

Tree Farm, Wholesale Gasoline, Cattle And Sawmill Keep Owner Of Mystery Farm Number 86 At Sandy Hook Busy

Jack Forbes, usually referred to by his many friends as "Little Jack" in order to keep from confusing him with his father, H. H. "Jack" Forbes, is the owner of Mystery Farm Home Number 86 at Sandy Hook.

Several readers identified this picture when it came out in the newspaper, but many attempts to catch Jack for an interview proved fruitless. With his farming operations, sawmill, and wholesale gasoline business, he is kept pretty well on the go.

Jack and his wife, the former Miss Iris Ford of Poplarville, were married on March 20, 1948. For the past seven years, or will be in October, they have lived in their home shown in the mystery picture.

They have two sons, Ronald, usually called "Ronnie", and Kevin. Ronnie is four years old and Kevin is ten months. Kevin is walking all over the house, though a little weavy at times.

Ronnie is quite a little man. He says he likes to play. He has a new Davy Crockett hat and shirt and plays his Davy Crockett theme song on the record player.

Evidently Ronnie is going to take after his grandfather in more ways than one. He is going to be a fisherman, too. When asked if he had ever caught a fish he said, "I think I caught one fish one time." A few fishing trips with "Granddaddy" when he gets a little larger and he will be able to raise that number.

Speaking of fishing, Ronnie is getting ready to go. He is growing grass hoppers in a glass jar.

Jack says he doesn't have a hobby. However, he is very interested in sawmilling, and this part of his livelihood is probably the sawmilling is his first love, as far as business is concerned and would come close to being a hobby with him as well as a business.

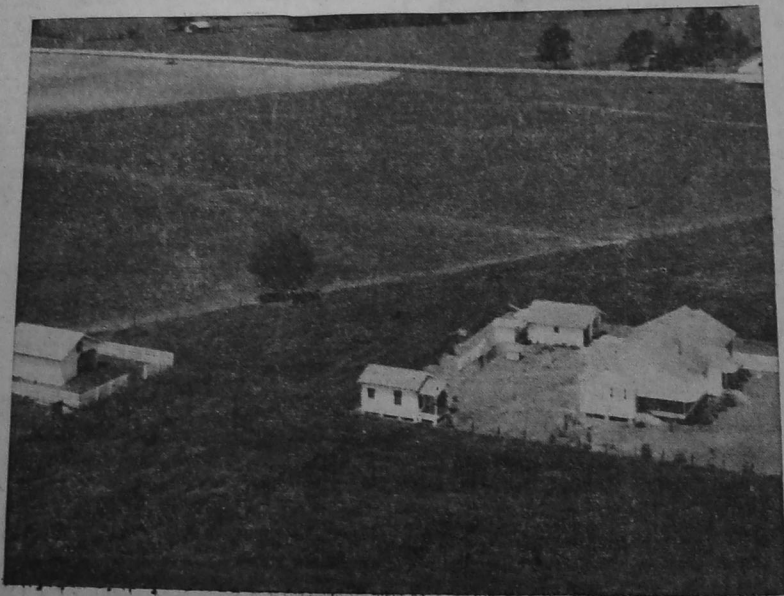
Mrs. Forbes likes to sew and cook. She says she reads as much as she has time, but the two boys keep her pretty busy.

Mr. and Mrs. Forbes are members of the Sandy Hook Baptist church. He is a member of the Marion County Chamber of Commerce, the Marion County Farm Bureau, and the newly formed Columbia Country Club.

Although there are only ten acres in the plot where the house is located on Highway 35, Mr. Forbes has other holdings of land. There are some 100 acres in improved pastures that have 100 head of beef cattle on them. Bahia grass and Crimson clover are the most important pasture crops.

Being in the sawmill business, Jack knows the value of growing timber to keep the mill running. He has something like 700 acres under the Tree Farm program and is managing his timber on a long term plan. Fire is kept out of the woods.

Naturally soil conservation is practiced. There are three ponds on his land, all of which have been stocked with fish.



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