

BERKSHIRE BREEDERS BOOST BETTER SIRE

Plan Suggested to Increase Use of Purebreds.

American Association Urging Various State Organizations to Favor Exchange of Registered Boars for Grade Animals.

An indication of the active and widespread support being given to the better sire campaign now systematically fostered by the United States Department of Agriculture is illustrated by a proposal recently made by the American Berkshire association. This association, according to a letter recently received by the department, is suggesting to State Berkshire Breeders' associations a plan designed to broaden the market for Berkshire boars and increase the use of purebred animals on farms.



A Purebred Berkshire Sow.

part payment, the breeder then sending the grade boar to the butcher. In their letter to the state associations the national body points out that every Berkshire breeder who follows this suggestion does three things: He puts a Berkshire boar on an additional farm. He provides a means of getting good Berkshire feeder hogs for the market. He puts the purebred sire on a farm where formerly there was a grade or scrub.

Signs bearing the legend, "Registered Berkshire boar used on this farm," will be furnished by the American association to all farmers who take advantage of this plan.

There is nothing in the plan, say specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture, that does not seem practicable for any other hog breeders' association to use.

WINDBREAK FOR PROTECTION

Should Be Located on Side of Building and Yards Against Which Prevailing Winds Blow.

Windbreaks for protection of the home and buildings should be located on the side of the structures and the stock-feeding yards against which the prevailing winter winds blow, say forest specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. If a narrow windbreak of only a few rows is planted, it should be several rods distant from the building or yard. Snow drifts under the lee of such a windbreak and lies deep around buildings or a feed lot close to it. This drifting may be partly prevented by planting two narrow windbreaks parallel to each other, about two rods apart. Snow then will drift into, and for the most part be held in, this intervening space.

Windbreaks for crop protection should be arranged to protect the crop from the most damaging winds, which usually come in the summer. An efficient windbreak gives protection along the surface for a distance of from 15 to 20 times their height. The intervals between them should be about 15 or 20 times the height of the trees at their maturity.

POTATOES LOST IN STORAGE

Decay, Shrinkage and Sprouting Are Caused by Too Much Light and High Temperature.

Losses of potatoes in storage can be minimized if proper care and attention are given through the winter. Adequate ventilation must be provided. Storage places should be kept uniformly cool, dark and frost-free. These precautions are emphasized by potato men of the Minnesota College of Agriculture. Decay, shrinkage and sprouting are caused by light and high temperature.

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TROUBLE LOOMS WITH HUNTERS

Mt. Glen Ranchers Aroused Over Hunters Killing Deer on Their Places; Trespass Signs Up.

MT. GLEN, Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Mt. Glen school is now in progress with Miss Bernice Thompson of Fruitdale as teacher. Seventeen pupils are enrolled, including four eighth graders. Miss Thompson is having excellent success. The recent visit of the county school superintendent, Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, Miss Louise Zorn and Miss Mary Nichols, in which they went over the work of the school carefully, resulted in their pronouncing it one of the most modern and sanitary schools in the Grande Ronde valley.

Fred Zaugg will leave about October 1 for his old home in Switzerland on a three-year mission for the L. B. S. church. He will visit in Montreal, Canada, before crossing the pond. This is his second mission to Switzerland. He has been here thirty years and is one of the substantial and successful farmers of the Grande Ronde valley.

Mrs. Mary Garner has been visiting her son, George Chadwick. Hunters from La Grande are causing serious trouble for themselves, according to several ranchers in the Mt. Glen district, who have trespass signs on their premises. Recently two La Grande hunters killed a deer near one of the ranch houses and trespass signs have been posted all over the farm. The feeling among the ranchers is that the hunters can well afford to go into the mountains and leave what deer graze along the foothills protected during the deer season as the ranchers protect them all the time.

Mrs. J. W. Nebeker is to have a new home erected by her neighbors in the good old-time spirit of the pioneer days. Mr. Nebeker died about a year ago, leaving his widow and eight children. Since that time she has managed to hold onto the ranch and take care of her family. Her neighbors realize the need of a new home and they will combine efforts so that it will be completed before winter. The foundation has already been laid and Chas. Spiker will supervise the construction work.

Art is No Recreation. Art, properly so-called, is no recreation. It cannot be learned at spare moments, nor pursued when we have nothing better to do. It is no handiwork for drawing-room tables, no relief of the ennui of boredom; it must be understood and undertaken seriously, or not at all. —Modern Painters, John Ruskin.

Beautiful Ruins of Melrose.

Melrose, a pleasant little village in England at the foot of the Eildon hills, is famous for the ruins of the extensive abbey, founded by King David I in 1136, destroyed during the Wars of the Succession, and then rebuilt, being completed in the sixteenth century. The ruins indicate it was a noble structure with wonderful towers and carvings.

Betsy's a Proud Cow.



Betsy, who has been rusticated on the Thorndyke farm at Libertyville, Ill., now looks with disdain upon other Illinois cows. She is going to make a trip to Washington soon to become the official White House cow. She's a thoroughbred Jersey.

Thoughtless Scatterers of Trash.

Many people scatter their trash broadcast through the land because they have not imagination enough to see how such action can rebound to their own hurt. There are many who are neither homeless nor landless themselves who can still act and live so far as the rights of others are concerned, as though they were a race of nomads wandering across a trackless desert of swiftly changing sand. Their mental processes are as obvious as the trail they leave behind them in the landscape. We can understand them, but we do not like them. —From the Outlook.

His First and Last Lesson.

"I conclude that's a fly," said the young trout, and he was presently to learn how wrong it is to jump at conclusions.

The Harvest Moon.

The harvest moon is the one on or nearest to the 21st of September, harvest time. When nearly full it rises for several consecutive nights at about the same hour. A poetical playwright points out that it is a kindly arrangement of the Creator for the benefit of lovers. There is at that time a small angle between the moon's orbit and the horizon which causes this complaisance on the part of the queen of the night.

Realistic.

Overheard while coming out of the movies: "That was a wonderfully realistic rainstorm. Why, the scene hadn't been running ten seconds before my tears began to ache." —Boston Transcript.

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