

17 Head Of Cattle Destroyed In Fire

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MENDON, MASS., April 6 — A herd of 17 head of valuable Jersey cattle, a two-story barn with a large quantity of hay, two tons of grain, many farming implements such as plows, mowing machines and harrows, and a combination blacksmith shop and corn crib, were destroyed by fire yesterday at the farm of Charles M. Wandres of Quisset road in Mendon.

The farm is located about three miles from Mendon center and a mile from the Blackstone town line. Loss of the valuable herd will be felt considerably because of the interfat due to the war. Total loss was estimated at \$10,000 or more by Fire Chief Harold Lowell, who said the cause was undetermined.

Cows Trapped

Sixteen of the cows were trapped in their stanchions in the dairy barn and could not be liberated. The 17th made her exit from the barn in some manner, but was so badly scorched that she was later destroyed. The milk room and equipment adjoining the barn are a total loss.

It was the second destructive fire on the farm within two years. Flames were roaring through the barn yesterday when Mr. Wandres saw the smoke while at work in a nearby woodlot. He was driven back by the heat and fire when he attempted to release the cattle.

House Scorched

Mrs. Wandres was busy doing a family wash in the cellar of their home when the fire broke out. Firemen directed their attention to saving the new house 100 feet from the barn. It was scorched on their arrival.