

Mystery Farm Number 53 Is Using A Tractor To Cultivate This Year's Crop

Mrs. Rodney Thornhill came by the Columbian-Progress office Saturday morning and picked up her aerial picture of Mystery Farm Home Number 53 that was run the second time in last week's issue of the newspaper.

This farm is six miles west of Foxworth and is made up of sixty-four acres, twenty in cultivation and forty-four in pasture and timber.

The three acres of cotton allotted to the farm will be planted. They have been rented out.

Mrs. Thornhill says that twenty acres of corn have been planted by her husband. He works for Boyd Construction Company in the grass-constructing crew and does his farm work when he is at home. Actually, she says, he farms all the time because he is farming, in a way, when he is planting grass along the shoulders of new roads.

He started back to work Monday with Boyd, after having been off through the winter season.

While at home he put a new shed around the barn in the picture, and Mrs. Thornhill says it has a new look, now. In addition to working on the barn he built a lot of new fences.

Mrs. Thornhill laughed when asked how long she has been married and said she always tells folks she's been married all her life because she got married when she was fifteen. She was Susie Bedwell before her marriage.

There are two other members of this family, Wyndol and Patricia.

Wyndol is a junior in the Marion-Walthall high school. He is an active member in both the Future Farmers of America and the 4-H Club there, his mother stated.

He plays forward on the basketball team. He also drives one of the school buses to the school.

Patricia is eight years of age. She likes to watch television and is especially fond of skipping rope. With her brother driving the school bus, she is the first passenger on each morning when it starts to gather Marion Walthall students.

The Thornhills have been living on this farm for 21 years, or ever since they were married, Mrs. Thornhill said.

They have been interested in growing cattle since they have been there. She says growing cattle is a part of farming. Pastures have been improved and there are fields of Bahia grass, white and red clovers. The 23 head of cattle find water at the branch which runs across the place.

Mr. Thornhill believes in soil conservation. He builds his own terraces and keeps them in good shape. He takes advantage of all

the soil conservation aids he can and is trying to improve his farm, making it better each year.

This will be the first year the Thornhills will make a crop with their tractor. It was bought during the winter, complete with planters and cultivators. She stated that they kept one mule for odd jobs, but figures he won't be used very much. She said she's going to learn to drive the tractor sometime when no one is looking.

The Thornhills listen to WCJU quite a bit, she says, and she is tuned in to most of the Saturday programs.

During the week she is working. She is a floor-lady at Dorgan Packing Corporation and is not at home during the days the plant is operating.

Mr. Thornhill's well is rather deep, but he has his place fixed so that he can get his money's worth out of it. A deep-well electric pump furnishes water to the lot as well as to the house, which is complete with hot and cold running water in the kitchen and bath.

The barn is wired and is conveniently lighted.

The Thornhills are active members of the Shady Grove Church.

