



## Owned By Wayne Aultman Mystery Farm Home No. 25

For about five years Mystery Farm Home Number 25 has been the home of Wayne Aultman and his family. Located on the Gates Road about six miles from town this farm grows row crops, pastures and beef cattle.

This home won third place in the new homes division of the Better Farm Homes contest that was sponsored by the Marion County Chamber of Commerce and the G.M. & O. Railroad three years ago. It is well built and attractively finished and furnished.

Mr. and Mrs. Aultman were married January 18, 1941. She was Miss Dora Lee Easterling. She finished Salem High school in Covington county. He went to school in Sumrall.

Mrs. Aultman said she was in the hospital when she saw the picture of their home in the Sunday Mirror and was quite surprised, saying she had never dreamed of seeing a picture of their house that had been made from an airplane.

She says she is feeling fine, now. She works at the Reliance plant in Columbia.

Mrs. Aultman is a member of the Marjorie Stewart Home Demonstration Club and enjoys the club meetings very much.

Mr. Aultman spends most of his time on the farm during farming season, but is a carpenter and does this type of work when it isn't necessary that he be doing something on the farm.

The two children in this family are Donald Allen and Mary Carolyn. Donald celebrated his first birthday on October 16.

Mary Carolyn is a 4-H Club member and is in the eighth grade at Improve. She is also the pianist at Graves Creek Baptist Church where the Aultmans attend church.

The Aultman farm has 58 acres, with 30 acres in cultivation and 28 in pastures. Cultivated acres are

devoted chiefly to corn and cotton. Some hay is grown and there are small patches of different truck crops.

The truck crops are grown and used at home and sold. Mrs. Aultman says that they fill the deep freeze with various vegetables and sell some of what they don't use at home.

The deep freeze also comes in handy for saving beef. When the Aultmans run out of beef they butcher a yearling and replenish the deep-freeze. Chickens are also grown at home and stored in this freezer.

Hogs are grown for home use on this farm. They are fed on home-grown feeds and this keeps the cost of pork down at the Aultman home.

Last year Mr. Aultman began a permanent pasture program by putting in some Bahia grass. Mrs. Aultman said she wasn't quite sure what he planted with this grass. Plans are to increase this permanent pasture acreage this fall.

Mr. Aultman is increasing his good pasture as his herd grows. Here are eight head of beef-type cattle on the farm at this time.

A stock pond was built when the Aultmans moved on this farm five years ago, so there would be water available for the cattle. Mr. Aultman has put some fish in the pond since that time.

Mrs. Aultman says that her husband visits the county agent's office and the other agricultural agencies from time to time to get needed information and is taking advantage of ASC and SCS information and

benefits.

Radio station WCJU is tuned-in quite frequently. Mrs. Aultman says Mary Carolyn likes the Hillbilly Hayride program very much.

The Aultmans are gradually improving their farm and home, making additions where most needed and also to improve the long-range economic picture.

Last year a new cattle barn was built. This barn has storage space and room for the cattle, too. A loft provides a room for storing hay.

Mr. Aultman is doing his farm work with a good pair of mules. His heavy breaking he has done with a tractor. Then, he and the mules take over to do the planting and cultivating.

Although Mr. Aultman is putting in more pasture this year and plans to increase his herd of cattle as it naturally gets larger, he does not plan to quit row-cropping in the near future. His farm, he figures, needs both to round out his program.

Being located on a paved road and having all modern conveniences in their home gives Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Aultman and their two children a combination of town and country life that they enjoy very much. They are working and looking forward to the time when they have everything like they want it but don't expect to enjoy having absolutely nothing to do because they are a progressive couple and will continue to improve and enjoy life as it moves along through the years.

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