

Sweet Potatoes Grown At Night By Owner Of Mystery Farm No. 79

Scott Ball, owner of Mystery Farm Number 79, says he still has sweet potatoes that were grown at night last year.

Scott is the man you see hauling gasoline in the Shell Oil Company truck, making deliveries in this area from the local bulk plant. This keeps him busy all day and sometimes a trip has to be made at

night.

A tractor on the Ball farm lets him do some plowing at night. He is helped with this work by his three boys.

Mrs. Ball is the former Exie Mae McKenzie. She works at the Reliance plant in Columbia. She was among the first group of students to come to Columbia High when

upper classes were brought to Columbia from Hopewell, where she attended, and is a CHS graduate.

Scott finished at Sandy Hook when it was a large high school, he says, and many students came from Walthall county. This was also during the time when they had had a big fair at Sandy Hook each year and Willie Rankin raced the

field for a turkey. "Big Man", as Scott called him, was fast on his feet although he weighed around 460 pounds and was probably the nation's largest mail carrier.

Mrs. Ball likes flowers and spends some of her time at home working in the yard. Mr. Ball says he does as much work as he can on the farm and supposes this is his hobby.

The Balls were married about 15 years ago. They have three boys. James William, Doyle and Wayne. They are active members of the Sandy Hook Methodist Church.

James is a junior in Columbia High school. He likes to play different types of ball and plays with the Sandy Hook team at Marvin Pigotts where they have some outside lights. He is also very fond of fishing and hunting.

Doyle is a sophomore at CHS and, like his brother, likes to play ball. He played on the Columbia Motors Little League team last year and is looking forward to another season. He plays some with the team at Sandy Hook. His Little League position was first base.

Wayne, though the youngest of the three boys, is a good ball player, too. He is finishing at Sandy Hook this year and will be in school in Columbia next year.

Mr. Ball says the boys in the neighborhood have a big time at his house, where they gather to play ball.

The Ball farm has 211 acres, with about 15 in cultivation. The balance is in pastures and timber. Native grasses provide grazing for the 45 to 50 head of cattle on the farm, but winter pastures are planted each year to help them through the winter.

Crushed corn and home grown hay provide additional food for the cattle. There are three stock ponds on the farm, all with fish.

