

Claude McDaniel Owns Farm No. 84

Mrs. Claude McDaniel wrote The Columbian-Progress a card saying that Mystery Farm Home Number 84 belongs to them. The farm is located on the Purvis road, about five miles from Columbia. The McDaniels have been living here fifteen years.

Before their marriage on March 26, 1922, Mrs. McDaniel was Miss Bessie Gregg. They have three sons.

Merlyn married Miss Louise Hill. They live nearby. Their children are Robert and Annelle. Robert will start to school this term. An-

nelle is five and will have to wait another year to start answering the roll.

The second son, James, married Miss Naomi Shivers. Their children are David, 4, Gary, 2, and Joel, 6 months of age. Claude, Jr., likes the farm and is living at home. He does much of the farm work. Farming is just about as much of a hobby with him as it is a livelihood.

There are 63 acres in the McDaniel farm, but some more land is rented nearby. The 53 acres in cultivation are in cotton, corn and

hay, for the most part, though there are several small patches of various vegetables for home use, much of which is put in the deep freeze.

A couple of tables of clean, picked peanuts were drying in the sun in the back yard. These will serve for seed another year and there will be plenty of peanuts to parch during the winter.

The fifty head of beef cattle are on the ten acres of pasture on the McDaniel farm and the pasture land that is rented. Pasture is mostly carpet grass and lespedeza.

Nitrate of soda was applied during the growing season, and Mr. McDaniel says it has really paid off in increased grass production. He had been cutting bitter weeds in corners with a hoe. Later, he will take the mower to the other weeds before going to seed.

There are two ponds with fish in them on the farm. They have gone dry, but have held up fine this year.

Soil conservation has been practiced for years on this farm. Terraces have been built from time to time and more are planned for this fall. Cover crops are planted every winter. Winter peas have been used for the most part and Mr. McDaniel says, "You can tell the difference" in where the peas were planted and where they were not planted.

The farm work is done with a tractor that is used for the heavy breaking and with a pair of mules that do most of the cultivating.

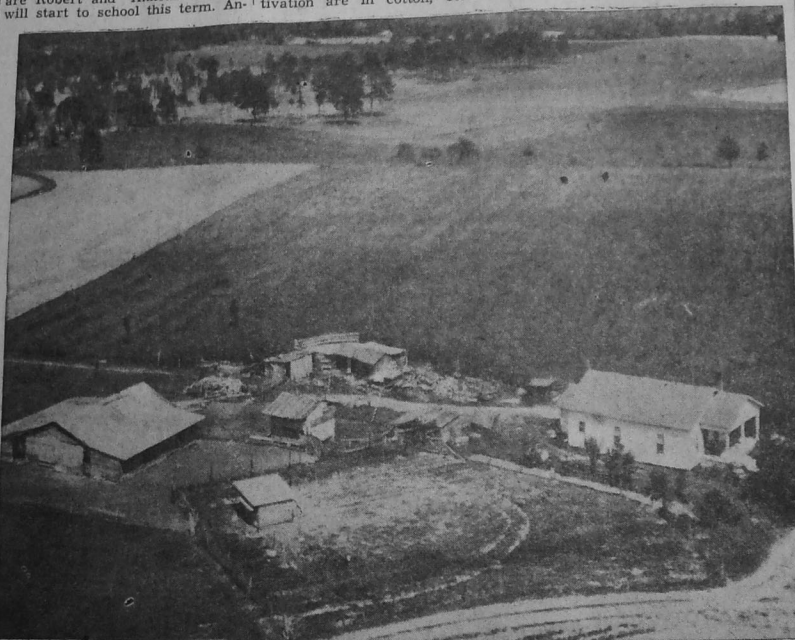
There is a pretty colt that is a little over two years old. Her sire was a registered horse. Mr. McDaniel has raised this filly, and she is a real pet. Until now she has never been ridden. When he called, she came trotting up to the barn from the pasture and started rubbing her nose on him. In a minute or two she started nibbling at the toes of his shoes.

Mr. McDaniel says she used to nibble his pockets. That was when he would give her cigarettes. She was getting to be a tobacco fiend, so he quit that and broke her tobacco habit.

This horse hasn't been broken to ride, so she won't be in the horse show this year. However, Mr. McDaniel is looking forward to seeing her in the ring another year when the local horse show comes to order.

Mr. McDaniel likes to fish, whenever he has time. He does carpentering and roofing work on contract and by the hour. He is a member of the Mormon church.

Mrs. McDaniel likes to cook and to sew. She enjoys her housekeeping and likes to keep her deep freeze full. She is a member of the East Columbia Baptist church.



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