

Farming Is Fun And Relaxation For Owners Of Mystery Farm Home No. 85

Working on Mystery Farm Number 85, located on Highway 35 about fifteen miles south of Columbia, provides the owners, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Prejean, with diversification and relaxation from the duties at Prejean's studio in the Newsom building in Columbia.

Mr. Prejean moved to Columbia in April, 1943, when he bought out the Turner studio located behind the old Quin Drug Company. He moved his photographic studio to the Newsom building when it opened.

In 1950 the Prejeans bought Mystery Farm Number 85 and began adding to the house and improving their new home.

There is a nice little lake behind the house that has been built since they acquired the farm. This lake has been stocked with bream and trout and is fed by an artesian well. Mr. Prejean says he wants to build some more dams and run some springs nearby into the lake and to raise the little island in the middle and landscape it.

Mr. Prejean says he quit growing chickens for the market when the price went down on broilers, and because of outside work, but grew a couple of hundred for his deep freeze this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Prejean were married in 1941. Both have children by former marriages. She has two sons, Stanley and Richard McCaffrey, and a daughter, Sylvia, now Mrs. Jack Beard. Mr. Prejean has two daughters, Ethel, now Mrs. George Camp in New Orleans, and Ruth. Ruth married Jack Rau, who is a partner in Prejean's studio. There are sixteen grandchildren.

Mr. Prejean says his hobby is farming and that he likes his place very much. He would like to have

lots more time to devote to it.

Mrs. Prejean likes to dig in the yard and to take care of her flowers. She finds this very restful after doing a lot of retouching on negatives at the studio.

There are nine head of cattle on

the farm. These are dairy cattle. Mr. Prejean says he is planning to raise some dairy cattle for sale.

The cattle have about 18 acres of pasture to graze on the thirty-six acre farm. There are about ten acres in cultivation. Cultivating is

done with a tractor.

Mr. Prejean is an active member of the Catholic church in Columbia. Mrs. Prejean is a member of the Baptist church in Tylertown but attends the church in Sandy Hook.

