

Mystery Farm Number 72 Has Fine Forestry Plot North Of Columbia

Mystery Farm Number 72 is owned by Mrs. Hezzie F. Dunaway. The farm is located about four miles north of Columbia on the road to Bunker Hill, but she owns and operates a store on South High School Avenue in Columbia.

Mrs. Dunaway and the late Hezzie F. Dunaway were married in March of 1938. They bought this farm about eleven years ago from Mrs. Ezell Kendrick and lived there several years. She was Miss Willie Mae Sauls prior to her marriage.

Then, they moved to town and began operating a store. At present, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Graves and their family live in the house shown in the mystery farm photograph.

Mr. Dunaway died while in office as the Marion County Representative in the Mississippi Legislature. He had been an active civic leader, having been county superintendent of education, president of the Columbia Lions Club and an important figure in many other organizations.

Mrs. Dunaway says she likes to read and sew but is especially fond of her flowers. Keeping store doesn't leave her much time for outside activities, but she is a member of the South Columbia Home Demonstration Club and says she enjoys the meetings very much. She is a member of the First Baptist Church in Columbia.

The Dunaway farm has seven acres of the 82-acre total in timber. Harold, the youngest of the three Dunaway children, is looking after the farm. He has won several Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce prizes on his timber plot in the various forestry contests sponsored by those organizations. He set out 1000 seedlings the past planting season.

Harold is figuring on planting the three acres of cotton allotted to the farm this year, and there will be about 18 acres of corn.

The balance of the farm is planted in permanent pastures of various types. Oats and clover are about a foot high. Mrs. Dunaway says Harold brought some to the

store to show her when he came back from the farm Wednesday afternoon.

Harold is president of his junior class at Columbia High School and has served as president of his 4-H Club. He is very active in the Future Farmers of America chapter at CHS and is assistant BTU director.

One project of the FFA chapter was to collect soil samples, and Harold did just this. Findings from the tests run on these samples are being followed in his fertilization program. His mother says these tests were run on the Illinois Cen-

tral soil testing laboratory that was used by agricultural agencies in the county to make tests at various locations.

Mystery Farm Number 72 has 28 head of cattle. Harold says there are six fine, healthy, new calves frisking over the pasture.

Although there is a nice pond on the farm that has been stocked with fish, Harold seems to like to fry river fishing.

Harold went out for spring training with the CHS football squad. He likes football very much and is looking forward to the coming season.

The oldest of Mrs. Dunaway's children is Hezzie Ford Dunaway, Jr., who is in school at North Texas State College. His education was interrupted by a tour of duty with the Air Force. During his enlistment he spent a year in Korea which kept Mrs. Dunaway more or less worried, she says.

The daughter, Mary Elizabeth, married Robert Bermudez. They live in New Orleans where he is a salesman. They have a seven months old son named Mark. Mary Elizabeth spent four years at Blue Mountain and a year at Tulane.

