

Mrs. John T. Singley Is Owner Of Mystery Home No. 31 East Columbia

Mrs. John T. Singley is the owner of Mystery Farm Home Number 31. She lives about half a mile past Lewis Wesley and says she lives in the best neighborhood of the county.

When Mrs. Singley came by the office and picked up her picture she told us that she was standing on the porch looking at the airplane when the picture was made. She also told us that we had written a story on her and the late Mr. Singley for a "Farmer of the Week" column before they built their new house in 1947.

Mrs. Singley is a member of the Improve Baptist church and attends whenever she can. She says her neighbors are all mighty good about helping her in any way they can and that she appreciates this fact very much.

She takes The Columbian-Progress and says she looks forward to its arrival every Thursday just as if it were someone coming to pay a visit. Walley Wesley called and told her that the picture of her place was in the Sunday Mirror as the Mystery Farm.

Mrs. Singley enjoys the morning devotionals and the preaching services over station WCJU, she says, probably more than most other programs. She also likes to turn on her television set and watch some of those programs.

"Shot" is the name of the pet dog that keeps Mrs. Singley informed of what is going on around the house by his growling and barking.

Mrs. Singley's daughter, Ruby, works with the income tax department in Jackson. She finished at Columbia high school and at Mississippi State College for Women.

Her son, Zeno, married Fay Robbins and they live in New Orleans where he is district supervisor for Spur Oil Company. He finished at both Improve high school and Mississippi State College.

Recently Mrs. Singley sold the

land across the road from the house and kept about 160 acres. About 65 acres of this is in cultivation and is rented out.

There are about 10 acres of improved pasture and more native pasture to furnish grazing to the 10 head of beef cattle on her farm. The cattle barn usually has a good supply of hay in it for times when the pastures are not sufficient to take care of the cattle.

In the picture of Mystery Farm Number 31, Mrs. Singley says the streak in the background is a fire lane to help protect the wooded

area on her farm. She had fire to get out last spring. She told us that it didn't seem like any time had passed after she called the fire tower until the fire fighters were there. With their equipment and the tractors and plows her neighbors brought it didn't take long to plow around the fire and put it out.

The garden has something growing in it most of the time, though Mrs. Singley says she doesn't try to do a lot of hard work in it at one time. One of her neighbors had plowed and bedded the garden

for her just a short while before the picture was made, she said.

Mrs. Singley's hobby is crocheting. She prefers to make dollies and center pieces of various kinds. She says she sells some of her work along and is getting too much on hand, though she kind of hates to sell the various pieces after making them.

The Singley home is equipped with all modern conveniences and she says it is home, just where she wants to be. She has a telephone by her bed and is all fixed up for living without having any hard work to do.

