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Home Of Maggie B. Ratliff Is Mystery Picture No. 17



MRS. J. R. PATTERSON of Peasop, president of the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs, was guest speaker at the first meeting of the new club year of the Community Club Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Patterson (left) is shown with Mrs. Virgil L. Harport, Jr., president of the Community club. Following her talk Mrs. Patterson was honored at a luncheon at which officers of the Peasop women's club of Columbia were guests. The meeting and luncheon were held in the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. MacKay with Mrs. Weller MacKay and Mrs. Randolph Barnes as hostesses.

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This is the first Negro farm occupied by the Peasop community. Maggie says she bought this place from D. B. Casper, who moved into the house here about 1900. She has not yet while the weather is still around the house.

Having bought land at different times, Maggie has a total acreage of 78 acres in her place. 19 acres of this land is in pasture and the balance of 59 acres are in corn crops.

She says she will get six to eight bushels of cotton from her ten acres, but didn't make an estimate of how many bushels of corn she will get from the 59 or 40 acres she has this year, but said the drought has cut it pretty heavy.

Oats were grown on this farm for hay last year, and she plans to plant some more oats as soon as she can get possession with a tractor to make the same growing better. She says she likes oats because she can graze them and also eat them for hay.

In addition to the oats she intends to plant, Maggie says she has signed up with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee for assistance on 15 acres of permanent pasture she hopes to get in this fall. She says she really needs a rain before she can get much of this work done.

The acreage that is planned for permanent pasture will come from the cultivated acreage. Maggie says that she needs to cut down on hard work and needs more pasture, too.

She has two cows and eight chickens, she says, and wants to keep and to grow off by giving them better pasture. She said she was growing some cattle but sort of lost out. Now she is getting back into the cattle business on a small scale.

This farm has three stock ponds. One was stocked with "government fish" this last stocking season, she says, and her grandchildren living with her are looking forward to fishing and having fish to eat.

Maggie says she has six children living. Carrie Mae married Luther Mages and they are now living east of Columbia, on Route 2. Ina Mae Rodman lives in New Orleans. Royle Lee Anderson lives in Chicago, but is visiting her mother at this time. Jessie Lee Williams lives in New Orleans. The two boys, Thedo and Roosevelt, have left home and Maggie says she doesn't know just where they are.

Earhart and Nita Jean James, Willie Dean Smith and Emma Jean Jefferson are grandchildren that are living with Maggie and attending Pine Grove School. They are busy gathering the cotton crop at this time, and they will soon be pulling corn after school.

The New Dawn Missionary Baptist Church is just across the road from Maggie's house. She has secured concessions from the church and makes a regular payment to the church for the privilege of selling soft drinks to the congregation.

She is a very active member of this church, being president of the choir and an usher in the church. She is a Senator in the Eastern Star and a member in the Morning Star Benevolence Association.

Maggie says the children like to play the radio and like to tune in on the local radio station. Her preference, she says, is devotional programs.

Maggie said she didn't see the picture of the house in the paper because she was not a subscriber. That was one thing she had intended doing for a long time, but had been putting off, she said.

Maggie mentioned this situation by taking advantage of the reduced rate that is available when both The Columbian Progress and Sunday Mirror newspapers are subscribed for at the same time and send her subscription to the office. She says she is going to keep up with what is going on in the community.

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