

Smallest Mystery Farm Thus Far Contains One Acre Near Sandy Hook

Mystery Farm Home Number 59 is the smallest farm to be named in the Mystery Farm Home series since The Columbian-Progress ran the first mystery picture.

The total acreage of this Mystery Farm is 1 acre. That's right, one acre. Cultivated land is the garden, which is more or less of a hobby and has something growing all the time.

Mystery Farm Home Number 59 belongs to L. R. Kane. In fact just about all the homestead is on the picture except for the store that Mrs. Kane runs when Mr. Kane is away at work.

Before her marriage to Mr. Kane, Mrs. Kane was Jimmie Sue Warren. They were married in May of 1949 and have two children, Joan and Sissy.

Mr. Kane is in the contracting

business. He builds dwellings, mostly. This business keeps him away from home and the store a good bit of the time, especially during the day.

He built the dwelling and the store building, Mrs. Kane says the house could be named the house of seven gables because it actually has seven gables. The Kanes have been living at this location since 1947. The house was built two years ago last November, and a new store building has been built since the business was begun.

Mr. Kane likes to hunt and fish. He has a house boat on Pearl River where he and some of his cronies occasionally spend the night. Sometimes he and the two girls spend the night down there, but Mrs. Kane seems to prefer sleeping at the house.

Mrs. Kane says the store is stocked with a general line of merchandise and that business is good. She seemed to enjoy running the store. She says keeping store doesn't allow her much time for hobbies, but she does some sewing at the store. She has a radio there and dimes in WCUJ quite a bit.

Joan is the older of the two girls in the family. She likes hunting, fishing and horseback riding. She killed several squirrels last season and went bird hunting last week.

She likes to shoot and is a good shot. In fact, she can out-shoot lots of people who have done quite a bit more shooting than she has.

Joan has a horse that she likes very much. Not long ago a man tried to buy her horse and she told him that her horse was not for sale at any price.

She was quite thrilled when her Aunt Hazel showed her the picture of her house in this paper last week. She is going to be thrilled again when she gets her diploma from the Columbia Grammar School next commencement. And there will be a certain amount of regrets at leaving the old school, but summer will soon pass and she will be a high school freshman looking forward to senior privileges.

Sissy is in the sixth grade. She, too, likes to hunt, fish and ride a horse. She likes to go to the house boat and spend the night.

In addition to her other hobbies, Sissy has 35 bantam hens and 20 big hens. She is very fond of her bantams and would not sell any last year. Earl Ball came down to buy some to set with quail eggs, but he couldn't make a trade. However, she let him borrow some little hens, so he got his eggs hatched. (Note: There was a story on Earl's 4-H Club quail project in last week's Columbian-Progress.)

Sissy plans to go into the laying hen business this spring with her mother. The eggs will be sold in the store, insuring the Kane customers of fresh eggs.

Mr. Kane's mother lives at Mystery Farm Number 59, too, and enjoys television very much.

Mrs. Kane says they have an electric stove that she likes very much. There are also the usual household electrical appliances. The house behind the house is where Mr. Kane garages his truck and also where the deep freeze is located.

Katherine Brown cooks for Mrs. Kane and does the housework. "Kat", as they call her, has been with them for some time. Since store hours are from seven to seven, Mrs. Kane doesn't have much time to do any work at home.

She can take care of her rose garden and watch the store at the same time. Growing roses is one of her pet jobs.

Mystery Farm Number 59 and Kane's Grocery are located on Highway 35 and are about four miles north of Sandy Hook.

The Kanes enjoy life throughout the week and enjoy attending church and Sunday School on Sundays at the Sandy Hook Methodist Church.



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