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TIME Y.S.S. of the Devon and Cornwall Dutch I Rabbit Circie has been fixed for July 12th, and will be staged at Newton Abbot, Devon, in conjunction with the Newton Abbot Fanciers' Asssn, Y.S.S. Mr. Frank Rogers, the secretary of the Newton Abbot Assn., will make this year's effort an outstanding success. The Newton Fanciers are open to entertain other club shows at this fixture, so if any are interested, I would advise them to get in touch with Mr. Rogers at "Thistledons," Kingsteignton, Devon,

The classification will consist of seven straight classes for Dutch under four months and a similar number of duplicate classes. Mr. Geo. Hocking will judge all the straight classes, and myself the remainder. The B.R.C. has allotted a diploma and C.C., and two cash specials, and the U.K.D.R.C. has also given two 10/- specials. There will, as usual, be many other specials for open and members' competition. In addition there will be the trophies for competition by members.

All our classes will be guaranteed, and the prize money will be 22/6 in each class. Further particulars will appear in Fur and Farther in due course.

To Dutch fanciers farther afield I once again appeal for support. They can be assured of quick service by rail, and the best of attention to exhibits at the show.

Circle membership is coming along nicely, but there are still a number who have not yet sent along their subs, for 1947. I remind from that if these subs, are not received by March 31st they will cease to be members, and will lose membership privileges for 1947. Efforts are being made to include a rabbit section in the schedule of the Devon County show for 1947. I believe that if this does happen it will be the first occasion, and I trust that all Fanciers will do their very best to support this fixture.

The rabbit Fancy in Devon and Cornwall is on the apprade. There is definitely a more prosperous outlook than was the case at the end of the 1914-18 war. I think this is mainly due to the determination of the clubs and associations to

NORTHERN COUNTIES SILVER R.C.

W. H. GAYTON, hon. sec.

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THE Y.S.S. of the Northern Counties Silver R.C. will be held at Huddersfield on July 26th, and I hope members will give the maximum support to the customary full classification. Several members have already offered specials and the prize money for a novice breeders class has been donated.

Fifty-five ordinary subscriptions have already been paid and the following extra donations have been received: C. E. Stephenson (for special printing) £1. Wearmouth Bros. £1, E. C. Umpleby 10/-, H. W. Buckett £1, Mark Jubb 5/-, F. Lister 5/-, W. Rutherford 3/-, G. W. Poyser 5/-, G. and J. Coates 2/-, Geo. Husband 5/-, C. Allerston 2/6, James Bell £1 also 5/- Y.S.S. special, T. S. Horsely £3.3/-, Rev. J. H. B. Darling £1-1/- for special class also 15/- general, L. Stule £1, C. Metcalfe 5/-, Clarke Smith 5/-, and Dr. W. Simms 5/-.

I achawledge the help given to a number of shows by keen Silverites who are providing specials and guaranteeing classes and I hope members will watch Fur and Frahhra adverts and do all they can to support these shows. Particularly I would recommend Maltby-le-Marsh on May 31st, where Mrs. H. Kidd has guaranteed seven Silver classes and has sent 2/6 for special best silver exhibited by a N.C.S.R.C. member.

There will also be a show at Hebden Bridge on the same date, with suaranteed prize money, and these shows will afford us the opportunity of contacting breeders who may not be members of the club.

Mr. W. Simms, in an enthusiastic letter, urges that every member shold seize the chance of getting one new member each. He believes strongly that the club could double its membership. He secured four new members last year at least which does give point to his plea and I am sure that it would be possible to secure fifty, if not the ninety-six, extra members if all members were to urge the metrics of the club.

Few district clubs can point to the imposing array of cups that the N.C.S.R.C. has for competition, seven for the Y.S.S., and few indicates and

LONDON ENGLISH RABBIT SOCIETY

Briley. Sideup. April 7th, A Hampson. Cranleigh, April 12th, T. Whitaker. Barking, April 12th, C. Banfield. Staines, April 20th, R. Briley. Enfield, April 27th, H. Hardinges. Teddington, May 5th, F. Fuller. Oldland (Bristol), May 10th, R. Briley. Moulsecoomb, May 31st, H. Hardinges.

Lists containing the names and addresses of club judges are now awaited from the printers, and upon receipt of 1d. stamped addressed envelope I shall be pleased to forward a copy to any show secretary for reference.—W. H. Hornsby, assist. sec., 10, Lymescote Gardens, Sutton, Surrey.

NATIONAL SABLE RABBIT CLUB

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THE young stock show of the National Silver Club is to be held at Dewesbury, Manchester, on July 12th. It wil be staged by the Ferguson Palin F.S., which is known for its last season's staging of super shows.

I have received from that keen Silver fancier, Sir Duncan Watson, a 10/- special for best new members' buck, A.C., and a 10/-special for best new members' doe, A.C. Any Silver fancier who is not yet a member should join the club now to compete for these generous specials.

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It will help me to compile the schedule early if any member who wishes to give a special for this event will send particulars soon. Any help will be appreciated.

In the recent election for officials the 20th place for club judges resulted in a tie. The president, Tom Foster, gave his casting vote, according to rule, to Mr. J. Desforge.

Darlington Fanciers are to stage the club's "vase" show on Oct. 4th, so there will at last be a club show in the far North.

The adult stock show is to be held at the London National show on Nov. 21st or 22nd.

Adverts. for the 1947 Year Book are very slow in reaching me. If any member desires to advertise his stud to the Silver Fancy he should not miss this chance of doing so. The cost of advertising is: Full page, 25/-; half page, 15/; quarter page, 7/6.

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dates in June are taken up with Dutch clubs' shows, it was thought, in view of the late breeding season, that this date would be more suitable than one in May. Messrs. F. O. Davies, H. Lardner, and A. Botrill will judge, and if classes are heavy we have a reserve judge, Mr. Reg. Farmer. As at the adult show duplicate classes will be judged separately, and no book judging in these classes will be allowed. Full classes, together with the usual good list of cups and special prizes will appear in Fun ann Franker at a later date. The management of this show will be in the capable hands of Mr. Cliff Gadsby.

I have now a good list of receive more. Don't leave it to a later date; let me have it now. Franciers living in the Midland Counties are always welcome to membership. The subscription is only 4/6 new members and 3/6 old, and one win of the specials offered at most Midland shows just pays the yearly sub. I have had paid more than 30 of these specials to members this season.

Mr. Norton, Overseal, has claimed a double championship for Grey Complete. He has also given the club another cup. Has anyone else a cup that he would like to find a new home of the subscription. The club another cup. Has anyone else a cup that he would like to find a new home of the subscription. The work of the club another cup. Has anyone else a cup that he would like to find a new home and the club another cup. Has anyone else a cup that he would like to find a new home of the subscription and the club another cup. Has anyone else a cup that he would like to find a new home of the subscription and the club another cup. Has anyone else a cup that he would like to find a new home about these great hopes after the bad time we have all experienced. I hear whispers of the heart of the proposition of th

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I hope members are now getting good luck in matings and breedings after the bad time we have all experienced. I hear whispers of several good babies; a Blue at Measham and a Tort. at Austrey, but we shall know more about these great hopes after the judges have had their say. Please support the Y.S.S. It will be held with one of the best Societies in the country, which has a good hall and a secretary second to none.—W. C. WOOD, sec., School Lane, Sudbury, Derby.

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MIDLAND GOUNTIES DUTCH CLUB

THE young stock show of the Midland Counties Dutch Club has been fixed with Burton-on-Trent Society on July 19th. As all

HARLEQUIN RABBIT CLUB

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THE generosity of the Harlequin Club's president seems endless. She has made in present of that levely doe, Tiger Lily, to a new member. Another new members has lost his entire stud in the recent freeze up. If any other members wish to help him his address is Mr. G. E. Levett, 68, Gresham Road, Middlesbrough.

Only one Harlequin entry was received at Moulsecoomb club show, but the club has again promised to cater for Harlequins at its next show.

I have received a letter complaining that some club indges are introducing a pet way of judging Harlequins, i.e., three or more changes in front. I remind judges that there is only one standard of perfection, that which was voted by members, and recognised by the B.R.C.

Some letters are being delayed owing to faulty addressing.—C. L. BOND, hon, sec., 35; Cleveland Street, Taunton, Somerset.

LONDON AND SOUTHERN COUNTIES TAN R.C.

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A RESOLUTION was carried recently requesting judges of the London and Southern Counties Tan R.C. to make awards irrespective of entries.

Certificates of merit can now be awarded at table shows, at which there is a club judge, with at least eight entries.

The ladies' cup for the A.S.S., now having been won three times in succession by Mrs. Ben Alexander, it becomes her property. This cup has been quickly replaced by Mr. Jim Collier, who offers his middleweight championship ooxing cup to the Tan Club through his son, who has become a recent member of the club. The cup dates back to 1889.

A very cordial welcome was given to Tom Jenkins, ane of the Pioneers of the London Tan Club, at the March show. We hope to see more of him in the future.

The National Club has dropped the "All England Tan show," and, supported by the London club, will concentrate on the championship show. The trophy for best Tan will automatically be awarded at this show.

The London Club sends good wishes to Norman Palmer and Bryn Jones for an All Tan win everywhere.—T. L. LETCH.

Owing to pressure of space following the fuel emergency a week or two ago we were compelled to condense the election results of the London and Southern Counties Tan Club. It can now be stated that, in addition to the list of officers given in our issue of March 14th, the following were returned mopposed: President, B. Alexander; gen. Sec. treas, T. L. Letch; ass./sec., W. A. Scott; show sec., A. G. Atkins; B.R.C. representatives. C. Beland: investigation committee (3), A. J. Reveves. W. Rayner, H. Lofthouse.

NORTH-WEST ENGLISH R.C.

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THE North-West English R.C. has arranged to hold an all-English open show at Bolton on June 7th, with Messrs. Lister and Taberner as judges. Many special prize have already been offered for this event, and the prize money has been guaranteed.

Isle of Man fanciers will be included in the North-West area, which includes Lancashire, Cheshire, Cumberland and Westmorland. The subscription for 1947 is 3/6.

Mr. T. Dootson, of Urmston. Snalam, of Preston, have become vice-presidents of the club, and the club is making satisfactory progress with membership.

Mr. T. Wolfenden, of Liverpool, has recovered from his accident, which kept him from attending the Manchester meeting.

We wish Mr. R. Warburton, of Bleekburn, a speedy recovery from his accident. Will any past member who would like any information please get in touch with mr. an immediate reply will be sent.—FRANK HUNT, sec., 5 Kay Street. Atherton, Manchester.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS, REX CLUB

I WANT the co-operation of the whole of the Dorset and West Hants, Rex Club in two events; both of them new ventures and worthly of good support.

First, a table show! No, it's not an ordinary table show. This is to be a grand opportunity for the club to open out on new lines, bringing in to the club possible new members and (Continued on page 137)

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By Roy Robinson

SCIENTIFIC NOTES THE CASE OF THE OPEN-EYED MOUSE

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A SUBSTANTIAL increase in membership of the London English Rabbit Society for the early months of 1947 points strongly to the popularity of the English breeds. In January 29 new members were enrolled. There are, however, a few of the old members who have not yet sent the 5- subscription to the secretary, Mr. H. Warboys, 232, Kingsley Road, Hounslow, Middlesex

Within the next week or so a committee the meeting will be called to arrange the first two "high spots" of the year—the spring breeders' show and the young stock show. In view of the severe weather during the early breeding season, which, in some cases, resulted in heavy losses of youngsters, especially in the Midlands F2 33 1 97 and North, it is of the utmost importance that a full attendance of officers is made to discuss and consider the dates and venues of the shows, which would be most beneficial to the members and the society.

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EVEN IN THE CASE OF THE ABYSSINIAN'S ROSETTES

such a vast difference to the well being of stock.

Reply to J. G. C. (Birmingham): Black and golden Agouti Dutch cavies can be and are, bred together successfully, but red Dutch should not be mixed with either colour. Sows should not be placed in the breeding pen till turned six months old, and only then, if well developed. Young boars may be used sparingly when turned four months old, providing they are strong and vigorous, but this should not be done often till they are fully matured.—C. V. B. TAYLOR, 16, Buile Hill Drive, Salford 5, Manchester.

THE GERMANS DID NOT LIKE CAVIES

So Mynheer Modderman Kept on Smiling

A T the Bradford championship shows of pre-war days a regular and well-known visitor was Mr. J. Th. T. Modderman, of De Meern, Holland, who was a very keen cavy exhibitor, so much so that he often brought some of his stock over from Holland to compete against the English stock.

Along came the war, Mr. Modderman passed out of our lives, and those of us who knew him often wondered how he was faring in Holland under the German occupation. Recently I received a letter from our Dutch friend, who has come through the ordeal of the war years and is still as keen a fancier as ever in spite of many difficulties he had to contend with during those six years when his country was cut off from us. His letter was a very welcome surprise and in view of its interest to many of his English friends I propose to give some points from it. He says how glad he is to have the opportunity of communicating with his fancier friends in England, one of whom in pre-war days christened him the "Flying Dutchman," although he points out that he is a Dutch receder and not a breeder of Dutch. Selfs, Silver Ægoutis, and Abyssinians are the cavies in which he is chiefly interested.

"Six years without a copy of Fur and Frather," writes our Dutch friend, "has left me rather out of touch with what has happened in English Fancy matters, and I was delighted when two copies reached me. These were sent by my brother, who obtained them in Wolverhampton where he was serving with the Royal Netherlands Expeditionary Force, and how welcome they were, and what a tonic to me it was to see many of the old familiar names of fancier friends I knew in England, I noticed a photo of an old friend of mine, Mr. Woodgate, and the name of Ralph Blake who used to write 'No-talls in the South." I also saw that Mr. Taylor still contributes his good old 'Cavy Corner,' and I now feel sorry that I have missed these numerous articles during the war period. Others who come to my memory are Mr. Eric Brooke, Mr. E. Dixon, Charlie Reynolds, and everal other familiar faces whose

smiling.

"The notorious last war-winter nearly brought the finish to the Fancy in Holland, most people losing their stock through lack of food. I had a good stock of beetroot, mangolds and turnips, but in January we were

-a breath of the Countryside.

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A CHEERY letter from that well-known Staffs, cavy fancier, Mr. S. Titterton, bints that during the coming months he will be battling again for premier awards in the exhibition pen, as he has some fine youngsters, coming along both in self blacks and Abyssinians. He mentions an Abyssinian with 15 for a bottle of gin, and so my cavies were ninibuted of a good thing, even in rosettes!

In many cases recently, roots have been frozen and greens have been almost out of the question. Bran mashes and hay with table oddments, such as apple peelings have had to be the main diet. There is no denying that good meadow hay is a fine conditioner, and it is surprising how much hay cavies consume, but then they always seem to be on the nibble. Brighter days are now with us, and we can look forward to getting those tit-bits in fresh green food, which makes such a vast difference to the well being of stock.

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The Cavy Postbag

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WONDER if any cavy breeders had experience of a disease affecting usually the hind limbs of cavies and causing the limbs to be greatly enlarged? The limb is usually swollen from the first joint to the toes and may be two or three times the thickness of the normal limb. The condition appears to affect older animals and is very chronic, though it apparently does not cause much suffering and the animals appear otherwise to be in good condition.

I am very interested in this condition and should be glad to hear from anyone who has stock with these symptoms with a view to investigating the cause. As the disease may be infectious it is highly undesirable that such animals should be kept with normal stock.

W. R. EMMS.

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BRADFORD CH. SHOW

THE announcement in Mr. Woodgate's notes again will be welcomed by all fanciers.

When I was exhibiting cavies about 15 years ago, I paid my first visit to Bradford ch. show. I was at once struck by the true fancier's spirit. I spent a happy time among the lads, and when my ch. cream boar, after being awarded best cavy in show, was brought out to compete for the premier award, I thought that to score the winning goal at Wembley might carry high honours but, to find yourself under the spot light in this gathering of true fanciers makes Wembley a minor event. There must have been hundreds watching this award being made. No one could have received more hand-shakes, pats on the back and congratulations than I did that afternoon. I was a stranger from the South but had put down the best cavy, therefore I was received with the true Yorkshire fancier spirit. I shall never forget that day.

L. KIRKWOOD.

From The Districts

READ with regret in Beveren Club notes of the death of Mrs. Rostant, a late secretary of the Southern Cavy Club. Mrs. Rostant, during her term of office, worked unceasingly for the benefit of our club. To Dr. Rostant and family we offer our heart-fet sympathy.

Will members please note that Mr. Carr, of Ashstead, and Mr. Symons, Wanstead, are now included on the club's panel of judges. This is because Mr. Kirkwood has resigned and Mrs. Danecourt, who does not wish to accept judging engagements, has stood down in favour of these two judges, who both received the same number of votes in the ballot and so, being next on the list, automatically become club judges.

Specials have been offered at the Watford show, on May 26th, the judge will be Mr. Barcham. There will be 15 classes, so the show deserves support.—Miss Radeglia, hon. sec. and treasurer., 7, Dorking Road, Epsom. Surrey, Tel. Epsom 9203.

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JUDGES at the Durham and Northumberland Cavy Club adult stock show at
Newcastle on August 23rd will be Wilf Vickers,
adult classes, and Jimmy Appleby, young
classes. These are two well-known cavy fanciers, and I am looking forward to seeing
many entries in their classes. Full details
will be advertised in Fur anno Feathers. Adult
cups, and numerous specials will be up for
competition.

Secretary Mr. W. Dinning Informs me that
he is busy getting the young stock show
fixed up. This event may be at Bishop
Middleham, on August 20th.

I received a very interesting letter from our
old friend, Mr. "Dick." Waller telling me
about the time when he officiated as judge at
the D. and N.C.C. show round about 1921.
There were 21 Self Blacks, and the same
number of Self Whites and Creams. Other
varieties were exhibited equally well, Excellent classes, these, and I am looking forward
to seeing the same number of entries repeated,
or even passed this year.

Mr. Harry McVeigh, of Polish fame, is
thinking seriously of taking up cavies as a
sideline. I am sure be will never regret it.
Prudhoe Panciers' Society is to hold its
annual show in August, Cavies are to be
included this year in the schedule, and Mr.
Jimmy Driscoll will judge.

A letter from Mr. A. Donkin, secretary of
Blyth (Northumberland), tells me that the
club will put cavy classes on the schedule at
(Continued at foot of last column).

Your colour variety society, and any of the other clubs running shows.

COLNESIDE BRIGHT ANGEL

MRS. BAZELEY has sustained a great loss in the death of her fine Blue stud. Colneside Bright Angel. By Benjamin of Westfield ex Durani Lela, he was born in June, 1937, and was, I think, shown only three times. At the B.P.C.S. show, in 1938, he was third to Ch. Heatherlands Blue Boy and Tweedledum of Dunesk. At Southsea, the same year, he was again third to Blue Boy, with Merry of Shenstone second, and at the Southern Counties show, 1939, he was reserve in a strong class of 20 to Speedwell Bo'sun, The Playboy of the Court, Masterplece of Allington, and Blue Boy. Then war came and cut short his show career. My notes when I judged him were, "Very promising young male, nice type, good eye, lovely colour.

He proved a success at stud and sired that beautiful queen, Ch. Dream of Dunesk (dam Minuet of the C.). Another young male which should help to carry on the strain is Valleyend Blue Prince, whose dam, Bonne Nuit of Dunesk, is by Ch. Mischief of Bredon ex Appleblossom of Dunesk, Good breeding this!

Mrs. Bazeley's name figures largely in cat history of the past 20 years. It was in about 1923 that she registered her prefix of "Colneside," which was soon to be made famous by one of the best Blues of all time. Ch. Colneside Billy Bumpet. He was by Ch. Azure of Hadley ex Tiddlywinks of Bedale and was bred by the late Mrs. Phyl Wade. Among the cats he sired were Mercury of Pensford, Mitstress Billy Bumpet (dam of Son o' Flick), Colneside Christopher, and Ch. Eliza Queen of the May, whose dam was Infanta. Other famous Blues bred or owned by Mrs. Bazeley were Benjamin of Westfield, and Colneside Craruso, by C. Christopher ex C. Clytic. Benjamin sired Colneside Benjamino, whose dam was Rosedene of Sandford, and which sired The Playboy of the Court and Mokoia Emma. Colneside Craruso sired The Autocrat of the Court (which became an international champion in France) and Crispin of Sandford (sire of Ch. Gillie and Purrieman of P

NOTTS. AND DERBY CAT CLUB

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THE annual general meeting of the Notts.
and Derby Cat Club will be held at the
Scouts' Hall, Shakespeare Street, Nottingham,
on Saturday, April 19th, at 3.30 p.m.
Officials, committee and representatives to
the G.C.C.F. for 1947 will be elected, and the
balance sheet for 1946 will be presented.
Other business that may be required by the
rules will be transacted.
Club members who have been cup winners
will receive bronze medals, with biue insets,
to commemorate wins. The delay in distribution is regretted, but the committee feel sure
members will appreciate that the present difficutties in both production and delivery are
responsible.—ALBERT C. JUDE, hon. sec.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES CAT CLUB NOTES

THE cold weather brought a spate of I calling queens. Owners were anxious to have them mated, but stud owners were not so keen. It is a difficult matter with thick snow and heating cuts.

The Southern Counties Cat Club's annual general meeting is to be held at Stewart's Restaurant, opposite Victoria Station on April 16th, at 4 p.m. The "Southern Belle" should reach members on or about April 2th.

I spent an afternoon with Mrs. Ross, who, like myself, hopes to get into the country again, but in the meantime carries on She had three litters of Siamese, all different Nuneaton

ages, and all are happy together. They make a delightful study.

Miss Wrightson's red male's first litter arrived last week—reds black and torties. Miss Wrightson bred Abyssinians some time ago, and she is hoping to start again with a litter from her queen, If anyone could help me to obtain Major Hamilton Kerr's bright, and her legs are rather solid. Is she with the females when the bright, and her legs are rather solid. Is she with the deliver is over six months old. Is she be an in the sire.

Are there to be any summer cat shows?

I heard Bournemouth might be on the london. Gertainly, Sendy ch., show in london containly, should be well.

I am just starting in the fancy, what clubs shall I join?

Your colour variety society, and any of the other clubs running shows.

BY C. H. JOHNSON

In a recent issue of FUR AND FEATHER, I promised to say why I still favoured the sliding scale of prize money instead of fixed, guaranteed, prize money.

Fixed and guaranteed prize money can weigh very heavily against a show organiser, a show society or a guarantor, and the sliding scale of prize money permits an exhibitor to have a reward more in keeping with the value of a win. Is it fair to pay an exhibitor the same prize money for winning a class of 50 as for a class of three, and is it fair to pay out full prize money on a class of three when, with the accepted prize money of 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-, it involves a loss of 10/- to the show society or generous guarantor?

It is agreed that there are arguments against the sliding scale of prize money, but I contend that for reasons stated above, the arguments for are far greater than those against.

I know that many fanciers favour fixed prize money as was evidenced in Fur and Feathers some time ago, but I say that the correspondence on that occasion only represented a cross section of our Fancy and that the majority (as was proved at the Leeds great mouse shows, where a gigantic record total of 1632 entries was achieved, and at the president's shows during the war, which will always stand unrivalled for successife money as being fair and equitable.

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J. Driscoll, 8; J. Gilpin, 5; C. Nicoll, 3; J. Dawson, 3; H. Bonthrone, 2; W. J. Duncan, 1; R. K. Dunn, 1; J. Murchie, 1, I would point out to Scottish members that the inclusion of juvenile members votes does not alter the result, Messrs, Driscoll and Gilpin being successful with or without the juvenile vote.

J. WORMALD, Scrutineer.

IN BRIEF

Mill Hill R.C. will hold an open show on July 6th. The judges will be Mr. Ralph Blake, Arthur Wood, and T. Whitaker.
Newton Abbot F.A. will hold its Y.S.S. on July 12th. The judge will be Mrs. Wilbraham, Messrs, G. Hocking, W. Gayton, W. Gillson, P. J. Hanglin, and R. Marshall. The Devon and Cornwall Dutch Club's Y.S.S. will be staged in conjunction with this event. Newton Abbot fanciers will hold their A.S.S. on Oct. 25th.

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Bridgwater D.R.C. will stage open shows on July 12th and Nov. 8th.

The British Rex Rabbit Society's adult stock show will be held on Jan. 9th and 10th, 1947, at Canterbury. The judges will be Messrs. Dowle, Leaver, Power, Maynard, Blake, Goodchild and Woodgate.

Earnham R.C. will stage its Y.S.S. on Aug. 16th, and an open pen show on Oct., 25th, At the open show members' trophies will be up for competition, Mr. T. Leaver is to judge.

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its open pen show to be held at Blyth on
June 6th and 7th with Mr. W. Dinning, of
Consett, as judge.

Cavies are gaining popularity up North.
More fanciers coming into the ranks and
more societies catering for them is a very
healthy sign. When these open shows are
advertised don't forget to send along entries
and assure cavies a place on the schedules
another year.

Mr. R. Trewhitt, of South Shields, secretary for Durham County Agricultural Society,
small stock section, has just sent me the
classification for cavies at their show, to be
held on August 2nd at Seaburn, hear Sunderland. There will be 13 classes to suit all
anciers. Prize money will be first 15/-, 2nd
10/-, 3rd 5/- in all classes. Entry fee 2/- per
pen. Specials given by the society include
10/- cash special for best adult cavy, and
10/- cash special for best young cayy. Mr.
G. R. Lodge Ferrybridz; will judge. This is
very generous guaranteed prize money, and
I sincerely hope to see entries from all
districts.

Exhibits will be cared for by experienced
fanciers, including myself, and railed to
eatch early return trains at the close of the
show. The rest is in exhibitors' hands to
help us make this event a success. I am sure
a day at the Durham County show will ever
remain a pleasant memory. Full details will
be advertised in Fur and Feather.—WM. T.
SURTEES. Carley Hill Gardens Southwick.
Sunderland. Co. Durham.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS IN THE CAVY WORLD A LIST OF FORTHCOMING SHOWS April 5th tley rood crington April 6th Ockton April 7th April 7th

REPORTS OF THE SHOWS

"FUR AND FEATHER'S" 100-GUINEA "CHASER" DIPLOMA COMPETITION FOR 1946-47 WILL BE EXTENDED FOR ONE FORTNIGHT TO COMPENSATE FOR THE TWO WEEKS LOST WHEN "FUR AND FEATHER" WAS UNABLE TO APPEAR. ALL "CHASER" SHOWS HELD ON OR BEFORE APRIL 19th, 1947 WILL BE INCLUDED

BRADFORD CITY.—March 22nd. Sec., G. Rhodes. Judges: Fancy. B. Whitchead; Fur. H. Gray. 128 entries. "Chaser" winners: Fancy (and hest in show). Whitchead; Fur. H. Gray. 128 entries. "Chaser" winners: Fancy (and hest in show). Whitchead; Fur. H. Gray. 128 entries. "Chaser" winners: A. 20.1. "A winners. "A

MARCH 15th.—Lewisham: 152 entries. Fancy, Henson's English (8466); Fur, Griffiths' Chinchilla (4224). Glenfields: 166 entries. Fancy, Dexter (3653); Fur, Smith (2345). Aylesbury: 144 entries. Fancy, Cooke's Tan (840); Fur (and best in show). Bean's Orangerex (8326). Hillingdon: 121 entries. Fancy (and best in show), Karnack Stud's Dutch (942); Fur, Hoad's Rex (3977). Layton: 212 entries. Fancy, Cooper (8364); Fur, Nuttall (7083); best cavy, Smith; best mouse. Taylor. Thorner: 565 entries. Fancy (and best in show), Armitage's Polish (378); Fur, Ward's Bluerex (21625). Spenborough: 153 entries. Fancy, Edwards's Dutch (11386); Fur, Toes's Erminerex (14949). East Ham: 141 entries. Fancy, Pleasant's English; Fur (and best in show),

SUGGESTED FEDERATION FOR SURREY AND KENT

A T an area conference held at Brighton on January 17th, it was agreed that a struction of Surrey clubs and a federation of Kent clubs be formed. Their objects will be to avoid the clashing of shows in those counties. Mr. W. R. Luxford (chairman of the Cheam Park Farn. Rabbit Club) undertook to act as secretary of the Surrey Federation, and I would be grateful if all Surrey clubs would contact him with a view to a meeting, His address is 17, Carshalton Road, Carshalton, Surrey.

I have no one at all in view for the acretaryship of the proposed Kent Federation, and I should be glad of applications. I can most strongly recommend these federations as there has been one in Sussex for three years, and clashes of shows have been avoided to the advantage of all the Sussex clubs.

TED GLAZIER.

Disney's Beveren; best cavy, Mansfield.

MARCH 16th.—Bradford: 70 entries, Fancy (and best in show), Rangeley's Dutch (1741); Fur. Griee's Sable (3227); best cavy, Wilkins.

MARCH 19th.—Enlo and Cheshunt: 75 entries, Fancy, George's Tan (12512); Fur (and best in show) Tilley's Beveren (3802), Edmonton: 21 entries. Fur (and best in show), Heaton's Chinchilla (6:8).

MARCH 20th.—Kensal Rise: 101 entries. Fancy, Swift's English (724); Fur, Hoad's Rex (3977).

MARCH 22nd.—Wealdstone: 80 entries. Fancy (and best in show), Halford's Belgian Hare (6569); Fur, Archer (2875). South Met. F.C.: 80 entries. Fancy, Henson's English (8466); Pur (and best in show), Gibbs' Fox (284). Huddersfield: 200 entries. Fancy, Rangeley; Fur. Henshaw. North Shields: 47 entries. Fancy Slattery's English (18960); Fur, Urwin's Rex (3950). Lincoln: 707 entries. Fancy, Stevenson (238); Fur (and best in show), May's Sable (32799).

MARCH 23rd.—Battersea: 54 entries. Fancy, Tonge's Dutch (8283); Fur (and best in show), May's Sable (32799).

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Wombwellt.—March 23rd. Secretaries: C. Schoffeld and B. Ward write: "Mrs. Gledhill was unable to judge and Mrs. C. Burton feputised." Judge: Mr. C. Burton, Entries. Fancy, CAMERON's Dutch, Bl10699, Fur (and best in show): HUTTON's Beveren. 7953. Awards.—Dutch: 1 Cameron; 2 Ardron;

ELECTION RESULTS

NORTHERN COUNTIES SILVER R.C.

President: T. S. Horsley 40, J. Elliott 31. Vice-pres. (3): J. Bell 75, T. Foster 62. W. Armstrong 56, T. Horsley 50, Trustees: T. S. Horsley, T. Foster 82, W. Armstrong 56, T. Horsley 50, Trustees: T. S. Horsley, T. Foster, Rev. J. Darling, W. Armstrong, L. Steele, Auditors: L. Steele and A. Wearmouth. Committee (15): T. Horsley 53, C. Metcalfe 60, L. Steele 66, W. T. Cullen 48, J. Elliott 56; G. Husband 68, F. O. Davies 55, G. A. Wearmouth 62, W. Simms 48, J. Bell 40, C. Allerston 54, C. E. Stephenson 49, A. Wearmouth 62, T. Foster 55, W. Armstrong 56, T. Ward 40, W. Rutherford 37, L. Roberts 23, G. W. Poyser 12, Club judges (20): T. Horsley 56, C. Metcalfe 62, L. S. Steele 59, T. Foster 56, W. Simms 51, W. T. Cullen 51, T. Ward 47, Rev. J. Darling 54, F. O. Davies 59, G. W. Poyser 51, G. A. Wearmouth 58, O. E. Stephenson 46, G. Husband 59, H. Leedale 36, W. Walker 35, J. Bell 49, G. Exelby 56, W. Rutherford 56, J. Roberts 37, R. Warburton 38, G. Gothard 31, W. Nicholson 31, H. Davison 27, Sec. and treas: Rev. J. Darling.

Y.S.S. judge (grey): C. Metcalfe 3, Rev. J. Darling 13, F. O. Davies 4, G. Exelby 7, T. Horsley 9, G. Gottlard 1, W. Nicholson 4, R. Warburton 1, L. Steele 7, W. T. Cullen 10, G. W. Poyser 4, W. Rutherford 9, Y.S.S. judge (fawn and brown): C. Metcalfe 24, Rev. Darling 2, F. O. Davies 8, W. Walker 5, G. Exelby 3, H. Davison 2, T. Horsley 2, J. Bell 3, W. Nicholson 1, L. Steele 12, W. T. Cullen 2, G. W. Poyser 2, W. Rutherford 4, A.S.S. judge (grey): C. Metcalfe 2, Rev. J. Darling 16, W. Walker 1, G. Exelby 7, H. Davison 1, T. Horsley 5, J. Bell 1, G. Gothard 2, W. Nicholson 3, R. Warburton 2, L. Steele 8, Nicholson 3, R. Warburton 2, L. Steele 10, W. T. Cullen 4, G. W. Poyser 3, H. Leedale 1, W. Rutherford 10, A.S.S. judge (fawn on brown): C. Metcalfe 19, F. O. Davies 3, W. Walker 9, G. Exelby 4, T. Horsley 3, J. Bell 4, W. Nicholson 1, L. Steele 15, W. T. Cullen 3, G. W. Poyser 1, H. Leedale 1, W. Rutherford 10, A.S. judge (fawn or brown): C. Metcalfe 19, F. O. Davies 3, W. Walker 9, G. Exelby 4, T. Horsley 3, J. Bell 4, W. Nicholson 1, L. Steele 15, W. T. Cullen 3, G. W. Poyser 1, H. Leedale 1, W. Rutherford 2, Number of papers, 81,—H. DYSON, Scrutineer.

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Election of officers for 1947. President: Mr. T. Leaver (38). Vice-president: Mr. H. D. H. Drwle (42). Chairman: Mr. T. S. Willis (48). Council (12): C. Goodchild 73. Dr. J. N. Pickard 64. R. Blake 80, Mrs. Lovett Cameron 59. D. H. Irving 58. Mrs. Aspinwall 55, B. W. Rawlins 54, Capt. H. F. Smith 51, S.Ldr. W. E. Parrish 50, J. Gaunt 44, E. S. Hyde 44, J. S. Fringle 43. Club judges (40): F. G. Woodgate 84, A. J. Power 75, H. D. H. Dowle 74, R. Blake 71, T. Leaver 69, C. Goodchild 68, Dr. J. N. Pickard 63, T. S. Willis 62, B. W. Rawlins 61, Mrs. Lovett Cameron 59, G. W. Fray 58, F. Maynard 58, W. Mortlock 57, Capt. H. F. Smith 57, S.-Ldr. W. E. Parrish 55, Walter Allen 54, D. H. Irving 54, Mrs. Aspinwall 52, J. Gaunt 52, Mrs. Potter 52, E. S. Hyde 50, J. S. Pringle, 49, J. Read 49, A. Wood 49, G. Everard 48, Mrs. E. de Trafford 46, F. Seeney 45, Miss G. Garrod 44, J. Harman 44, T. D. Harrison 44, S. C. Lowe 44 W. E. Lowe 42, S. Cole 41, Mrs. Plasket Thomas 41, G. A. V. Andrews 40, Mrs. Gardiner 39, E. Mold 39, P. H. Sankey 38, W. King Wilson 38, W. N. Sheppard 36, B.R. C. representatives: F. G. Woodgate 81, T. Leaver 76, H. D. H. Dowle 75, C. Goodchild 72, R. Blake 71, T. S. Willis 71, D. H. Irving 63, B. W. Rawlins 63, Mrs. Lovett Cameron 62, G. Everard 56, Judges for young stock show: H. D. H. Dowle 64, R. Blake 30, NATIONAL "ILVER RABBIT CLUB"

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Show: H. D. H. Dowle 41, C. H. Goodchild 40. T. Leaver 33. R. Blake 30.

NATIONAL 'ILVER RABBIT CLUB

Club Show Judges for 1947

Y.S.S. Greys (1): C. Bemrose 1, G. Exelby 4, E. Ibbotson 1, C. E. Stephenson 15, G. A. Wearmouth 20, R. Blake 2, T. Foster 21, G. Poyser 5, G. A. Townsend 3, J. Desforge 0, W. Jameson 12, A. Streetly 16, F. G. Woodgate 5, Fawns (1): C. Bemrose 4, G. Exelby 18, E. Ibbotson 1, C. E. Stephenson 11, G. A. Wearmouth 10, R. Blake 4, T. Foster 3, G. Poyser 7, G. A. Townsend 4, J. Desforge 32, W. Jameson 4, A. Streetly 12, F. G. Woodgate 3, Browns (1): C. Bemrose 37, G. Exelby 11, E. Ibbotson 15, C. A. Stephenson 3, G. A. Wearmouth 2, R. Blake 1, T. Foster 3, G. Poyser 7, G. A. Townsend 8, J. Desforge 4, W. Jameson 14, A. Streetly 2, F. G. Woodgate 8, Annual S.S. Greys (1): C. Bemrose 1, G. Exelby 3, E. Ibbotson 8, G. E. Stephenson 15, G. A. Wearmouth 25 R. Blake 4, T. Foster 23, G. Poyser 4, G. A. Townsend 2; J. Desforge 0, W. Jameson 3, A. Streetly 19, F. G. Woodgate 2, Fawns (1): C. Bemrose 2, G. Exelby 16, E. Ibbotson 7, C. E. Stephenson 20, G. A. Wearmouth 8, R. Blake 4, T. Foster 7, G. Poyser 5, G. A. Townsend 4, J. Desforge 22, W. Jameson 4, A. Streetly 11, F. G. Woodgate 1, Browns (1): C. Bemrose 25, G. Exelby 6, E. Ibbotson 11, C. E. Stephenson 4, G. A. Wearmouth 3, R. Blake 8, T. Foster 5, G. Poyser 9, G. A. Townsend 5, J. Desforge 1, W. Jameson 25, A. Streetly 3, F. G. Woodgate 1, Browns (1): C. Bemrose 25, G. Exelby 6, E. Ibbotson 11, C. E. Stephenson 16, G. A. Wearmouth 13, R. Blake 8, T. Foster 5, G. Poyser 9, G. A. Townsend 5, J. Desforge 1, W. Jameson 25, A. Streetly 3, F. G. Woodgate 8, 25 gn. Vase and Winter Cup Show, Greys (1): C. Bemrose 1, G. Exelby 3, E. Ibbotson 10, C. E. Stephenson 13, A. Streetly 21, F. G. Woodgate 1, Desforge 1, W. Jameson 25, A. Wearmouth 11, R. Blake 1, T. Foster 17, G. Poyser 4, G. Townsend 5, J. Desforge 2, W. Jameson 3, A. Streetly 21, F. G. Woodgate 6, Exelby 16, E. Ibbotson 7, G. Foyser 6, G. A. Townsend 5, J. Desforge 2, W. Jameson 3, A. Stre

NORTHERN SIBERIAN R.C.

D. Lord 8. R. C. Roberts 2, L. Starbuck 4, W. E. Marriott 1, B. Whiteley 3, Mrs. Pratt 1. Number of papers returned, 19, Scrutineer: H. DYSON.

PICEONS AND PICEON WORLD

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organised—is not so badly affected. Even the postal authorities will go to the trouble and expense to cork telephone wires to prevent likely damage to his birds.

A start was made a couple of years ago by a body calling itself "The Small Live-stock Society," with the secretary residing at West Moors, in Dorset, but I regret I haven't heard anything since that time of what progress has been made, although I was greatly impressed at the time, for I thought it might have solved at the time, for I thought it might have solved the greatest obstacle of the pigeon Fancy in general, and the small live stock Fancy in particular.

I realise that one can use his or her vote for or against candidates at council elections, but that seems the long-term policy and would not meet immediate needs. There is no doubt that at the same time the outlook of the individual has changed in the past fifty years, and to-day many men and women consider any form of live stock a handicap to their pleasures which, up to a point, is true,

I hope this restriction upon live stock which

in my opinion therein lies the solution.

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I AGREE with the remarks in Fur and Feather regarding the advertising of pigeon shows. I can never remember seeing a bill posted up at a hall where a classic show of pigeons was being held nor have I seen any advert of the shows in a newspaper. Many would attend if they knew a show was on. At the recent Beckenham show I met an old man and a little boy who had wandered in to see what was on, and the old man told me what a pity it was that he had not known there was a pigeon show in the vicinity as he would have been there carlier with some of his friends. He was also surprised at being allowed in without paying. Unfortunately, it was the second day and the show was closing at dinner time—another bad move, I think. Surely a national show should be at least two full days.

FORWARD.

"PIGEONS AND BANTAMS"
Will all fanciers who are requiring the new magazine. "Pigeons and Bantams" communicate with the editor now in order to avoid disappointment, as the present restrictions make it possible to obtain only sufficient paper for the known number of subscribers. The price of the magazine is 1/1d, per copy; 6/6 per half-year; or 13/- per year, and is obtainable only by post from the editor, Mrs. L. R. S. Freestone, Dunedin, Downe, Farnborough, Kent.

N.P.A SHOW VENUE

AM in sympathy with our Scottish friends in Scotland, though as a Londoner I like shows near at hand. The N.P.A. is a national soicety for pigeon fanciers, and not entirely an English affair. It is really time that the Scottish fanciers had their turn.

Whether the N.P.A. could afford £100 a day I don't know. They would have to hire the hall for at least five days for a three day show.

I am not in agreement with low entry fees at such a classic show; they only make a win cheap. At least 3/6 to 4/- per entry should be charged with 10 in each class to be guaranteed for prize money of 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, with the usual certificates, and under the usual terms and rules of the society.

Prize money, though helpful, is not all important. The red, yellow or blue card and the certificate are the real awards of the N.P.A. show.

In the good old days the entry fee at the London Dairy Show was 6/-, at the Crystal Palace was 5/-. Prize money was higher at the dairy show, gate was extensive, and many other attractions brought in a lot of money. The N.P.A. show, carried on as it always has been, can ne/er command a 1tg eg, but, with 12 in a class for full prize gate. I also advocate classes for racing pigeons, flown and unflown, with same entry fee, but with 12 in a class for full prize money. This would bring large numbers of birds and many more fanciers and visitors to the show.

IN BRIEF

THE new address of Mr. J. Besford, sec. of the Northern Counties Show Homer Club, is "Newlands." Thongsbridge, Huddersfield. He has recently taken up the position of loft manager to Mr. John Woodhead. The club is looking forward to a successful year and will support classes at Hebden Bridge, Mirfield, Driffield, Great Harwood, Blackpool and the Dairy Show. Subscriptions for 947 and donations should be sent to Mr. Besford.

The new secretary of the Mottle and Rosewing L.F. Tumbler Club is Group Captain L. R. S. Freestone, Dunedin, Downe, Kent.

NEWS OF SPECIALIST CLUBS AND LOCAL SOCIETIES

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spreading the popularity of the Red among an entirely new group of people.

On Saturday, May 3rd, the club is being offered the hospitality of the Training College, Dorchester Road, Weymouth. This college offers to men from the services rapid courses in many subjects, including rural studies, and the club is joining with the principal in offering these men an insight into Rex breeding and exhibiting. This, I hope, will be the beginning of a real bond between the college and the club!

On May 3rd the club will hold a table show there, with full guaranteed classes, for any age. Will members please do their utmost to support this with at least one rabbit? And will all members and fellow Rex breeders, west of Weymouth try to make a day of it and meet me at the show? Schedules will be obtainable from Mr. W. C. Woonton, of 44, Fortune's Well, Portland, Dorset. The West end of the branch has gallantly volunteered to do the work this time.

How many members can offer accommodation to a fellow fancier for one or two nights for the LS.R.R.A. young stock show at Bournemouth on July 26th. I know that many of the committee and officials of the parent branch wish to attend the big event, but branch wish to attend the big event but branch and addresses and I'll pass them on. Please send now—stating what accommodation is available.

There are still a f