

## Dairying Pays For Farm and Improvements

By Lillie L. Madsen  
In Marion county in the Aumsville country you could scarcely buy anything for \$100 now. But in 1925, S. R. Barry bought a farm with it. That is, he hastily explains, that was the downpayment for 90 acres of which 10 are upland and 80 bottomland. The entire price of the farm was \$6500.

When asked this week what he would sell it for today, Mr. Barry answered: "I wouldn't. It isn't for sale because we like it."

Dairying may be one of the hard ways to build up a farm and pay for it, but it is one of the sure ways, the owner insists. He has milked cows for 25 years and during 20 of those he has also raised turkeys. The two paid for the farm and its improvements which have been many for today the place is one of the attractive ones in Marion county.

The unexpected death of Mrs. Barry last autumn, took the heart out of the project for Mr. Barry, but the interest being shown by his son, Kenneth, a veteran of World War II, who lives near at hand, is helping tide over the black moments, Mr. Barry says. Kenneth is now herdsman on the home farm where there are 30 head of cattle including some fine blooded Jerseys. A son-in-law, Leonard L. Lee, also lives in the same community and milks another string of 30 head. The three projects work well together and makes farming easier and more profitable, the father reports.

### Buy's New Sire

Mr. Barry says he likes cows and will add more to his string. Most recent addition is Comeson Lucky Lad, a grandson of the widely known old Comeson. Lucky Lad's sire is Comeson Volunteer Scottish Prince and his dam is Lucky Liberty Polly with a 1946-47 butterfat record of 658 pounds in 305 days. Lucky Lad is owned jointly by Mr. Barry and his son-in-law.

In December, Lee bought the well known Nelson & Welsh registered Jersey herd at Salem which has an average butterfat record of 517 pounds. Together the three men farm more than 300 acres.

Mr. Barry isn't a native of Oregon. He was born in West Virginia and came to Eastern Oregon to a sheep and cattle farm as a very young man. But the heavy drop in livestock prices in the early twenties caught him in its swing and he was forced to sell out at a losing price. A visit to the green pastures of Willamette valley intrigued him and in 1924 he moved over to become a land owner here a year later.

### Farming Is Work

"You have to put quite a bit of work, planning and thinking into a farm and then it usually repays you," Mr. Barry explains, adding that some people just put in work while others just think about it. At first he put in mostly work himself and then, following an injury, he was laid up and had to put thought in. That was when he completed plans for the barn which a contractor was able to carry out. The red barns with their white trim draw much pleasant attention from the passers-by. The barn area is 60 by 44 feet and will house approximately 40 head of cattle.

When he first opened his dairy, he sold milk to the Salem milk dealers, but his was the first name to go on the local Dairy Co-op list where it has remained since. Only Grade A milk is sold from the Barry farm and now with the improvement in breeding lines, 15 registered Jerseys have been placed on the Dairy Herd Improvement list.

### Planted Pastures Tried

Some experiments in planted pastures are also being carried on at the Barry ranch. Ten acres of Ladino were planted last year and the milk cows were put on this field May 1.

"You certainly could tell the difference in the milk can. It took quite an upward swing," Barry told.

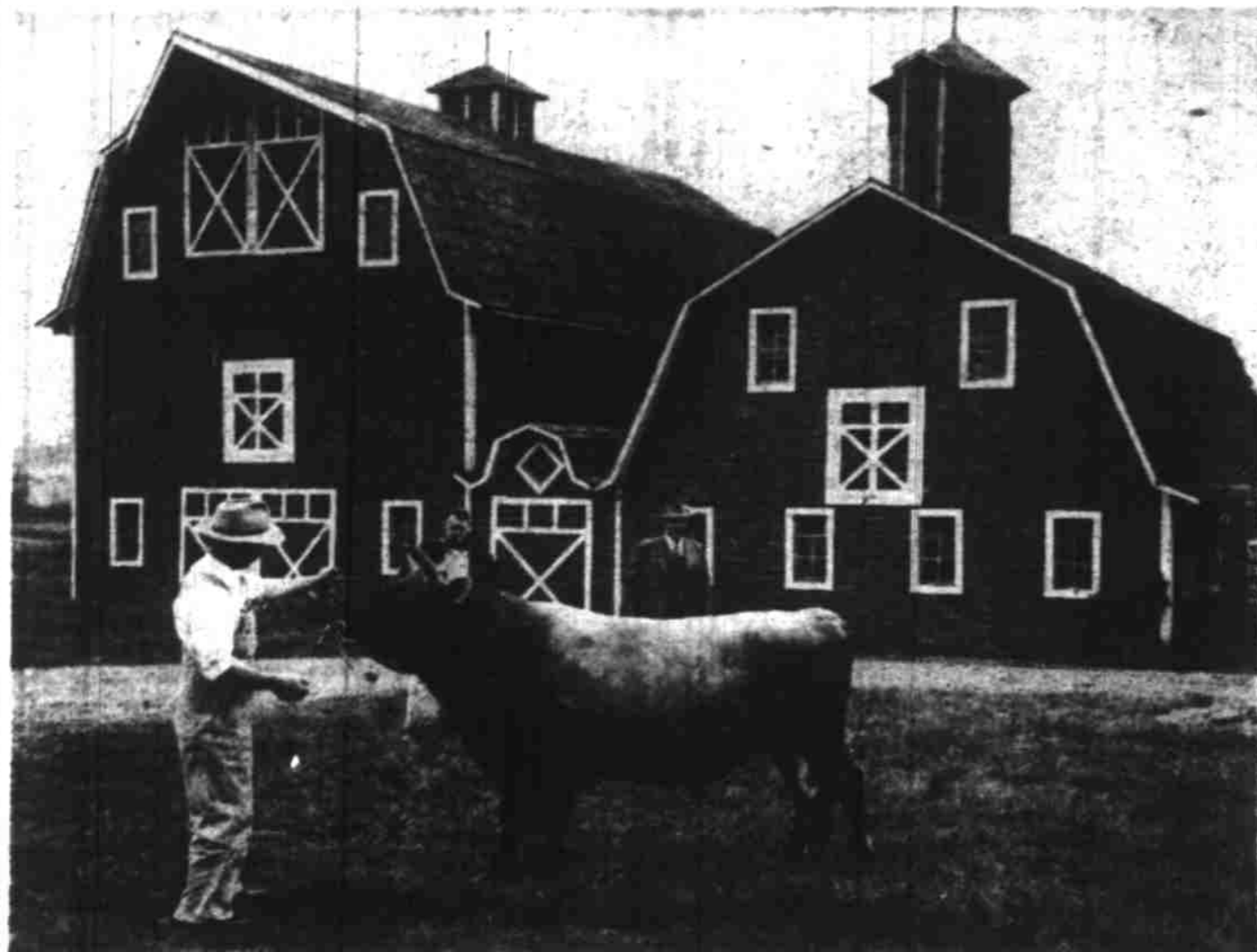
There are 25 acres of planted mixed grass pastures, too, and for the first time, Barry will do some experimenting in putting up grass silage. He has two silos, one 8 by 32 feet, and the other 9 by 30 feet. At present a 10 by 30 foot silo is under construction. Heretofore oats and vetch have been put into the silos in spring for green summer feeding, and corn put up in fall. Ten acres of corn will be silaged again this autumn. A flood system of pasture irrigation is being changed this summer to overhead and green pastures are expected to help out through the summer.

There is always something new to keep you going on a dairy farm, Mr. Barry says.

**JERSEYS ACHIEVE RECORD**  
AURORA — The herd of registered Jersey cattle owned by H. Mikkelsen Jersey Farm at Aurora has completed another year of official testing with a record of 451 pounds of butterfat as the average production of the 39 cows, and has achieved the honor of being a Gold Star herd for the second time.

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The red barns with their white trim, pictured here, are much admired from the roadway by motorists who pass the R. S. Barry ranch between Aumsville and Shaw. Barry designed the barns himself. In the foreground is pictured Comeson Lucky Lad, the recently acquired herd sire, which Mr. Barry (pictured at right behind the animal) and his son-in-law (holding the animal) recently bought at the E. A. Beugli ranch in Silverton Hills. In the center is Kenneth Barry, son of the owner and herdsman on the ranch.

## Oregon Joins in National Effort For Saving Soil

The two principal sources of new wealth in Oregon — agriculture and forestry — both depend upon the soil for their future productivity, remarked F. L. Ballard, associate director of extension at Oregon State college. "Maintaining the producing capacity of our soils is a vital factor in guaranteeing the future prosperity of Oregon," said Ballard. "Many things affect the soil condition — the crops grown, the sequence of rotation of those crops, the implements and tillage methods used, the amount of irrigation water applied and the manner of its application, and the balance between crops and livestock in farm operation."

Oregon now has 27 organized state soil conservation districts operating under state law, with a total area of 5,200,000 acres including both tillable and range lands. Two other districts are in the process of formation. From the national standpoint, Ballard points out that erosion has destroyed 70,000,000 acres of crop land. He says losses are continuing at the rate of 500,000 acres annually. Although not totally destroyed, much other land is in urgent need of improved tillage and cropping practices to halt continued loss.

## Register for Corn Contest by June 1

Application blanks for the Oregon Corn show growing contest are now available at county agents' offices and are to be filled out prior to June 1. The contest is open to all adult, FFA and 4-H growers of hybrid corn in the states.

The contest is divided into three classes with adults required to grow five acres, FFA members three acres and 4-H club members one acre. All entrants keep complete records on all cash costs and labor. Awards will be made at the state corn show at Canby in late fall. Basis for judging are 40 per cent for yield, 40 per cent for economy of production and 20 per cent for quality of grain. No entry fee will be charged those corn growers entering the contest.

## Early Wool Price High This Season

One of the highest prices for wool reported since World War I was paid this week when Pacific Wool Growers sold the Tuttle Ranch clip at Garberville, Calif., for 65 cents a pound net F. O. B. Garberville, 30 miles south of Eureka.

The wool is a choice light shrinking Humboldt clip, running 70 to 75 per cent fine and half blood about equally divided, and the balance high three-eighths Shrinkage is unknown, as the clip is not yet shorn. This wool is from 2,100 ewes. The lamb wool from the same clip, 1,500 fleeces, was also sold by the Pacific Wool Growers at 50 cents, Garberville, R. A. Ward, manager, has announced at Portland.

## Farm Calendar

May 14-15 — Northwest Quarter Horse association show and sale, state fair grounds, Salem.

May 17-19 — Annual meeting of Cattle and Horse Raisers association, Baker.

May 17 — Polk county grass silage field day, Pete Brandt farm, Rickreall, 1:30 p.m.

May 18 — American Guernsey Cattle club educational program and marketing panel, Multnomah hotel, Portland.

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May 19 — American Guernsey Cattle club meeting, Multnomah hotel, Portland.

May 19 — Clackamas county grass silage field day, Canby.

May 20 — Western Guernsey sale, Pacific International building, Portland.

May 25 — Aumsville Farmers Union.

May 28-29 — Strawberry festival, Lebanon.

May 29 — Annual Linn County Lamb and Wool show, Scio.

June 3-5 — Eastern Oregon Livestock show, Union.

June 5 — Annual Marion County Lamb show and state dog trials, Turner.

June 6 — St. Paul Rodeo association trail ride.

June 7 — Clackamas County Jersey Cattle club spring show, Canby.

June 7-11 — State grange convention, Astoria.

June 12 — First annual spring Guernsey show, state fair grounds.

June 12 — Clackamas county spring lamb show, Canby.

June 15-25 — 4-H summer school, Corvallis.

## Hay Making Not So Difficult Any More

Equipment that is taking the hard labor out of hay making will be shown at the Polk county grass silage field day Monday, May 17, at the Pete Brandt farm located two and half miles east of Dallas on the Monmouth cut-off road, announces Walter C. Leth, county agent. Starting time is 1:30 o'clock.

Use of the grass silage method of storing forage crops is gaining favor rapidly throughout western Oregon as well as in Polk county, Leth states. Tests have proved conclusively that grass silage is second best to actual pasture from the standpoint of feed value in comparison with field cured hay.

## FERTILIZATION EXPLAINED

JEFFERSON — K. A. Byers of the Northwest Service company of Salem was recent speaker at the Sidney-Talbot Farmers union, telling of the new underground method of fertilization application. The fertilizer is applied successfully in orchards, hops and berries and an experiment is being made on two acres of mint belonging to Dick Voss at Marion. Here, Byers said, it is being found the application is too slow for mint and that a new method for mint fields will have to be worked out.

## SAGER TO AUCTION HORSES

Announcement has been made that S. B. Sager, Bozeman, Mont., has been called in to auction the Quarter Horses May 15 at the Northwest Quarter Horse Breeders' sale at the state fair grounds.

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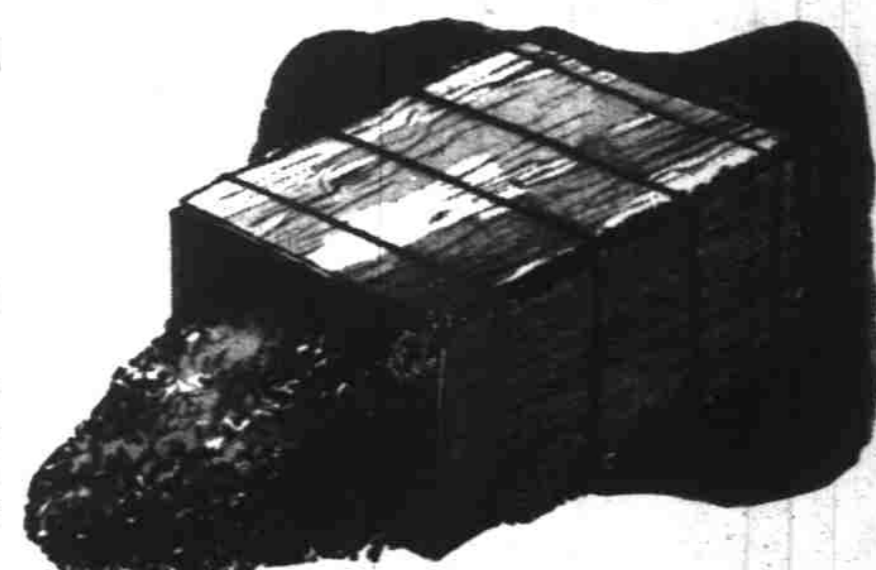
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