

# Travis Lott Owns And Operates Mystery Farm At East Columbia

Mystery Farm Home Number 24 belongs to Travis Lott. This farm is near the East Columbia Baptist Church and is a part of the old Albert Singley place that was sold several year ago.

Mrs. Travis Lott is a daughter of the late Albert Singley. Her name is Lois. She says she had always liked the place where the farm is located and they decided to buy it when it was for sale last December. They bought the place from Tom Robertson.

Travis and Lois were married December 9, 1939. They have two sons, Travis, Jr., and William Lewis.

Travis, Jr., is seven years of age and is in the second grade in Columbia Primary school. His mother says he likes to go to school very much and thoroughly enjoys riding on the school bus.

William Lewis is two years old. His interests are still at home. One of the main attractions to him at the moment are the dog and her seven little puppies. Both of the boys had dogs when the Lotts lived in Columbia, on Church street, but they found that a dog's life can be mighty short when cars are travelling back and forth near the house.

The Lotts belong to the East Columbia Baptist Church and take an active interest in what is going on in the community.

For a number of years Travis was in the service station business in Columbia but after a lengthy illness he decided to change occupations. He is now growing cattle and has some 35 head of white faces. Twenty-five of these are on his place at East Columbia and the others are on his father's farm near Sumrall.

The 35 acres in the Lott farm are in pasture. Mr. Lott says that the sod was already established when he bought the farm in December of 1933. It is a permanent type pasture with clovers and grasses of different types in different parts. He hasn't had to do anything to the pastures so far but will keep them in good shape.

There is a stock pond on the farm that has been stocked with

fish. The boys like to fish and are catching a "cat" occasionally. Mrs. Lott says she helps them fish every once in a while since one of her hobbies is fishing. She and the two boys want to see a hollow on the farm turned into a fish pond. This would give them two ponds in which to fish.

Travis says he doesn't care about fishing. He likes to hunt, especially for squirrels. Little Travis has a BB gun that he is getting some good shooting practice with and is interested in rabbit hunting. It won't be long until he will be saying, "Shake that vine, Daddy, I saw him move."

The deep freeze is full of home grown produce. Plans are to put a yearling in the box just as soon as

there is room. Travis says they like the system of growing the vegetables and meats for the deep freeze.

Lois like to grow chickens. She is working at night but says she thinks she will get some more chicks before long. She says she put about 60 chickens in the deep freeze this year, and there are 40 head that are being kept for layers.

The Lotts listen to WCJU "all the time." Ball games are at the top of the list of favorite programs. The television set comes in for its share of entertainment, too.

The boys seem to prefer to stay at home than to go to town since they are living where they have plenty of room to play and to fish

and can have their dogs. The Lotts keep up with what is happening by reading The Columbian-Progress and Sunday Mirror newspapers. They enjoy both the news and the feature stories.

Since there is only pasture on the Lott farm they are not bothered with some of the troubles of a row-crop farmer, such as boll weevils and corn weevils. Travis plans to continue to improve his herd and his pastures. He seems to prefer the troubles of a cattle grower to some of those of a row-crop farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lott are near town. They have all the conveniences of the city and they have more room for the boys to play. They seem very happy with their way of life.

