is in the seventh grade. She likes to read and belongs to some book clubs. Reading has just about put her dolls on the shelf, though she still has them. She is a member of one of the 4-H Clubs at Bunker Hill and has been quite active in her sewing projects.

Janice is ten. She likes the piano more than any of her other hobbies and is getting in lots of practice on the different kinds of music she is playing during the summer.

Mrs. Polk is active in the church at Bunker Hill and is a former Sunday School teacher. She likes to sew and to cook. She is a former owner and manager of the Southern Grill in Columbia. She is a past Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star, past president of the WMU and was assistant secretary of the church for five years.

Mr. Polk is a deacon of the Bunker Hill Baptist church. Although not teaching a Sunday School class at this time, he began teaching Sunday School at the age of twenty and has had a class most of the time since then. He is on the Boy Scout Troop Committee at Bunker Hill. Mr. Polk is sheriff of Marion county at this time and is in the race for State Senator from this district. He is also a Mason and a member of the Columbia Lions Club.

The Polk family is fond of fishing, though Mr. Polk says he doesn't do too much fishing right now. Most of his fishing is with his son when they go to check a line in a creek or occasionally go to the pond together. Mrs. Polk gets credit for being about the best fisherman in the family. There are three ponds stocked with fish on the farm.

The young Polks have quite a time with the bantams, white Leghorns, the Collie and Beagle hound and the two horses, a Palomino and a Pinto.



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