

This Farmer Wouldn't Take A \$6000 Position In Town

"Farm and Fireside" Publication Carries Interesting Article Relative to Fred Entermille, of Baker, Written by F. L. Ballard.

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Twenty-seven years old, five years out of college, starting with next to nothing and now worth around \$25,000. It was done by farming in the wheat belt of Oregon during the past five years of depression.

The couple with this record are Fred and Vesta Entermille, who farm 160 acres four miles from Baker, Oregon. They are known all over the northeastern Oregon, a territory larger than Vermont and New Hampshire, because of their remarkable success and the way they achieved it. I named Vesta Entermille, along with Fred, deliberately. Mrs. Entermille is the sort of wife every farm boy should have—farm-raised, farm-minded. Their college was Oregon Agricultural college. They graduated with the class of 1919.

Almost before the ink on their sheepskins was dry they were on the farm and buying was in progress. Every foot of ground was familiar because this same farm, rented by Fred when he graduated from high school and purchased a year later, paid his way through the four years' course in agriculture, costing \$2,500, and enabled him, in his junior year, to marry Vesta Gardner, a Willamette Valley farm girl.

Recently I visited Baker to

learn just how, in the face of agricultural depression and high operation costs, a boy and girl could start practically at the bottom and in four short years acquire a substantial success.

A banker in Baker told me Entermille couldn't afford to leave the farm to accept a \$5,000 salary.

Paul Carpenter, county agent, said Entermille couldn't afford to accept \$5,000.

"They are right," Entermille said. "We are more than satisfied on the farm."

"Give me one good year on the farm and my present hog production and average crop yields for this farm and I will be out of debt," he said. "I expect to do it in two, anyway. Then I will have my outfit clear. Every year I have put about \$1,000 into improvements. These paid by increasing efficiency of farm operations and in home comforts."

I learned that the Entermille farm outfit is a \$25,000 proposition, conservatively speaking, and the equity of the Entermilles is already about \$22,000.

Fred told me of his start.

"I lived on the next farm, which is owned by my father, and worked out for wages when I could. When I finished high school I wanted to attend agricultural college. I had saved \$1,000—a good nest egg—but I wanted that capital to start farming, so I rented the neighboring farm. Two weeks before college opened, having decided I could grow potatoes and grain with enough profit to pay my way through college and have a little more, I rented the land with option to purchase. I was to come home in April and get the spring crop in, and to make up the college work later."

"At the end of the second year another buyer showed up. This farm was just what I wanted, and with my thousand dollars and another thousand I borrowed I made the first payment on the place, getting away from the balance of \$10,000 at seven per cent interest. This is an eight per cent country."

"One hundred acres were in cultivation. I outlined a system of grain, potatoes and hay. Six or eight acres of potatoes enabled me to pay \$1,000 on the place every year. Fifty to sixty acres of grain, wheat, and barley, paid the college bills; the remainder in thousands and eleven met the interest and expenses. Potatoes were dug before college opened, grain was harvested, and fall grain sowed then also. Spring grain and potatoes were put in when I was on my leave. By changing work with neighbors in harvest times I kept down my bill for hired help."

"I intended to buy my farm plain on Division, as in college I majored in animal husbandry and decided to raise Shorthorns. When I came back in the spring of 1919 prospects of the beef business were not bright, and the cost of a foundation herd looked too big, so I decided on Poland Chinas. A year later the beef industry was at rock bottom and has only recently shown signs of revival."

"In the winter of 1920 I had money enough from my crop to buy eleven cows and a heifer for my foundation herd. I bought the best individuals in the best herds in the Northwest and got four tops from the Middle West. I have never let down on quality. I never quit breeding on any hog I want, and none but tops have been in my breeding herd."

"My cows are heavy producers. One raised 91 pigs in seven litters. The first ten aged sows to farrow last March weighed 85 pigs. The largest litter weighed was ten. I find litters of eight to nine most profitable."

"I figure an investment in housing space of \$10 per sow in all I

Queen of 'Prom'



divinity among University of Wisconsin men students, who are accused by their dean of being the "champion flasers and calkers" in America, is expected to be seen for the honor of taking this girl to the junior "prom." She is Mrs. Bernadine Chesley of Armour, S. D., and she has been chosen queen of the "prom."

can stand. I use colony houses—two sows to the house. I put the houses on skids.

"The first sale was in 1921. I wondered if my new herd would bring any buyers. I sold twenty animals for an average of \$65. Last year, I sold 250 Poland Chinas and my 1924 breeding herd in 25 sows and four boars."

"No feed is purchased. When I decided on hogs I changed the farming plan. Wheat was discarded in favor of barley. A start was made to replace the clover and timothy acreage with alfalfa. The potato crop fits into the rotation well and provides a good cash crop followed on the same acreage beans year in and year out. Six to eight acres is my plan, although last year I had only three acres. But I will not as much as from the larger acreage, as I want to central Oregon last spring for certified Poland Chinas. I raised out less than one per cent diseased pigs. The crop is all spoken for at a nice premium for seed purposes right here in the county."

"I use nothing but the best seed, whether for seed production or for commercial stock. With potatoes, certified seed, even when not producing higher tonnage, cuts down the percentage of culls and yields a more profitable crop."

Federation wheat is a new high-yielding variety in the Northwest. Knowing that there was none grown in Baker county, Entermille sowed five acres of his barley acreage and put in Federation. He harvested 60 bushels the acre and

sold it for \$1.50 a bushel.

His barley is likewise the best of the Northwest—Trebis—a six-rowed, big-gerneled variety which goes around so bushels on the Entermille acres.

A hundred tons of hay was cut last year, and was sold in the stack. It's all alfalfa, new and yields four tons the acre. A small acreage of Grimm is so superior that, notwithstanding a seed price twice that of common alfalfa, all the new sowing will be Grimm.

"My hay is sold in the stack. But I have a real scheme with potatoes. I store the entire commercial crop in the basement of a wholesale grocery warehouse, and the company sells them out as the trade demands, returning me a check monthly. Thus I do my banking when conditions are best, and neither sell in a lump in fall nor gamble by holding. It's orderly marketing by an individual."

This sales plan and a constant acreage make potatoes pay. Even last year, when potatoes were fed to livestock or dumped, I got money out of all of my crop."

Good management, good livestock, good crops, good subsistence and alertness have played a part in Entermille's success. Entermille found that a fine sow that had sold at \$1,725 in the East in boom times was listed in a Willamette Valley sale. He bought her for \$35 from an unsuspecting ringside. From her first litter he sold four for \$235. That's alertness and good judgment.

The Entermilles have an appreciation of the finer things of life as typified by a modern home, modest but comfortable. Instead of hastening to retire, the fast-weakening morning, attention was paid to fixing up the house. The inside was rebuilt. Paint was used liberally. From up the gentle slope

back of the house, where a spring bursts out at the rate of three gallons a minute, water was piped down to house, barn, and hog houses. The latest style bathroom has been installed. Good books and magazines are abundant. It is a good home as well as a good farm—a combination hard to beat.

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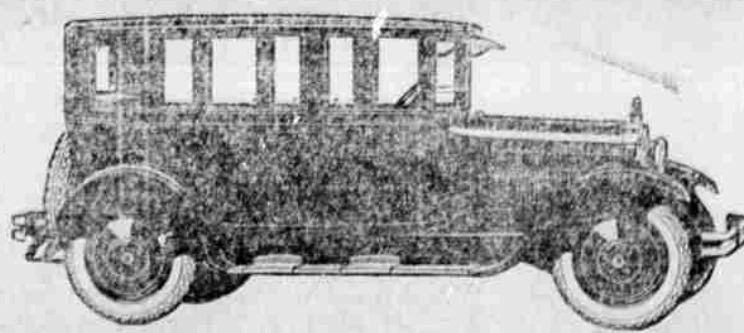
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