

Jabus W. Rawls Is Owner Of Mystery Farm Home No. 39 At East Columbia

Finances from one to three children in college each year since 1926 has been done by the owners of Mystery Farm Home No. 39. Mr. and Mrs. Jabus Rawls

live in Columbia when they built their present home and moved to it in 1927. Their farm is located on the East Columbia road and is just outside the corporate limits.

Mr. Rawls was chancery clerk of Marion county when this move was made. He was reared in Marion county and liked farm life. There was more land in the farm when the move was made, but some of it has been sold. Now there are 100 acres in Mystery Farm Number 39.

Charles Rawls, one of the sons in the family, operates a dairy on the place and most of the farm is in pasture. Soil conservation has been practiced for years here. Mr. Rawls has always operated on the theory that there must be plant food available if anything worthwhile grows on the land.

Permanent pastures of various types have been developed by utilizing advantage of soil tests and taking all help available from the various agricultural agencies. Strip planting of pastures has been very successful. This enables Mr. Rawls to plant crops quickly and allows wet weather grazing.

Mr. Rawls has bought and sold mules for years. He says he used to buy them from the mule market in Memphis, but this market is a thing of the past, so he buys a mule whenever and wherever he finds one. Last spring he sold 100 mules, and he is looking forward to "trading" season.

Eight hundred White Leghorn hens are laying and 600 pullets will begin laying in about two months. These chickens are in four barns that have been converted into chicken houses.

There is an egg room in one of the houses that has been walled and celled inside and insulated. Plans are to install a small air conditioning unit to hold the temperature down when the weather gets hot and to make the eggs keep longer. This will also cool the eggs quickly, which makes them stay fresh much longer. Then, too, cleaning and grading eggs will be a cool job instead of a hot one.

Grading is done with special scales when the eggs are cleaned. These scales are designed so that an egg rolls across a series of balances until it gets to one that is tripped by its weight. This drops

it into a small trough. Mr. Rawls showed us how this works to separate eggs by weights, enabling him to give his customers small, medium or large eggs as they desire.

Most of the eggs are sold to one buyer on a contract basis, but a good part of them are sold to local stores.

Mrs. Jabus Rawls was Miss Oneida Applewhite before she married Mr. Rawls in 1911. They have eight children, all of whom finished Columbia High in three years except one who went to Poplarville. Several of them finished college in three years.

Mr. Rawls says he has more than a passing interest in Pearl River Junior College, Whitworth State, Ole Miss, Millsaps, M. S. C. W. L. S. U., Mississippi Southern, University of Alabama, John Hopkins, Jefferson Medical College and Lamar Tech because he has or had children at these schools. For a quarter of a century he has had from one to three children in col-

lege each year, and is proud of the records they have made.

Mattie married Moutzon Plyant from Purvis. They live in Houston, Texas.

Jabus W. Jr., married Kathleen Brumfield from Tylertown. After 17 years in the Army he retired as a full colonel and is an engineer at Boeing Aircraft Company in Seattle, Washington. Their two children are named David and Jimmy.

Ruby married Vernon Price, a Columbia boy, and they are living in Houston, Texas. Their children are Frances, Mary Margaret and Ann.

Charles married Eunice Johnson from here. Their daughters, Eunice Elizabeth and Mary Ann, are in school in Columbia. Charles is the only one of the children living here.

Mary Annette married Burl Thompson of Darbus. He is in the Merchant Marine and she is a civil service worker in the Pentagon building in Washington, D. C.

John married Elizabeth Bras-

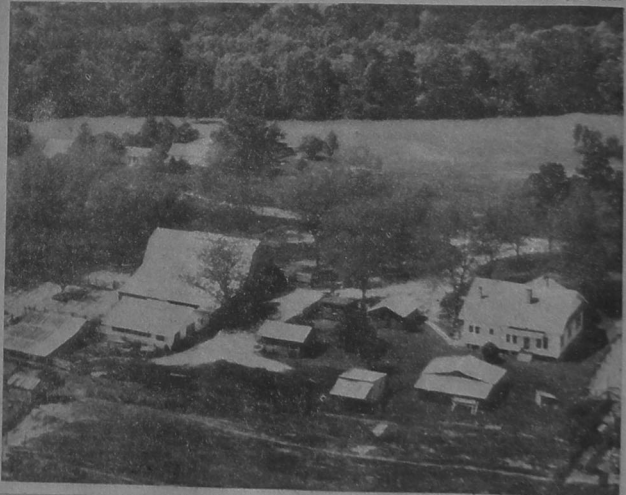
well, Jackson, Mississippi. They and their son, John, Jr., live in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he is interning at Jefferson Hospital. He has his M. D. degree.

Giles drove in from Port Arthur, Texas, Wednesday night, where he is a chemist for The Texas Company. He is doing post graduate work at Lamar Tech at night. Giles is the only eligible bachelor left in the Rawls family.

Lillian married Dick Thomas of Fayette, Mississippi. They live in New Orleans where he is a medical student at L. S. U. in New Orleans.

Mr. Rawls stated that he has tried to make every minute count. He likes farm life. For the past several years he has been developing his farm so that he would be independent, have something to do that was not too hard, but would bring in some money.

Mr. Rawls believes there is a good living for everyone in good health if they want to make it and follow sound business practices.



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