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Sixteenth Aerial Photo In Mystery Farm Series Belongs To Liston Bass

At the end of the trail leading to the solution of Mystery Farm Number 16 is one found Mr. and Mrs. Liston Bass. The Basses live about 2 1/2 miles north of the Columbia city limits on the Bunker Hill Road, just across the road from the air-

They said they took a ride one time with a man from Nassau who had a plane at the airport and enjoyed the trip very much. Mr. Bass said that Columbia looked better from the air than it does from the ground because from the air it looks like a big landscaped plot. Mr. Bass sounded like she would be taking a trip all the time if she had a plane.

Mr. and Mrs. Bass are not doing the extensive farming they were a few years ago because both of them have been sick and are taking life easier now.

Mr. Bass said everything happens to him in July, that he likes from one July to the next to see what is going to happen. First, he was born in July. He went to service during World War I in July. He was discharged a couple of July's later. He married Gay Fortenberry on July 3, 1928. And, he had his heart attack on August 1, not in July but very close to it.

They have sold most of their original 280 acres of land, keeping 40 acres for their own use. This gives them all the land they need to carry on the necessary farming and certainly lightens their load. Two years ago Mr. Bass did a lot of work with his tractor and grew \$1500.00 worth of corn on 40 acres. Tomatoes were growing the cotton this particular year.

There are five acres of cotton on the present farm. The remaining acreage is in corn, cucumbers, peas and pasture. The cucumbers and peas are a small part of the acreage.

The 18 acres of pasture is of native Kentucky, Falford and Bermuda grasses. Weeds are kept off the pasture by mowing when necessary. There is plenty of grazing for the two cows and two calves the Basses have at the present time. These cows are artificially bred Jerseys.

Mrs. Bass says that when they were married her father gave her a

young cow. She kept a record on this cow until she was sold. When the cow got to be about thirteen years old her bottom teeth had worn down to where she couldn't eat grass very well so she was sold for \$123.00. During this time Mrs. Bass says she sold eleven calves and milk and butter from this cow for a total of \$1500.00.

Mrs. Bass is selling milk and butter and eggs now. She says she does not grow any more chickens for the market because she doesn't need to work that hard since she was seriously sick last year.

Her rose garden has felt the effect of the period of Mrs. Bass' inactivity, combined with the dry weather this summer. Growing roses is a hobby with her. She says she really enjoys growing roses and

taking them to someone who is sick and to the church.

At one time she had 21 different varieties growing in her rose garden. Now she has about a dozen different types, one being a patented rose from England. She is planning to order a couple of dozen bushes this fall.

When the chicken house is cleaned out in the Spring a good part of the cleanings goes to the rose garden. When roses are set in the fall she digs a 1 inch hole and fills the bottom 5 or 8 inches with old dirt from around the chicken house.

Then, fresh dirt is added and the center is built up a little in a cone shape. Mrs. Bass says she takes the roots and holds them together in her hand so she can clip them off at one time, and so they will be

about the same length. These roots are spread out over the mound and covered with fresh dirt. Never let the fertilizer touch the roots, she says.

The boy in this family is Howard Myers Bass. Howard entered the Marine Corps when he was 17 years of age. He is now stationed at Camp Le Jeanne, N.C. He is a master sergeant. Howard gets left out on birthdays three out of every four years because he was born on the 29th of February. He married Frances Reynolds who was a nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bass are active in their church. Mr. Bass has been a deacon in the Cedar Grove Baptist Church for the past twenty-five years. She is active in the W.M.U.

