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# Farmers Who Drive Their Own Automobiles

## Experiences of Farm and Dairy Readers

CAN the farmer afford to buy an automobile? Well lots of them do anyway and get a heap of satisfaction out of their cars. It is estimated that one-half or more of the cars owned in the United States, are owned by farmers. At every country fair in the middle western states, the long string of automobiles that one will see there is not an evidence of the interest that wealthy or professional people in town take in the county fair; they are the cars that have brought the farmers and their families to their own show. In towns in those same states many of the automobiles seen around on market day are farmers' property. If one were to take a census of the personal property of farmers in many United States sections, one would find that a very large percentage of the land owning farmers own their own cars and use them.

Many of these cars are owned for pleasure only. And why should not the farmer have a car for pleasure as well as any other man? The great majority of the farmer owned cars, however, so their owners tell us, go a long way towards paying for themselves in the time that they save on business trips. And many more are considered a



Oxford County Dairy People Ready for a Joy Ride

Canadian dairy farmers are larger users of the automobile than many suppose. In the adjoining article the experiences of farmer automobile owners are given. In this illustration Mr. Jacob Mook, Oxford Co., Ont., may be seen at the wheel. Beside him is Mr. H. Bolter's youngest daughter, and right behind is Mrs. Bolter. This scene might be duplicated on many dairy farms in Canada.

—Photo by an editor of Farm and Dairy.

well, we will let them tell their own story.

### THREE YEARS' EXPERIENCE

"This is the third season that we have run our car," writes Mr. Harry Ketcheson. "On an average we have made 21½ miles on a gallon of gasoline and our repair expenses thus far have not exceeded \$2. We expect, however, to get an extra

tire soon to have in case of emergency. We have run nearly 6,000 miles now on the first set of tires, both on pleasure and business trips. We enjoy the car as it shortens the distance between us and our friends, markets and other places."

Mr. W. W. Draup tells us that his experience with the automobile has been short, only about a year, but so far he is well satisfied. "If a farmer of ordinary means wishes to take a little out of life as he goes along, I do not know of anything he could invest in to give him more for his money than a car," writes Mr. Draup. And then he gives the following hints on selection.

"A farmer may expect that the heavier and more expensive his car is, the more expensive will be the up-keep, both for gasoline and tires. I am delighted with my car which is a light one. I live in a hilly country and the car always comes home smiling. For gas and oil it cost me one cent a mile last season."

"The automobile puts railway conveniences at the farmer's door, with the additional advantage that the time table is arranged to suit himself." Thus does Mr. Joseph Frappy sum up the advantages of his car. "I am not in favor," he continues, "of a heavy car as an additional one

thousand pounds weight is very destructive on tires and expensive on gasoline. The owner should be of a mechanical turn as 'hold-ups' are common at the repair shops."

Mr. Frappy believes that the automobile has a utility value. "Never buy a car for pleasure alone," he writes. "I can conceive of many instances where a motor car might be injurious to the younger members of the farmer's family, in cultivating a pleasure seeking spirit at the expense of nobler qualities. Wisely managed, however, a car may open up new spheres of usefulness and increase educational advantages. To the tired stay-at-home housewife the automobile is a boon."

### MAKES LIFE A PLEASURE

A whole hearted advocate of the automobile for the farmer is Mr. G. I. Bailey, like all the others, a dairy farmer of Hastings county. "The

car makes farming more of a pleasure and far less burdensome," he writes to Farm and Dairy. "When the day's work is done, I can take a drive of 20 or 25 miles in the evening and all in one hour. Such a drive lifts the cares and anxieties of farm life. Since I have gotten our car, I do not think of going away from the farm until the afternoon. Then I can drive almost any distance I wish, transact my business and be back in time for milking and chores. I can go to market in one-quarter the time I can with horses and soon be home again at my work. I bought my six-cylinder car in 1912 and can run it for \$75 or \$100 a season barring accidents or breaks."

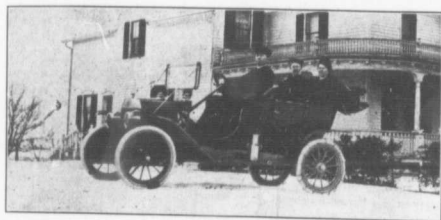
"This may seem somewhat expensive, but I do not think any one can have much pleasure without paying for it; and why should not the farmer take a little pleasure along with his everyday duties as well as our city cousins? I find that there is an excitement and fascination in driving a car and I for one get enough pleasure out of my car to make it profitable to myself and family."

"I built a small garage for my car, a fire-proof building 12 by 24 feet by eight feet high with a cement floor. The floor slopes both ways towards the centre and then towards the door, so that all mud and water run out immediately when I wash the car. My car cost \$2,350 so I think it is worth taking care of."

### THIS CAR A BUSINESS PROPOSITION

Mr. Jerry Marshall takes as much pleasure out of his car as anyone, but at the same time he res—

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Another Dairy Farmer who drives his own car

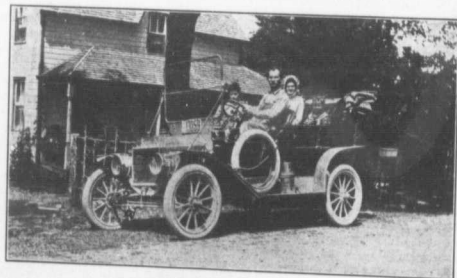
This is the way in which Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ketcheson and their son Harry go visiting. Mr. Ketcheson also tells us that the car, as a business convenience, can be made to contribute largely to its upkeep. There are several cars owned by dairy farmers in his section of Hastings Co., Ont.

profitable investment from a purely business standpoint.

### CANADIAN FARMERS ARE GETTING AUTOS

The "auto idea" is beginning to take hold among the farmers of Canada. Here and there in almost every good farming section of Ontario, and frequently also in Western Canada, will be found the farmer who is driving his own automobile. This is particularly true of the dairy and fruit sections. R. A. Pendale of St. Thomas, and J. W. Richardson of Caledonia, prominent competitors in the Prize Farms Competitions conducted by Farm and Dairy, are automobile enthusiasts. T. L. Dunkin & Son of Norwich consider the automobile an O.K. proposition for the business farmer. L. H. Lippitt of Stratfordville, informed an editor of Farm and Dairy recently that he has already made his car pay for itself and that after only one year's ownership. Ed. Smith of Wooler in Northumberland Co., Ont., has owned an automobile for some years now to the immense satisfaction of himself and his family.

The auto idea has taken a strong hold on the dairy farmers of Hastings Co., Ont. One agent for one make of car sold as many as 18 automobiles in the vicinity of the town of Stirling alone. Practically all of these cars are owned by dairy farmers and well satisfied owners they are. Illustrations of a couple of these cars are given herewith. As to what the owners think of their cars;



All of the Family Appreciate their Auto

Mr. Jerry Marshall, Hastings Co., Ont., tells in the adjoining article of his auto experiences. One needs only to look at the happy faces seen herewith, to know serving of the pleasures that an auto brings than an industrious farmer and his family.