

Member Of School Board Found To Be Owner Of Mystery Farm No. 91, Located 5 Miles Out On Sumrall Road

Mystery Farm Home Number 91 was identified by Carlton Rayburn as belonging to his father, J. J. Rayburn, who lives on the Sumrall road, about five miles northeast of Columbia.

Mr. Ira, as his many friends call him, is well known all over Marion county and a large part of the state. He was supervisor from Beat 1 for twelve years. Then, too, he was maintenance superintendent for the State Highway Department for eight years.

Mr. Rayburn is one of the men on our county school board. He is a member of the Farm Bureau, the Chamber of Commerce and is a Mason. He has also been active in the Lions club. Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn are active members of the Improve Baptist church, where she helps out with teaching Sunday School.

Mr. Rayburn likes to fish. Carlton told us, and stated that all of the big ones don't get away from him.

Possibly the nearest thing to a hobby with Mr. Ida is his love of people and visiting. Practically every morning he comes to town and visits a while along the street and gets his newspaper.

Mrs. Rayburn, the former Miss Ettie Lee Stringer, likes to sew and really enjoys her home demonstration club work. She is also good about visiting sick folks in her community and at making life more pleasant for those around her. She seems to get a kick out of her grandchildren and enjoys them very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rayburn live in the upper house in the picture. They have three children.

Bennie Rue, wife of the late Mr.

M. T. Gilmore, is the daughter in the Rayburn family and lives in the other house in the picture. There are two boys, Kary and Carlton.

Mrs. Gilmore has four children. Ronnie Joe is in the seventh grade. Dorma is in the fourth grade. Danny is a third grade student, and Micky hasn't started to school yet.

Kary Rayburn married Mildred Rawls. Their daughter, Norma Kay is in the seventh grade. John Kemp hasn't started to school.

Carlton Rayburn married Jimmie Nell Thornhill. They have a one year old son, Kirby Randall.

Mrs. Gilmore likes to do interior decorating, Carlton said, and is especially fond of making things. He said she has several beautiful lamps she built herself and other

articles of handcraft. She teaches at Columbia Training School, and is in school at Mississippi Southern College doing some summer work.

Ronnie Joe and the boys like to camp out and are especially fond of fishing and swimming. They like to swap fish stories with their grandfather.

Corn, cotton, hay and pastures are grown at Mystery Farm Number 91.

The beef cattle have a wide area of cleared pasture land to graze. White Dutch and Crimson clovers have been planted in the pastures and other improvements made.

There is a nice stock pond that has been stocked with fish, one of the soil conservation practices on the farm. The farm has been terraced. Fire is kept out of the timbered area of the 200 acre farm.

