

Quality, Fitting and Displaying, Three Essentials for Show Ring Winners

PREPARATION OF EXHIBITS VITAL FACTOR AT FAIRS

By E. C. Stewart

The fair exhibitor has three essential principals to observe when preparing to show at the community, county, state or national fairs. In the first place quality is of paramount importance.

The relative merit of the individuals in the exhibitor's herd, flock or crop can usually be determined by the producer himself, but oftentimes mistakes are made in selecting what is to be exhibited and what is to stay at home. Here is where the particular fancy of the grower and the standard set by the judge play an important part. If the exhibitor can pre-determine the judges' standard or fancy, it is then possible to select exhibits conforming to it. Many exhibitors who have found experience a dear teacher, take the precaution of making two entries in each class and select them so that one or the other will meet the standard of most any judge. It is also true that the owner is sometimes prejudiced because of past performance, necessary or personal feeling for certain individuals and does not like to consider the fact that the judge cannot see or make his award upon any such bias. The amateur exhibitor will usually find it an advantage to persuade some veteran of the show circuit to assist in selecting the exhibit to be made.

QUALITY MAY BE HIDDEN

Quality may oftentimes be hidden by poor fitting or brought out to advantage by correct fitting. Fitting ranks second in importance when preparing for showing, according to the ideas of many exhibitors. It is, however, almost as important as quality since care in fitting will often cover up slight defects in quality, or poor fitting bring out stronger such defects.

Cleanliness, neatness and style are the principal factors to be remembered when fitting, and this applies to any kind of exhibit. Fitting should be so regulated that the highest state of perfection will be reached upon the day or days when judging is to take place. No concrete rules can be laid down for the fitting of any particular kind of exhibit. Neither can comprehensive directions be given to cover particular cases in any other way than through personal instruction and supervision. General rules will not fit every case, but only form a basis from which to work. Good judgment and if possible instruction from an expert, are of the greatest help in preparing an exhibit.

An exhibit may be of the highest quality, well fitted and yet go down to defeat in the judging closely because of the manner in which it is displayed to the judge. This is particularly true in the livestock classes, where appearances can be greatly changed by the method of handling.

RING TRAINING IMPORTANT

Show ring training is very important. To get the best results an animal must be perfectly manageable at all times and must be trained to show style and stand quietly while being examined. This takes some little time, but often means the difference between first and last places in the scoring. The exhibitor must remember that the judge has several animals to look over and has to base his judgment upon the impressions he receives while he is looking at the individual. If the animal happens to be poorly posed each time the judge happens to glance at it, naturally the impression of the judge will not be in favor of that animal.

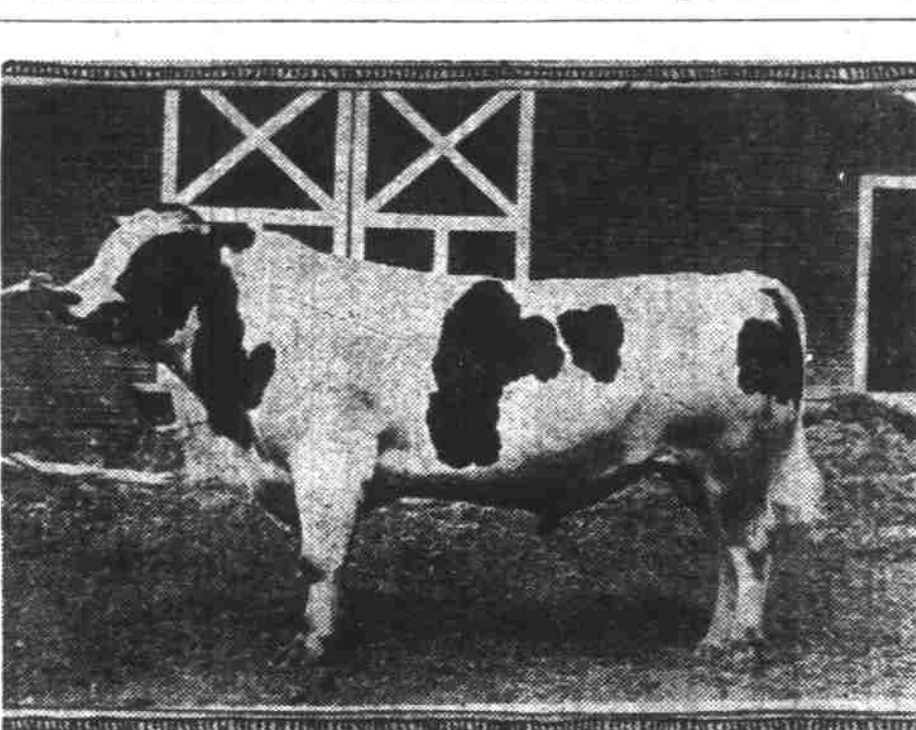
On the other hand if the animal is well trained and held to show off its best points each time the judge happens to glance that way, a more favorable impression will be made and the animal be placed among the winners.

SHOULD EXCHANGE VIEWS

Since every breed and in fact every individual requires separate and distinct methods of fitting, the writer will not attempt to go into detail upon this subject. Written directions will as often lead to improper, as to proper fitting, due to the great variance in the character of the exhibits. A suggestion may, however, be of assistance to new exhibitors, in cases where they can conveniently get together with neighbors having the same kind of stock to exhibit.

If it is possible, assemble the stock to be exhibited from a neighborhood, or from two or three farms, then discuss the various points and work together to fit each animal to its best. This will require the laying aside of all jealousies, but wouldn't it be better to have the prize money in your neighborhood, even if your neighbor gets it, rather than to go to some other part of the country?

OREGON BULL SHOWS QUALITY



Senior herd bull on the Martin & Forbes farm near Forest Grove, where a complete dispersal of Holstein cattle will take place September 15 of 20 cows, herd bulls, bred heifers and young stock of both sexes. The animals are all large, having straight top lines, well balanced udders, are nicely marked and of exceptional breeding.

STATE FAIRS HAVE UNUSUAL EXHIBITS

Exhibits of improved livestock and poultry at county and state fairs this year promise to be unusually interesting, according to information received by the United States department of agriculture from many sources. In practically all parts of the country excellent livestock exhibits are to be attractive features of fairs. The attention which breeders and farmers have been giving to livestock, combined with good feed and care, have resulted in some exceptionally well bred and well fitted animals.

In encouraging farmers to take advantage of the opportunities which fairs and livestock exhibits give for observing improved livestock and poultry, the department of agriculture places emphasis on the following points: Livestock displays afford an opportunity to study breeds and types and to see a large number of good animals. In the case of meat animals the size, conformation and uniformity are worthy of special study, in view of the increasing tendency to raise purebred and high grade stock as market animals as well as for breeding.

Farmers attending livestock displays obtain useful information by meeting those who are interested in superior breeding and feeding methods. Besides the ideas exchanged and information gained, new enthusiasm for the work is a common result. Animals and poultry may be purchased at most fairs, though as a rule it is more satisfactory for a farmer to purchase animals at the home of the breeder than to buy fitted animals at fairs. Animals that have been prepared for exhibition usually are priced higher than those of ones of similar quality and breeding.

Fox Heads List of Pure Bred Animals

In the list of importations of pure-bred animals for which the United States department of agriculture issued certificates of pure breeding during the last fiscal year, foxes stood at the top in numbers. Dairy cattle were next, with dogs a close third.

Beef cattle, horses and sheep, formerly imported in large numbers, were almost in the same class with cats. Very few horses have been brought in during recent years, and the number of beef cattle and sheep has decreased, partly on account of foot-and-mouth disease, which existed in England a part of the year. However, since the war fewer farm animals of all kinds have been coming into this country.

The total number of all kinds brought in during the year was 2639. There were 967 foxes, all from Canada; 761 dairy cattle, mostly from the Channel Islands and Canada; 591 dogs, a large part of them from England, Germany and Canada; 151 horses; 87 beef cattle; 62 sheep, and 20 cats.

LANE COUNTY EXHIBITS

Eugene, Sept. 8.—Lane county will have the same large two-county space in the state fair pavilion this year as last, according to George W. Taylor, president of the local fair board, who will have charge of preparing the Lane exhibit again this year.

HOLSTEINS AT AUCTION

FOREST GROVE, ORE.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1922

20 HERD COWS, HERD BULLS, BRED HEIFERS and YOUNG STOCK, both sexes. Entire herd of Registered Holsteins owned by W. Martin, including show winners. A. R. O. Cows and show prospects, a very attractive lot. Some of the cows are fresh, others in various stages of lactation. They are large, have straight top lines, well-balanced udders, nicely marked, and of popular breeding. The senior herd bull is Hollywood King Pontiac, a grandson of King of the Pontiac and Sir Johanna Ruth Payne. The junior herd sire is Aggie Colantha Gerben, winners in the show ring at Oregon State Fair and Pacific International.

Sale Will Be Held on the Martin & Forbes Farm

near Forest Grove, starting immediately after lunch at noon on farm

TERMS OF SALE: Credit can be arranged with owner by responsible parties. If you want credit, arrange for same before bidding. The Catalog gives details and can be had upon request to Owner or Sale Manager.

W. MARTIN, Owner, Forest Grove, Oregon
E. A. RHOTEN, Sale Manager, Salem.
COL. J. W. HUGHES, Auctioneer, Forest Grove.

WASHINGTON'S FARM JOINS MOVE FOR BETTER LIVESTOCK

Washington, Sept. 9.—Wakefield Farm, Westmoreland county, Virginia, has been enrolled in the "Better Sires—Better Stock" movement conducted by the various states and the United States department of agriculture. This is the farm where George Washington was born in 1732, and the present occupants, Latane Brothers, come from straight Washington stock. It is noteworthy that purebred sires of good quality are henceforth to be used for all classes of livestock raised on this farm which is famous as the birthplace of the Father of his Country. The stock on the historic estate includes cattle, horses, swine, sheep and poultry. All sires are now purebred; the females are purebred, crossbred and grade, and are to be gradually improved.

County Agent L. M. Walker Jr., interested Latane Brothers in the nationwide movement for improved livestock, and John B. Hutcheson, director of extension for Virginia, regards the enrollment as of particular interest since George Washington was a good farmer and a lover of good stock.

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POULTRY, RABBIT JUDGES SELECTED

The directors of the Oregon Poultry and Pet Stock association have appointed judges for the 1922 show which will be held with the Pacific International Livestock exposition November 4 to 11.

E. C. Branch of Lees Summit, Mo., and W. M. Coats of Seattle are the poultry judges and John C. Fehr of Indianapolis will judge the rabbits. Branch is prominent in the affairs of the American Poultry association and for many years has placed the awards in some of the best shows in the country.

Coats is now regarded as a permanent feature in the Portland show, having judged here for 14 consecutive years. There are few poultry breeders on the West coast who are not personally acquainted with Coats and his 14 engagements here indicate the character of his work in the show room.

John C. Fehr judged the rabbits here last year and handled the work in a way that brought a request from a majority of the exhibitors for a return engagement.

The management of the Pacific International are giving the Poultry and Pet Stock association all possible help and support in making this show one that will be of real service to the poultry industry, and the directors of the poultry association are confident that the 1922 exhibit will be the best collection of high class stock ever brought together here.

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POULTRY NOTES

Clean eggs bring better market prices. Cooperative poultry organizations urge their members to produce clean eggs so as to receive the top price. It is not always possible to keep every egg absolutely clean but it is possible to reduce the number of dirty eggs to a very small percentage. A clean, large modern poultry house with plenty of good-sized comfortable nests is a vital necessity in the production of clean eggs. If a light oil spray or water spray with 10 per cent of crude carbolic acid, is used in the late afternoon, it helps rid nests of mites and fleas. Eggs to retain quality and reduce amount of breakage should be gathered as frequently as is practicable and not less than twice a day in warm weather.

Milk is usually plentiful on the farm, and the chickens should receive the benefit of this. Give the growing stock a feast of milk every day or two—no matter whether it be sweet, skimmed or sour. It is also good for the old fowls, especially those in molt. But with all kinds of fowls, and especially the growing stock, care should be taken to place no more before them at one time than they will consume in just a few minutes, for otherwise it soon becomes contaminated and unfit for the fowls.

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PICRIC ACID HELD BEST FOR BLASTS

Washington, Sept. 9.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Attention is again called to the distribution of picric acid from left over war supplies of the government through a report by Dr. Charles E. Munroe, explosive chemist of the United States bureau of mines and consulting expert of the war and navy departments, who states that this acid in cartridge form is the safest, most powerful and best explosive known to science for removing stumps and blasting work on the farms.

The government has about 5,000,000 pounds of this acid stored at Fort Wingate, N. M., and Edgewood arsenal, Maryland, and it is distributed by authority of congress through the bureau of roads without cost except for six cents a pound for drying and carting, plus transportation. The distribution is made to the state agricultural colleges and state extension services, to which farmers should apply for particulars as to the total expense to them and for other details.

Dr. Munroe explains that picric acid is not sensitive to impact, friction, shock or ignition and is comparatively safe as compared with other high explosives. It keeps indefinitely and is not affected by heat or cold. Shipments to the western states will be made from the station in New Mexico.

COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR

Warren, Sept. 9.—Preparations are being made by the farmers in this vicinity for county fair exhibits. The display promises the greatest in the history of Columbia county. September 19 to 21 are the dates.

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