



ORPHANED at birth, Esmya, one of only a handful of purebred Arabians ever born in Missouri, is waging a strong battle for life. The filly, 16 days old in the picture above, lost her dam within 24 hours due to foaling complications. The young Arabian is being hand fed and hand cared for by its owners.

Stilbestrol May Improve Weight Gains

An agriculture department research team reports that stilbestrol may help improve summertime weight gains by yearling steers on native ranges.

This announcement follows a study by the agriculture department and the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station.

Stilbestrol, a hormone-like substance, is now used to step up gains in three quarters of the beef cattle in feedlots across the country.

In the range experiments, yearling Hereford steers were given stilbestrol pellets planted under the skin of their ears. The steers which received the chemical gained 48 pounds more per head than untreated steers in 140 days on pasture . . . an advantage of nearly 21 per cent.

The crop reporting board tells us that red meat production last year reached a total of 26,900,000, 000 pounds, down four per cent from the record high production of 1956, but big enough to be the second biggest meat year in history.

Beef production in 1957 was off two per cent from 1956, veal was down six per cent, mutton and lamb down five per cent, and pork down seven per cent.

These figures are background for this year's meat story . . . the continuing downturn in marketing early this year which pushed livestock prices to relatively high levels.

The National Grange says Congress could give agriculture a big boost by approving a bill aimed at helping industry in depressed areas.

The bill is before the House Banking and Currency Committee.

"If it's passed, the grange says it would provide new off-the-farm jobs in depressed rural areas, and the grange believes it would remove the political pressure created by low-income farm families, making it easier to pass constructive long-range farm laws.

The grange says the redevelopment bill for depressed areas could in fact, turn out to be the most important farm bill of 1958.

Ideas Offered For Fencing Job

Good weather is a time for fence-mending and fence-building.

For the homeowner who has a fence project in mind, here are some construction tips from the Western Pine Association:

Use care in fence placement and design. Don't cut off views or cover desirable features of the house. Place the fence far enough back from the driveway to permit opening of car doors.

Use 4x4 inch fence posts spaced no more than eight feet apart.

Use 2x4 inch stringers or rails and 1x2 inch shoulders where the stringers meet the post face.

For stability, place at least one-third the post length below the ground line.

Put a two-inch layer of gravel in the bottom of the post hole for drainage.

In areas where ground is soft or yielding, place posts in a sub-surface concrete base.

These and other hints for building fences are contained in a folder, "Western Pine's Fence Folio." The folder also shows color pictures of actual interesting and attractive fences.

For your free copy, write to: Western Pine Association, Yeon Building, Portland 4, Oregon. Ask for "Fence Folio."

MORE SCHOOL

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. (UPI)—This city plans to add a 13th year to its public school curriculum by 1959. The extra year will be added to the senior high school to serve as a junior college class. It is designed to help future graduates entering colleges where there is over-crowding and strict entrance requirements.



ATTRACTIVE mirrored walls such as the one illustrated in the room above, are finding their way into American homes.

OREGON FARM ATLAS IS NOW AVAILABLE

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — An "Atlas of Oregon Agriculture" that outlines state land and water resources, farm operations, crops and livestock, and marketing and processing facilities has been published by the Oregon State College agricultural experiment station.

Crop and livestock totals are given in separate sections. Seventy maps are included in the 42-page book.

Copies of the atlas will be sold through the Oregon State College Bookstore for \$1 each.

FLOOR SQUEAKS

Loose bridging is one cause of floor squeaks. They should be re-nailed with the floor screw type of nail. Also, check to see if additional bridging is required.

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Here's the Answer

Q. In nailing wood, how can splitting be avoided or reduced?

A. With the advice of your hardware or lumber dealer, choose the nail with the smallest diameter that will do the job, the Western Pine Association says. If splitting is encountered, blunt the point of the nail. Where conditions warrant, pre-bore holes slightly smaller than the nail diameter.

Q. How deep should a wooden fence post be set?

A. A good rule of thumb is to sink one-third of the length of a wooden fence post into the ground. Be sure to treat it well with a preservative first, however. Excellent preservatives are the pentachlorophenol formulas developed in the laboratories of the Western Pine Association and available nationwide under a variety of brand names.

Q. How should random-width paneling be used?

A. Paneling comes in various widths. The widely used paneling from the western pine region, for instance, is available in widths of six, eight, ten, and twelve inches, and sometimes narrower or wider boards. These panels are used in a repeated pattern—such as six, eight, ten, six, eight, ten; in "step-up-step-down" fashion—such as six, eight, ten, eight, six; or catch-as-catch-can—as the boards are picked up.

Q. What's the best way to sand wood paneling?

A. First, use a coarse sandpaper, where necessary, to iron out "dressing skips" which occasionally occur in paneling, says the Western Pine Association. Then rub carefully with a very fine sandpaper—No. 4-0, for instance. Always sand with the grain when hand sanding or when using a belt sander. A vibrator-type sander can be used freely.

SHADOW BOX

An easy-to-build shadow box display case is an excellent place for the hobbyist to show off his collection. It also can add to the attractiveness of a living room, den, bedroom, or recreation room.

The back of the case is a Masonite "Peg-Board" panel from which items in the collection can be hung. The sides are pieces of lumber and the front is a scalloped section of Presdwood.

Plans for building the case can be obtained by sending 50 cents to East-Bild Pattern Company, Pleasantville, N. Y., and request ing pattern No. 159.

ANCA Leader Seeks Support For Beef Bill

ONTARIO — Oregon cattlemen are urged to actively support pending national legislation to allow market deductions on cattle for support of major beef promotional efforts.

G. R. (Jack) Milburn, president of the American National Cattlemen's Association, told members of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association in convention here that beef promotion and research "can benefit consumers as well as cattlemen."

Milburn, a noted rancher from Grassrange, Montana, explained that adequate promotional work could help consumers take advantage of fluctuating beef supplies, develop more menu variety, and "become acquainted with the many thrifty cuts we raise along with the steaks and roasts they like so well."

"If Mrs. Homemaker is kept informed, she can help us build a more stable industry," Milburn declared.

He told the Oregon beefmakers that the national legislation was needed to remove restrictions written into the Packers and Stock Yards Act "years ago before anyone realized that research and promotion were so necessary in the increasingly competitive food field."

"We are entitled to spend our own cow money for the advancement of our industry in service to the consumer," Milburn said.

He saluted the Oregon Cattlemen's Association and the many Oregon county organizations for providing effective "voices" for individual cowmen. "Through unity of effort we can be equal to rising production costs, problems of weather and economics and the demands of the future," Milburn declared.