

Fairs Deserve Support, Both in Attendance and Well Planned Exhibits

CARE IN SELECTING DISPLAYS URGED UPON EXHIBITORS

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As fair time approaches it finds many who have intended to enter exhibits still unprepared to make the best possible showing with the material they have available. This is due in part to the rush season, but in many cases it is due to lack of knowledge as to the best way of fitting up the stock, produce or handicraft display.

It is without a doubt the duty of all to exhibit the best they have in their respective lines. No matter whether it is a flock of pigeons or a herd of stock that the individual is interested in, he will learn a whole lot more about them by picking out the ones that look the best, take them to the fair and get the judge's opinion as well as the other fairers in that line.

PRIDE IN DISPLAYS

Every individual exhibit should be in the best of condition. To make the exhibit the best it should receive a great deal of special attention for some time before the fair at which it is to be shown. The exhibitor is doing himself an injustice if he does not do everything in his power to make his best exhibit at the show. For the display reflects directly back upon the exhibitor, and to a stranger the exhibit represents the exhibitor.

In making selections for exhibits the question should be borne in mind as to what the judge will look for and expect in the display. In cattle and stock classes this is especially true and in many instances it is best to select two animals for each exhibit to suit the ideas that the different judges may have. While much of the judging is done by scoring, still the type has a big influence on any judge and if two types are shown there is a much better chance of winning.

IDEAS DIFFER

Some judges will pick on one general type and place all of the exhibits of this type near the head of the list while the next judge will want a slightly different type to take first place. This is not poor judging but a matter of individual fancy developed from contact with a better knowledge of some particular type. If the judge would give an explanation of his placings at the time of judging he would not only prevent what is sometimes severe criticism but would give the exhibitor a much better knowledge of the fine points of the display.

Type and conformation are two of the important factors considered in judging; however, they are not the first to be noticed when the first fails on the exhibit. The first thing about an exhibit to make an impression is the way it has been fitted up and whether it is clean or not.

It is not deceitful to trim up and put the exhibit in first class shape.

TRIMMING NEEDED

In livestock classes this trimming is especially needed to bring out the fine points of an animal. In moving the surplus hair will show up the conformation of the animal easier and make the judging easier. Hoofs and horns on animals that have them should be polished and oiled. Hair should be clean and gone over with a slightly oily rag once a day for several days before the show. Hair or wool will look much better if brushed and combed for several weeks and many resort to what is called hand polishing, which is nothing more than going over the animals with the hands and patting and rubbing the hair until it has taken on a luster to be given in no other way. There are many little short cuts and knacks about fitting up exhibits that can only be learned by experience and contact with exhibitors.

Fit up any potential exhibit you have, take it to the county, state or interstate fair and see what you can win. Make the fair your fair and make your fair a success by exhibiting the best you have in any particular line. They are your fairs and you are responsible to see that they are a success in exhibits as well as in attendance.

Production during the last decade has increased greatly, and as a natural consequence improved methods and facilities for handling the increase have become necessary. Keeping pace with increased production has caused the demand of consumers for more elaborate and efficient service.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY JERSEY BREEDERS HOLD MEETING



This is a live bunch of "Jersey" lovers who held a meeting and picnic at the home of Ed Hart near Sandy, Oregon, on July 31. A very bountiful lunch was enjoyed by the 175 present, after which a program both educational and entertaining was rendered.

JERSEY JUBILEE PICNIC SUCCESS

Sandy, Or., Aug. 7.—Enthusiasm was the strong undercurrent that made the Clackamas County Jersey Jubilee picnic at the Hart ranch near here Saturday, July 31, a memorable event in "Jerseydom." Although many were victims of the gas shortage and many local dairymen were held up in the grain fields, still there was a big crowd present, and Professor Pitts of the Oregon Agricultural college said he never "saw so much to eat on one table before!"

The morning session was devoted to business with N. H. Smith of Logan, president of the C. C. J. C. C., presiding. As a way of advertising, the club voted to order signs made to place on the gates of every member bearing the owner's name and the insignia, "C. C. J. C. C." The next meeting will be held at Logan at the home of the president, N. H. Smith, September 11.

The real program of the day opened with an instrumental selection by Mrs. Hart, followed by a talk by C. D. Minton of Portland on "Woman's Part in the Jersey World." Minton was enthusiastic in his portrayal of woman's industry and intuition and held that her help is necessary to success of Jersey development in Oregon. Minton said that man has always furnished the wishbone, but woman had furnished the backbone of the industry.

BREEDING STRESSED

Professor Pitts was the principal speaker of the day. He said: "The whole system of food production for the cow is built around two ingredients, clover and vetch, and it takes the breeding of 40,000 calves to replenish our herds."

Laying much stress on "breeding," Pitts said: "It takes an artist to produce a fine herd. Breeding is more than science—it is an art. One must vision the animal he is trying to produce as success can only come through the in-

sight of a large vision. Four out of 10 gold medal bulls of the Jersey breed are in Oregon. Oregon has won more medals than any other state and it is the Garden of Eden of the Jersey world. These records are made by cows, feed, men. The "pre-ventual" breeder who discards and missionary work advised to eliminate him, and it was hinted the time will come when a system of supervision patterned after the Isle of Jersey breeders will be established in Oregon, as advanced registry work is pointing that way.

However, Pitts advised going slow and sure, not plunging into the industry, but emphasizing the necessity of good sires at the head of the herd and improving the quality of cows. "Weeding out is the keynote of success, so as to produce more milk from the same amount of feed."

VETERINARIANS FOR OREGON

Five federal veterinarians will be available in the state by September or October; testing of every herd must be developed through public support. Reimbursement is provided by the state, \$50 being allowed for grades and \$100 for registered stock.

A fieldman for Oregon was decided upon as a necessity, no action having

heretofore been taken for Oregon to cooperate with the American Jersey C. C. A resolution was adopted to take action at once.

Three women appointed to judge the Hart herd were: Mrs. L. Bushnell of Scappoose, Miss Nellie McKinley, secretary, Multnomah County Jersey club, and Mrs. Altman of Orient.

The following boys of the Calf club judged young heifers and Professor Pitts sustained their decision: Clarence Kamme, Happy Valley; Verner Anderson and James Hanson of Boring and Vernie Jarrel of Kelso.

LEAGUE REPRESENTED

The Oregon Dairymen's league was represented by Organizer Shrook who spoke upon the vital issues of the league, and the county agent, R. G. Scott, was also present and added to the success of the day.

Among the stock fanciers were: Professor E. B. Pitts and daughter of O. A. C. C. D. Minton and wife of Portland, Harry West and two daughters of Scappoose, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Altman of Orient, M. S. Shrook of Portland, Joel Warre, wife and Vernie Jarrel of Kelso, C. H. Johnson of Orient, County Agent R. G. Scott of Oregon City, Nellie Mc-

POULTRY NOTES

The size of the flock which can be most efficiently kept will depend upon the space available and the amount of table scraps or other waste available for feed. Over-stocking is a mistake. Better results will be obtained from a few hens in a small yard than from a larger number, poultry specialists of the United States department of agriculture say.

The backyard poultry flock rarely should consist of over 20 or 25 hens, in many cases of not more than eight or 10, and occasionally of only three or four. For a flock of 20 to 25 hens a space of not less than 25 by 30 feet should be available for a yard. Where less space is available the size of the flock should be reduced, allowing on the average 20 to 30 square feet per bird. A few hens

are sometimes kept successfully with a smaller yard allowance, but if the space is available a yard of the size indicated should be used.

The object of forming boys' and girls' poultry clubs is to give a better knowledge of the value and importance of the poultry industry and the marketing of a first class, uniform product, to teach better methods of caring for the poultry and eggs and to show the increased revenue to be derived from well bred poultry where proper methods of management are pursued.

A series of poultry meetings have been held the past week in Clackamas county. Professor Crosby of the Oregon Agricultural college, assisted by R. G. Scott, county agent of Clackamas county, gave lectures and culling demonstrations.

The Commercial club at Beaverton is taking an active interest in the poultry industry.

A stinky woman never makes a good cook. A stinky man never makes a good dairyman.

FRUIT GROWERS TO PICNIC AUGUST 10

The Oregon Growers' Cooperative association will hold its first annual picnic for fruit growers in the Willamette valley at the Fair Grounds at Salem on August 10. The program will begin at 11 o'clock. The principal speaker of the day is Dr. F. M. Coleman of San Jose, Cal., who is editor of the Sun Sweet Standard and who is affiliated with the California Prune & Apricot Growers' association. Dr. Coleman will have a special message to give Oregon growers on the success of the state wide marketing operations in California.

Senator Charles L. McNary will be present to address the growers. Senator McNary is a large fruit grower, and is one of the directors of the association. Professor H. F. Bars of Oregon Agricultural college, will discuss diseases affecting our main crops. Professor A. L. Irtel, entomologist, will discuss the insect pests. C. I. Lewis will give a resume of the operations of the associations up to date.

Fruit growers other than members of the association are welcome to attend. Business men, or others interested in the fruit industry, are welcome. Growers will bring their own lunch, but coffee will be furnished.

The association has formally taken possession of the Salem Fruit Union's plant at Salem.

A fresh fruit packing plant will be

built at Forest Grove to accommodate the heavy tonnage of apples and other fresh fruits in that vicinity which the association has to handle.

R. C. Paulus, sales manager of the association, started Friday for Chicago to attend the International Apple Shippers' convention. This is the largest association of this kind of the world and attracts buyers from all over the United States and abroad; it furnishes the best statistics, and generally the opening runs of the new season's business are fixed. Paulus will go to New York for a few days and will return by way of Canada. The trip will give him unusual opportunities to meet our representatives in Eastern markets.

The quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association was held at association headquarters at Salem, Friday, August 6.

Owing to rains during the cherry harvest, many cherries were cracked. As a result of the activities of the association 142,000 pounds of cherries were pitted and dried. This fruit would have been a total loss had it not been for the prompt action of the organization.



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The Test Applied

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Let us apply the test cited in the last preceding article of this series. For the detection of spurious prophecy and false prophecies, for convenience we shall restrict our consideration to a single feature or function of the prophetic gift, viz: prediction, or the foretelling of events.

For the test proposed, Joseph Smith, commonly called "The Mormon Prophet," shall be the subject. A few instances of his predictions, and the sequel to each, will be presented.

1. In 1823, Joseph Smith declared on the authority of Divine revelation that, because of the work required of him by the Lord, his "name should be had for good and evil among all nations, kindreds, and tongues, or that it should be both good and evil spoken of among all people." A strange prophecy for a 17-year-old lad to make! And yet more strange that it should be so abundantly verified as present-day literature attests!

2. In the same year he foretold the bringing forth of the plates on which the Book of Mormon record was inscribed, and with this specific avowal: "The knowledge that this record contains will go to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, under the whole heaven." This was some years before the golden plates came into his possession, and it is years before the Elders of the Church entered upon missionary service in foreign lands. As to the fulfillment, consider the fact that since its first publication, in 1830, the Book of Mormon has been translated into every language of progyness and into many of the yet primitive tongues; and that many millions of copies have been distributed.

3. In 1842, while the Church was suffering persecution in Illinois, and when the western part of the continent was but little known, and only as its territory of an alien nation, Joseph Smith prophesied "that the Saints would continue to suffer much affliction and would be driven to the Rocky Mountains," and that while many then professing allegiance to the Church would apostatize, and others, faithful to their testimony, would meet the martyr's fate, some would live "to assist in making settlements and build cities, and see the Saints become a mighty people in the midst of the Rocky Mountains." The abundant fulfillment of this prophecy, as stated, in 1847, and it may be added, foreshadowed by an earlier prophecy in 1831, is attested by the official history of the settlement and development of this once barren but now productive region.

4. A specific and most remarkable prophecy regarding national affairs was uttered by Joseph Smith on December 25, 1832. It was soon thereafter promulgated among the members of the Church and was preached by the Elders, but did not appear in print until 1851. The revelation reads in part as follows: "Verily thus saith the Lord, concerning the wars that will shortly come to pass, beginning at the rebellion of South America, which will eventually terminate in the death and misery of many souls. The days will come that war will be poured out upon all nations, beginning at that place. For behold, the Southern States shall be divided against the Northern States, and the Southern States will enslave other nations, even the nation of Great Britain. . . . And it shall come to pass, after many days, slaves shall rise up against their masters, who shall be marshaled and disciplined for war." See Doctrine and Covenant 57.

Students of United States history know well the facts that establish a complete fulfillment, even in circumstantial detail, of this astounding prediction. In 1861, more than 25 years after the prophecy was recorded, and 10 years after its publication in England, the Civil War broke out, beginning in South Carolina. Slaves deserted the South and were marshaled in the armies of the North; the Confederacy solicited the aid of Great Britain; and while no open alliance between the Southern States and England was effected, the British government gave indirect assistance to the South, and this in such a way as to produce serious international complications, resulting in Great Britain paying fifteen million dollars in reparation to the United States in accordance with the settlement of the Alabama claims. The faithful prediction that war should be poured out upon all nations is of such recent, complete and tragical realization as to make comment unnecessary.

The only adequate explanation of these and numerous other predictions by the latter-day prophet considered in the light of their strict fulfillment, is found in the solemn fact that Joseph Smith was a true Prophet of God.

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