

Mystery Farm No. 62 At Cheraw Belongs To Superintendent At Hickory

The owner of Mystery Farm Home Number 62 is superintendent of Hickory Special Consolidated School, about twenty miles west of Meridian. This is an eighteen teacher school with 820 children last year.

Mystery Farm Number 62 belongs to W. R. Coker. It is located at Cheraw and is made of the old Mike Jones place and some land bought from others. Mr. Coker says he has owned this farm about 18 years.

Much of the over 450 acres are in timber. There are some 80 acres in cultivation, growing corn, hay and cotton. Feed for the 60 head of cattle is grown at home.

Thirty acres are in permanent type pastures, with Dallis and Bahia grasses being in abundance. Water from the flooding creek after the big rain about a month ago scalded much of the Italian rye grass.

Twenty five of the sixty head of cattle are registered whiteface and gradually the herd is being turned into a registered herd.

There are two families on the place that look after it when Mr. Coker is away at school. He comes down every few weeks for the week-end and checks up on what is going on, he says. Farming is done with a two-row tractor and a pair of mules.

The Cokers are living on the farm for the summer. They got moved down almost a month after school was out at Hickory because there was some work being done at the school that detained them.

They are members of the Hickory Baptist church. He teaches a men's Sunday School class and she teaches the young married women's class. She is also president of the Women's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Coker played basketball when in school and still likes this sport, as well as football games. She is a member of the garden club. Mr. Coker says she is the best fisherman in the family.

Mr. Coker likes hunting and

fishing and sports. He has some deer hide rugs in his farm home. He is a member of the Farm Bureau, a Mason, a Shriner, member of the Mississippi Education Association, the National Education Association and American School Administrators. He is also a past president of the Lions club.

Mrs. Coker is the former Miss Earline Ethridge, whom he met while she was visiting in Poplarville. Their daughter, Sheryll Lynn is 21 months of age. His son, Bob-

by, is finishing at Pearl River Junior College this session, and he says they are going down to Poplarville for the commencement exercises.

Mr. Coker says he was reared on a farm and likes farm life. He is building up his farm, but says he doesn't plan to quit teaching school until he can retire, but that is another story. He taught at Buford, Marion-Walthall and Hub in Marion county before transferring to Louisiana for five years before coming

back to Mississippi.

Mystery Farm borders on Pearl River, Ten Mills Creek and old Highway 13 West, providing plenty of water for the cattle. There is a small fish pond that has been built and stocked with fish. Although there is plenty of good fishing on Mystery Farm Number 62, Mr. and Mrs. Coker are waiting to let the mosquitoes die down a little before spending much time at one of their favorite sports.

