

Retiring's No Fun, Long Time Breeder Says

Warren Gray Finds No Time to Quit Work as Jersey Man

By Lillie L. Madsen
"I just don't have time between milkings," was Warren Gray's answer to the question I put to him Sunday. I wanted to know if he ever planned on retiring.

Few Jersey men in Oregon have been in the purebred game any longer than Gray, whose home is now at Marion. It was in June, 1904, that he bought his first registered Jersey. He has never owned a grade and has no intention of ever owning one.

Gray was born at Hubbard but was living on his grandfather's land donation claim at Marquam when he went into the dairy business. This was the old Robert Thompson farm. He had been buying and selling beef cattle, and one thing, he smiled in reminiscence, a beef buyer doesn't like is "slat-sided little Jerseys."

"But beef buyers get around a bit," Gray continued, as we sat in the cozy farm house living room, "and I was married by then and supposed to settle down. It was in June, 1904, that I went to Molalla to buy a couple of grade cows for milk. But they were too high priced—\$45 to \$50 a piece. At noon when I went out to feed my horses I ran across Albert Gribble. He was my down-fall."

Buy First Jerseys
Gray went on to tell how Gribble talked him into going out to look at the Jersey herd and how he came back with three Jersey cows.

"Not the best Gribble had," he explained. "He wouldn't sell me them. But these were good foundation stock and he let me have two of them for \$50 a piece and the other for \$60. I still have some direct descendants from these three cows."

In 1905 the Grays got restless and looking for adventure, so they went over the line into Idaho. Billie Drake bid in the two Jerseys and Robert Moore bid in the other at the farm sale. They brought \$210 and Gray shipped them to Idaho the following fall. After three years at Twin Falls the family moved back to Jefferson, and Myra's Missionary, a herd sire bred at Buchanan's farm by Charles Sweet, was added to the Jersey herd.

In the meantime Gray had bought four head from Harry West and added to his original three.

Charter Member
Gray had progressed quite a bit in the Jersey world by 1914 when he added one imported and two Island bred cows from the Albert Gribble lot. Included was Poets Mable's Rosie, the dam of the celebrated cow Poets' Mable Mowat, developed by Carl Hannaman, winning five consecutive medals of merit.

Gray recalled that he was a charter member of the Marion County Jersey Cattle club as well as of the state club, both of which were organized in 1914 or 1915, he said. There was just a handful of Jersey breeders who organized the county club with Henry Zorn as the first president.

Plymouth Alice is considered by Gray the most important cow of his own breeding. She was a gold medal cow as well as the dam of Graymire Erdine and Graymire Alice, developed by M. N. Tibbles who made world's records with them.

At present Gray is milking 17 head and has eight young animals. Outside of seasonal harvest help, he does his own work on his 106-acre farm.

"But I am a sort of lazy farmer," he tells. "I let the grain growers grow the grain which I feed my cows. I even buy the ensilage from the canneries. I used to mix my own feed but have found that the mills can buy concentrates to better advantage and have better mixing equipment."
But he admits he grows his own hay and pastures the cows on clover, rye grass and alfalfa. "No," he shook his head as I arose to go. "No, I don't want to retire. It just wouldn't be any fun."

SHORT COURSE TO OPEN

A second and more inclusive short course for training technicians in artificial insemination of cattle is announced for Feb. 4 to 13 by the animal industries division at Oregon State college. Attendance must be limited, said P. M. Brandt, who attended the dairymen's meeting at Salem recently, and applications must be turned in not later than January 26. Dr. Fred F. McKenzie will teach the course.

WARN GOES NORTH
FOUR CORNERS, Jan. 15. (Special)—Harley Warn left for Seattle on Wednesday to enter the hospital for another operation on his leg. He was hurt while he was in the navy.

The record underwater dive is 500 feet, made in an experimental laboratory.

Willamette Valley Farmer

News and Views of Farm and Garden —BY LILLIE L. MADSEN.



In the picture above is shown the new method of packaging hay and straw made possible by a new type one-man field baler developed by a well known farm equipment manufacturer and scheduled for future production. The bales are rolled, spirally wrapped with ordinary binder twine. Operation is entirely automatic and one man—the tractor operator—can bale the hay crop alone. It is designed for individual ownership on family operated farms. Any full two-pow tractor equipment with standard ASAE power take-off can pull it.

Ranch Ramblings

By Rural Reporter

Out in the Union Hill district (Marion county) the rural reporter found that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Casteel like farming in the Willamette valley much better than they did 30 years ago. They were born in the valley but decided they didn't like the method of farming. They went over to Heppner where they found it to their liking for several years. But farming changed here in the valley with the coming of nuts and grasses. And the winters, said Casteel, are really a lot less cold here. And the summers, Mrs. Casteel added, are really a lot less hot.

The Casteels are now farming 120 acres. There are 20 acres of fescue on the Casteel farm. Of this 14 are the tall or Alta. This produced around 400 pounds to the acre last year. Some alfalfa are also grown.

Word comes to the reporter that August Schoenbachler of Kent,

Avoid Fattening in Pre-lambing Feeding

Ewes should be wintered so they will gain 15 to 20 pounds during the time they are carrying lambs. Insufficient feed or an unbalanced ration results in weak lambs and a scanty flow of milk. Roughage, including plenty of legume hay, is good wintering feed. Four to six weeks before they lamb they should be fed grain or other concentrates at around a half pound per head daily. Ewes should not be fat at lambing time. Lambs intended for the breeding flock should not be fed fattening rations but should be kept growing steadily.

Winter Pasturing on Crop Lands Not Good

When crop fields are in soggy condition, winter pasturing can be extremely harmful, say soil authorities. Reasons given are too close grazing, puddling ground causing uneven places and holes, spreading of weed seeds as cattle go from pasture to crop land.

A loafing yard is the best place to keep cattle during excessively wet weather. This should be made in a well drained spot and covered with gravel to help prevent mud. Or a loafing shed with a concrete floor covered with straw to help keep it clean.

Bees Wintering Well Says Official Report

The official honey report shows that with the exception of a few localities, bees appear to be wintering much better to date than they have during the past three or four seasons.

There seems to be considerable interest in expansion of beekeeping next season. Indications are that beekeepers are ordering large quantities of package bees to increase their colonies next summer.

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Agricultural Interests View Federal Control Policies

That government price policies have manipulated butter out of the market place and the same price policies continue to hold butter far below its normal price relationship to other dairy products, is the statement of the Oregon Dairy Products commission.

Farmers will be the hardest hit if OPA is not continued when the present price stabilization act expires June 30. G. F. Geissler, director of the western region of the field services branch, USDA Production and Marketing Administration, told Oregon AAA committee members at the recent state conference.

Low Price, No Butter

The dairy products commission stated that "On the basis of information available on the present production and demand, it appears there is not enough milk and dairy products to satisfy completely all needs. Any program of increased production would necessarily take several years for its effect to be noticed. Under existing conditions it is apparent that for there to be a more liberal supply of butter from present milk production, butter must be priced competitively with other dairy products. The decision rests with the office of price administration and the office of economic stabilization." C. A. Smith, Medford, is chairman of the Oregon Dairy Products commission. He attended the recent dairymen's association convention at Salem.

Supply and Demand "Out"

Geissler, at Corvallis, predicted that agriculture never will go back to complete dependence on supply and demand. The parity concept, he said, will remain as the foundation of farm price stabilization.

Eggs Talked

The Department of Agriculture has announced a plan to support the price of eggs to farmers to reflect a U. S. average of 29 cents a dozen during the heavy production season next spring. The principal means of supporting the price will be through government purchases of dried eggs from processing plants. Eggs bought by the government, either in dried, frozen, or shell form, will be disposed of in shipments abroad, sales to other government agencies, or through school lunch programs and public institutions. Secretary of Agriculture Anderson says the support program will begin to operate as soon as conditions threaten to reduce egg prices below a level which reflects a U. S. average farm price of 90 per cent parity. The 1946 goals suggested by the department ask for 15 per cent less eggs in 1946 than in 1945 and 17 per cent less chickens raised.

Willamette valley farmers were heard to state this week that unless egg prices remain at a somewhat high level or feed prices come down to a comparative level, there will be much more than 15 per cent less in egg production this year.

Up in Clackamas county (up on the map, down in altitude) Edwin Ridder tells of using surplus feed raised on his farm to good advantage by feeding to a band of 15 late spring lambs. The lambs in question averaged 60 pounds at the time feeding operations started on November 1. They averaged 84 pounds when sold the first of this year—after a feeding period of 60 days. Ed says he fed an average of five cents worth of whole oats per day per lamb and a good fork-full of mixed fescue and alfalfa hay which was all the hay the lambs, plus ten head of other sheep, would consume, as they had green pasture. The lambs were worth nine cents per pound when placed on feed or \$5.40 a head. Same lambs when fattened brought 14 cents a pound or \$11.76 a head.

Stanley A. Riches at Turner, is "setting up" by way of his purebred Jerseys. William Wetzel, navy, San Diego, bought several heifers to serve as a foundation in the herd he will establish as soon as released. Dr. Gain of Albany bought a young herd sire from the Riches herd and Floyd Bates, known around Salem, bought a foundation cow recently.

E. McIlvanna, Jerseyman of Vancouver, B. C., who usually shows up at Oregon dairy doings, including last week's dairymen's meet at Salem, took two of his bred heifers to the Western Livestock Dairy show and came home with three animals which he purchased at the dispersal sale of the noted Orange Blossom Jersey Farm at Ontario. Included in the latter was the famous sire, Domino of Oaklands. The northwest is really going in for dairy bloodlines.

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K. B.

(SEE FULL PAGE IN TOMORROW'S PAPER)

Fog Machine Slays Insects 65 Days After Sprayings

Successful use of DDT in a mechanical fog making machine for the control of flies, cockroaches, silverfish, sow bugs and miscellaneous insects has been accomplished in experiments conducted by the entomology department of the State college experiment station, says Dr. Don C. Mote, head of that department.

Using a machine supplied by the Besler corporation at Emeryville, Calif., the large winged of the college dairy barn was treated in just five minutes operation with the use of only 3½ gallons of mixture. After 65 days the few flies that still entered the barn would soon drop to the floor dead.

The mixture was five pounds of 5 per cent technical grade DDT powder dissolved in 2½ gallons of xylol and to this were added 12½ gallons of kerosene to make 15 gallons of total mixture. While ordinary kerosene is just as effective, the odorless type was used in the experiments because it could be used in houses, food laboratories and kitchens.

PRINGLE CLUB TO HOLD

PRINGLE, Jan. 16. (Special) The Pringle Community club will hold its annual election of officers Friday night at 8 o'clock at the schoolhouse.

James Bishop, Marion county 4H club agent, will show movies. Members are asked to take sandwiches.

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Farm Calendar

January 17-18—Two final days of state-wide marketing conference which opened Wednesday at Corvallis.

January 18—Linn County Livestock association meeting at courthouse in Albany. Albert Julian, Lyons, president.

January 20—Marion County Jersey Cattle club annual meeting at Bethel school. M. G. Gunderson, Silverton, president.

January 24—Annual meeting of the stockholders of Willamette Production Credit association at Salem. George H. Fullenwider, president.

January 26—Oregon Jersey Cattle club annual meet at Marion hotel, Salem, 10:30 a.m.

January 28—Mt. Angel Cooperative Creamery stockholders annual meeting at St. Mary's auditorium.

January 30—Polk county farmers' meeting at Dallas.

STATE FAIR DATES SET

The Oregon state fair, which swings into action again this year, after the war years of no fairs, has been set for the week beginning September 3. The fair board meets early in February to discuss recommendations made by various breed associations.

New AAA Program Arranged at State Committee Meet

Uniform plans for attacking Oregon's soil conservation problems with a stepped-up agricultural conservation practice program in 1946 were developed by AAA committeemen from all Oregon counties at their state conference in Corvallis.

The state handbook contains 36 practices for assisting farmers with the job of building back soil fertility lost during the years of all-out wartime production, checking erosion, and repairing damage already done to soil and water resources. From the handbook each county committee in the next few weeks will select the practices most important to their county.

May 1, Closing Date

When completed, all farm plans will be reviewed by the county committee which will establish a maximum allowance for each farm. The allowance will be based on the size of the farm's conservation job, rather than size.

However, this farm allowance will be subject to later reductions in event the county allocation of funds is insufficient to cover all of the practices planned.

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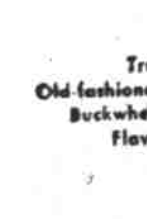
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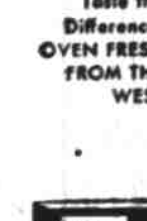
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