

Byron De Young's Cows Have Palace of Barn for a Home

A recent visit to the wonderful new barn which Byron De Young built during the past summer on his farm four miles west of Gresham was a revelation to the visitors who had always supposed that a barn was a barn, somewhat dark, ill-smelling drafty and necessarily cobwebby and dusty. The idea of having a barn equipped with "all modern conveniences" was a new one. But this barn is different.

One is familiar with the usual dairy barn with a row of little windows or openings along the sides. Well, this barn has windows along the sides, but they are clean. Each one is hinged at the bottom and has guards at the sides to deflect the air upward when the windows are opened so that the cattle are not in the draft.

The interior finish of the barn and milkhouse is light colored enamel, making it possible to keep walls and ceilings scrupulously clean with a minimum of effort. The floors are cement throughout, with an adequate system of drainage to carry off all refuse. Each animal has an individual drinking cup which needs only a slight pressure of the nose to bring an abundance of pure, fresh water. One would never guess that the half-cylindrical trough in front of the cows was a manger, but such it is. Here the hay is placed, and Mr. De Young's cattle consume eight bales a day. When they are through with this course the manger is flushed out and made ready for a course of silage and ground feed,

which the cattle mix to suit themselves. A feed room opens on one side of the barn where a large amount of feed can be stored and from which the silage is taken from two huge silos.

On the opposite side of the barn from the feed room is the milk house, light, airy and convenient, in which is a room for cooling and bottling the milk, another with large sinks, for cleaning the bottles and other utensils, a boiler room, a sterilizing room, a large refrigerator room and another in which an ice plant will be installed next summer. Everything is kept in the most sanitary condition possible. An electric milking machine has been installed, capable of handling 50 cows. The milk is sold in Portland, the most of it to the retail trade. Some cream is sold, and for this a separator is used, but the bulk of the product of the dairy goes to market as whole milk.

The milk room is 30 x 48 feet in size. It is connected with the main part of the building by a covered passageway, where the milk truck can be driven for loading.

The second floor of the barn is used for the storage of hay. At present the bales are hoisted to the loft by hay carrier and horse. Future plans, as outlined by Mr. De Young, include the installation of an electric elevator to expedite the process. There are roomy sleeping porches over the milkroom for the men who work in the dairy.

The main part of this barn is 118 feet long and 38 feet wide.

There is stanchion room for 56 animals. At present Mr. De Young has 45 cows milking. The herd consists of six purebred Guerneys, two purebred sires of the same breed and the remainder about equally divided between grade Guerneys and Holsteins.

This barn, which is said by inspectors to be one of the finest in the state of Oregon, has cost approximately \$12,000, including the electric lighting and water systems and the apparatus for handling the milk.

The farm on which this great dairy is being developed is the former Arthur Heiney place. The 40 acres is mostly devoted to the growing of corn for silage, though a part of it is in meadow.

Mr. and Mrs. DeYoung bought the place about two and a half years ago, though they only recently moved onto it from their former home near Damascus. They have had the residence renovated and, with a new coat of paint on the outside, it is an attractive dwelling.

New Dahlia Is Named "Gresham"

The city of Gresham was recently honored by having named for it a new dahlia which was originated and propagated by Mrs. Elsa Suhr, wife of the manager of Suhr's Flower Farm on the Base Line road northeast of Gresham.

This dahlia is a seedling of Patrick o'Mara nationally known and popular. It is a very fine flower and of pleasing color, being a delicate yellow, tipped in lavender pink. It is now a standard dahlia, having been registered by the American Dahlia society. It made an excellent showing at the Northwest Dahlia society trial grounds some time ago.

Mrs. Suhr is of the opinion that the new flower will be widely known very soon, as it scored high and is entitled to a certificate of merit which is being granted its propagator. It is further stated by Mrs. Suhr that the "Pride of Gresham" keeps well after cutting. Because of its unexcelled keeping qualities it will be classed as a cut flower variety dahlia.

The floral business of Mr. and Mrs. Suhr has increased to such an extent that they are planning the coming year on putting their old home place on the Hensley road into flowers, in addition to the two acres on the Cavanagh place which are in roses, together with their flower farm on the Base Line road, where their well-known greenhouse is located. They will have a total of 19 acres devoted to the culture of flowers, shrubs, bulbs and other plants.

Their unflagging industry in taking care of their ever-increasing business is doubtless a great factor contributing toward their success.

COTTRELL

Sunday school will be held Sunday at 10 o'clock at the Cottrell community church, followed by preaching at 11 by the Rev. S. F. Pitts. Prayer meeting will be held Wednesday evening at the home of Jess Hite. All are invited to attend these services.

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Imported Jersey Is Pride of Dairy Herd

The dairying interests in this part of Multnomah county are both varied and extensive. Among the Jersey breeders of the community may be mentioned Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gibson on South Roberts avenue, who erected a new addition to their barn about a year ago to care for their growing herd. This addition is 38 x 60 feet in size and has a roofed cattle shelter joining it on the north 20 x 30 feet in area.

The Gibsons have 27 Jersey cows, 20 of which are milking at present. Easily the most striking animal in the barn is Imported Lyon's Farm O. K., the \$2000 Jersey which was imported a year ago from the Isle of Jersey. She is not only a wonderful show cow, but an unexcelled milk producer, her milk making an average test of 6.2 butterfat. During the month of January this cow gave 31 pounds more than a ton of milk and 100 pounds of butterfat. Her wonderful top line and other remarkable features make her valuable as a show animal. She has been shown on the island, but will probably not be exhibited in this country before next fall. O. K. is six years of age.

The Gibson ranch now has six gold medal cows and several silver medal cows, with others on test. The farm's herd sire at present is Double Volunteer's Baron Junior sire, 13 months old. He is apparently of an even disposition and responds readily to kindness, as in fact do all the herd on the Gibson dairy ranch. During the past year Mr. Gibson has disposed of four bulls, one the senior herd sire which went at the close of the last Pacific International to Medford; one bull to Arizona, another to California and a fourth to Woodland, Washington.

The interior finish of ceiling and walls in the new barn is enamel, which can easily be kept clean. The steel dividers between each manger can be readily lifted and

the mangers washed with a hose. Automatic drinking cups are installed in each manger. All sanitary regulations of the pure food laws are strictly complied with in the arrangement and management of the barn. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson believe in buying only accredited herds. The cows are tested twice before being purchased, whenever it is desired to add a new animal to the herd. Official test is taken of the milk every month to insure it being up to requirements.

The Gibson's moved to their present location eight years ago. For the first four years they devoted their time to berries and general farming, but for four years past have divided their other interests with the care and work incident to their Jersey herd. Ten acres of the 19 are still in berries but the remainder of their land raises the succulent food required by the cattle. Mr. Gibson is now engaged in working on improvements to his calf barn.

Mrs. Walter Edelman, Mrs. Walter Hall and Mrs. Ben Halstead attended the meeting of the Home Economics club at the home of Mrs. Miller on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Harman gave a party Wednesday at which the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hornecker and daughter Norma, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stuart of Lents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ball, Miss Charlotte Dahlquist, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hall and children Wayne and Jean and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Trodge. A delicious lunch was served.

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held on Wednesday afternoon with friends in Portland, Mr. and Mrs. George Vaughn. On Monday the Springers entertained with a dinner party in honor of the seventh birthday of their son Harry. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Halstead and son Lloyd, Mrs. Halstead's mother, Mrs. Mary Simms and K. Stone of Boring.