

a part of the show on at least

J. H. Barber Lives At Mystery Farm No. 26 On Old River Road

J. H. Barber lives in Mystery Farm Home Number 26 that was pictured for identification by readers of The Columbian-Progress in last week's issue. This home was identified first by Garland Simpson, the SCS technician who has been doing some work on this farm.

Mr. Barber has been living on this farm for about three years, being the farm manager for Ratliff Prisk. He says they started at the front of the farm with their clearing and clearing, and have been working toward the river since. Argentina bahia grass has been the principal crop on this farm.

Mr. Barber married May Goldman thirty-three years ago, and they have nine children.

J. H. Barber, Jr. lives on Doc Beacham's farm that is north of Columbia. He married Marcelle Cox. Their three children are named Jack, Sue and Bobbie. J. H., or John as he is usually called, was in service during World War II.

Charlene married Homer Lee. They and their three children live at Foxworth. The children are named Shirley Ann, Sarah Ruth and Junior.

Earl married Ween Dickens. Dorris married Roan Lowe and lives at Fords Creek. Their children are named James and Buddy.

T. W. married Etta Pearl Sawyer. Their children, "Doodbug," "Squeeger" and Sharon, complete this household near Fords Creek.

Dennis and Dennis are twins. Dennis married Lloyd King. They and their two children, Randy and Joan, live in Bogalusa.

Dennis is in Korea. His wife, nee Hilda Pendleton, and children, Danny Lee, Louis and Cathy, a week-old baby live in Columbia.

Sarah Jewell is the youngest child. She is a freshman at Hub High this year. Mr. Barber says she is active in the 4-H Club and is "in it all" at school. She likes math and likes to keep house. She lives at home with her parents.

The fourth member of the family of Mystery Farm Home Number 26 who lives there is Jack, the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Barber's first child. Jack is in the fifth grade at Hub. He is almost twelve years of age and is thinking about joining the 4-H Club. Mr. Barber says he is a regular cow-

boy when he is at home. Looking after the chickens at the Barber household is one of his jobs. Jack likes geography and arithmetic and is an all-around boy his grandfather says.

Mr. Barber says his hobby is hunting and fishing. Working, he says, takes up most of his time so there isn't much time for hunting and fishing.

Mrs. Barber likes to fish and raise poultry. She has a nice bunch of turkeys on the yard.

A deep-freeze provides a convenient way of storing vegetables grown in the garden and saves a lot of the work necessary in canning food.

Mr. Barber says the biggest job on the farm is looking after the cattle. He and Joke Ham were

starting in the pasture on a little fence moving project. They were moving a fence a little farther down toward the deep end of a stock pond. The dry weather had made the water too shallow just inside the fence. Most of the pond is on the opposite side of the fence from the Argentine Bahia grass pasture where the cattle were grazing.

A big project had just been finished, according to Mr. Barber. About 35 acres of ground had been pushed with bull dozers and leveled with the help of a road patrol. This ground had been planted in Argentine Bahia and clovers. A couple of stock ponds had been built in the low spots as explained in another story in this issue of The Columbian-Progress.

This farm is located on the old River Road, near Spring Cottage. The history of this farm dates far back into the record of Marion County, but Mr. Barber says the fields had grown up again in lots of different kinds of bushes and small trees that had to be cleared and roots gotten up before much plowing could be done.

A good bit of hay has to be grown on this farm to take care of the cattle. A big field of oats should be coming up in a few days that will be used for winter grazing and for hay, probably, when hay cutting time comes next year.

Mr. Barber says his family has just about gotten to be a family tree, but he and Mrs. Barber are proud of their children and their grandchildren.



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