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**...Barry McFarland (continued)**

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after high school, and then worked as a machinist for five years. His first job at Donegal was teaching metal shop, not wood. But wood is what he's into now.

Barry takes a visitor around his three outbuildings. In the first is a lathe, a saw, and many pieces of wood of various species and sizes. In the next shed are another saw, a dismantled planer, and much more wood. In the third shed are fewer tools and a huge supply of wood.

"I'm a wood collector," Barry says. He shows off some of his planks and slabs; such as a two-foot wide plank of sugar pine. "I'm glad I bought this," he says. "A toy manufacturer almost got it. He would have cut it up into tiny pieces for toys." The idea of cutting these rare specimens into small blocks makes Barry shake his head.

"This is a piece of Osage Orange," he tells his visitor, laying his hand on a large flitch. He smiles. "I've got the market on Osage Orange cornered."



In the largest shed are tons of Osage Orange planks. "Usually you let a piece of wood season a year to the inch," he explains, "But Osage is so hard that you can hardly cut it at that point. This piece is about 3 inches thick, but I'll only season it for two years; that way I'll be able to work it."

Osage Orange is considered a nuisance tree, he explains, but, despite having no commercial value, it is one of the strongest woods known. In the old days it was used for applications as mooring bits for yachts.

Barry has one flitch of Osage Orange which is extremely wide—about 20 inches. The trees usually don't grow big enough to make a piece that wide.

"I don't want to drill holes in it," Barry says, "and I don't want to put nails in it, I don't want to put dowls in it, and I don't want to put screws in it. I don't know what I'm going to do with it."

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