THE VOICE OF THE FANCY

BRITISH RABBIT INDUSTRIES FAIR

CARELESS RAIL STEWARDS

AFTER a recent show a valuable young AFTER a recent show a valuable young AFTER a recent show a valuable young Bridge only to be returned to the original station since it still bore the show label. As a result, it stayed on the station until noon next day, when, thanks to the telephone inquiries of an intelligent local station official, it was at last located. It finally arrived at Woldingham by a roundabout route at 4 p.m. on the Sunday, having eaten practically all its bedding.

If, as the station reported, the trouble arose through the old label not being removed, this is a flagrant case of negligence on the part of the rail stewards and had it happened in loss.

It is all the more regrettable since the

bad weather, might easily have resulted in loss.

It is all the more regrettable since the rabbit in question belonged to a keen Scottish fancier who is entering at English shows during his holidays. Since he breeds the type of Ermine-rex that, while still under five months, wins B.I.S. and takes all before it, his anxiety can readily be understood.

I am sure that if a separate show secretary, capable of the job, be appointed at each open show instead of an already harassed club secretary taking on additional work, this sort of thing would not happen.

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Interest in the future of the rabbit including an articles in recent months. Splending the committee in their endeavours to obtain governmental support and recognition but the recommendate in their endeavours to obtain governmental support and recognition but the recommendate support and recognition but the recognition and support would be made and walkness in some sections were departments, would appreciate the potentialities of this comparatively, young industry, we could be produced for both the home and export markets and a considerable ton-name of mean could be made available ton-name of mean could be made available ton-name of mean support would be made such as plant that the fight for recognition and support would be made such as plant that the ripples of the public opinion will not suffice. We must make such a splash that the ripples of the rabbit industry is to state its case, and in this matter I refer to both the domestic and commercial breeder, it must do dome

A "BETTER RESULTS" COUNCIL

AM writing these few lines on behalf of Blackburn D.R.C. members in protest against the B.R.C.'s latest and most outrageous dictatorial methods.

On applying for challenge certificates and specials for the club's only open show of the year, Oct., 25th, I received an application form as required. I returned this, and was sent along a further form which has come into operation in the meantime. All clubs now applying for B.R.C. support will find a new ruling that judges of all shows offering C.C.s must be individual members of the B.R.C., whether specialists or not.

This club and many more in the surrounding districts want to know just when the B.R.C.'s racket of drawing money from the British fancier will end.

Blackburn Club is affiliated, to the amount of 30/- per year, and the specialist judge booked for the occasion is affiliated through his club but apart from a few coloured cards, etc., we received nothing but orders.

If the present-day B.R.C. carries on like this much longer then the Fancy will soon be looking for a Better Results Counoil.

Blackburn Club will guarantee 12/-, 8/-, 4/-prize money in place of C.C.s.—J. K. GREGORY, Sec., Blackburn F. and D.R.C.

A SPECIALIST CLUB COMMITTEE

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MR. MORGAN'S article replying to the articles on the Sable rabbit will be endorsed by many. These writers, obviously wishing for the amalgamation of the two clubs, won't get very far this way. The spirit that is needed was diplayed by a London secretary of a B.S.R. club, who cycled from London to Smethwick to attend the meeting called by unrescretary.

The contrast, the prime movers were absent. Two letters were the foundation of the meeting. In the absence of the writers it had to be decided if the contents were their meeting. In the absence of the writers it had to be decided if the contents were their meeting. In the absence of the writers it had to be decided if the contents were their meeting. In the absence of the writers it had to be decided if the contents were their meeting. In the absence of the writers it had to be decided if the contents were their meeting. In the absence of the writers it had to be decided if the contents were their meeting. In the absence of the writers it had to be decided if the contents were their meeting in the contents were their meeting in the mee



Hamsters make delightful pets and provide excellent training for boy or girl fanciers. Here is Wendy, young, but with a "selective eye," The picture is by the well-known Hamster fancier, H. W. Reynolds.

Reynolds.

The rank and file can always write to the eccialist club secretaries if there are any mplaints and it is the secretary's duty to ass on these complaints to his committee. The cause a split in our governing body this specialist club committee will surely

as this specialist club committee is good and co?

The idea of this committee is good and sound but it is all work which should be done by a committee from the National Council who are already members and delegates of their own specialist clubs.

J. J. THUBRON.

BLACK DUTCH

THERE is no need to go outside the Dutch Cavy to improve size. Black Dutch can be mated to Golden Lgouti Dutch, Silver Agouti Dutch or Chocolate Dutch without any ill-effects on any of these colours. It may be difficult to get pigs of the above colours to improve size so try a big Red Dutch. From it you will get Golden Agouti Dutch with perhaps a small patch of red. The red can be bred out, leaving good Red Dutch markings and increased size.

W. H. WRIGHT,

N.Z. REDS ARE CUTE

THE sagacity of rabbits is again proved by one of my New Zealands Reds. Wanting to get out of his exercise pen, formerly used for dogs, and with a heavy gate, he seizes a suspended rope on the gate with his teeth, tugs rope, gate opens, out he goes, pleased as Punch at his discovery. This explains his frequent appearances in the front garden, which mystified me until I caught him in the act.

These New Zealand Reds are certainly cute.

(Miss) V. A. MARSHALL, M.N.Z.R.R.C.

LONG-TAIL STRONGMAN

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I was interested to note the surprising weight which a mouse is capable of raising. I find that an ordinary white buck, using its front feet only and standing upright, lifts off the idle of its box with the utmost ease. I put a piece of metal weighing about three-quarters of a pound on the box lid, and it did it again! A further weight added, bringing the total up to one pound seven ounces, save it a bit of trouble, but by next morning the lid was raised.

A "rapid" calculation, involving the use of logarithms, and dragging in vulgar fractions also, tells me that a man of similar power could raise a weight of, er, let me see, somewhere around four tons, or is it 40 tons? Well, an enormous weight, whatever it might be!

THANKS FROM HARRY BOOTH

T THANK all members of the N.M.C. who and judge. I greatly appreciate the honour and shall do my utmost to further their interest in matters appertaining to our grambranch of the Fancy.

HARRY BOOTH.

" BLOWS "

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THINK that "blows" is caused by feeding too much hay and bulky foods and not giving enough green foods.

I have been oreeding rabbits for eight years and I have never had a case of "blows" in my rabbitry.

I feed plenty of fresh green food (wild plants from the hedgerows when obtainable) carrots and kale in winter and a mash of cooked potato peelings, scraps and bran all the year round. The water-pots are always kept filled with clean water and I give the nursing does the milk bottle-rinsings.

I have found that rabbits which have died from this complaint have nearly all been fed on a diet consisting mainly of hay and very little green food. In some cases the victims have never been given water to drink and this causes three-quarters of the dying-off of young rabbits,

Mrs.) K. C. BROWN.

HAMSTERS

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WINNERS AT BOLLINGTON

BOLLINGTON show on July 19th was not an official Hamster Club show. Clashing as it did with a B.H.C. event at Welling, it was all the success that could have been hoped for, with sixty-four entries. This was the first occasion on which all three shades of golden Hamsters had separate classes. My first duty was to sort out the shades and see them in their proper classes. Two entries pen '12 from the guinea gold class. I trust in the golden class and did the same with pen '12 from the guinea gold class. I trust this met with the approval of the owners. It was the idea that this show should be a lead, and it would have failed purpose had let exhibitors wrongly imagine that their animals were dark or light. My stewards, Proudlove and Reynolds had everything ready for me, and I settled down to two hours with Hamsters, with the rest of the show and world in oblivion. I like looking these charming creatures over, and am pleased to say they are now coming better on the benches. Watch the colour and bloom; let us have more richness in the gold or we are going to have animals that are poor goldens, and certainly not guinea golds, which are really hard to come by, and which can and do bloom up a delight. The G.H. is not an animal easy to bench in tip-top form, but it is being benched, and there is no secret. From leaving the cub stage, there is quite definitely a "teen-age" when they will do but little in an adult class. After the cub stage these "teen-ager' when they will do but little in an adult class. After the cub stage these "teen-ager' when they will do but little in an adult class. After the cub stage these "teen-ager' should be fed and glamourised up to five or six months old before being benched again, and even that, age does not bring out the very best in an animal. Then they can be given a run or two under different judges just to see if they can reach the cards in a big class.

AGOUTI M. OR F., 2: 1 Reynolds, fine buck, full bloom; 2 Adamson; cock. 2nd doe, not up to first; 3

HAMSTERS AT PLYMOUTH

Hamsters were included for the first time at Plymouth on July 19th. Entries were small but the quality was high. All stock were fed before dispatch and given clean hay by the stewards, who were local Hamster fanciers.

ADULT, 2: 1, 2 Duance, good colour and condition: 2nd fails colour and size. CUB, U/12 WKS., 5: 1 Uglow, smashing male, wins B.I.S., excellent colour, type and condition, ince head, good chest band; 2, vhc Duance, nice colour, fails undercolour and condition; 3. r Holmes, very promising kitten. CHALL., A.A.: 1 Uglow; 2. 3, r Duance.—W. L. C. MAY.

HAMSTERS AT WELLING

Two things stood out in the exhibits at Welling on July 19th: lack of condition and poor check markings. Few does taken from litters are in good show condition and in males especially, condition was, on the whole, very poor. There is also too great a tendency to confuse size with fatness. The reason for general lack of condition may lie in the use of too much cereal and biscuit food, and too little green. Exhibits were beautifully tame, and colour, on the whole, has improved. The winning adult was a beauty and of a richer gold than anything I have yet handled.

ADULT, M.: 1 vhc. hc Battersby, good rich colour, white belly, balanced markings, very even sides; 2 Reynolds, fine male, not up to the standard of the first; 3, r Baldwin, very promising youngster, clear even colour, good markings, fine condition. F.: 1 Battersby, wonderful, fine condition: 2 Reynolds, good, very close, but colour not so bright; 3, vhc, hc Baldwin, fine youngster, should make lovely adult; r Cowell. NOVICE EX. AND EX.: 1, 2, 3, r White, very promising team; vhc, hc Oldfield BREEDERS: 1, 2 Battersby; 3, vhc, hc Reynolds; r, c White. CHALL: 1, 2 Battersby; 3, r Reynolds; vhc Cowell.—

JEAN E. COOK.

SPECIALIST CLUBS

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credit will be due to him if he can let us have this book within a few weeks of the new year.

I am sorry to report that our old friend, J. Jones, of Wolverhampton, is still in poor health, and is expecting to go into hospital again. We missed him at the show as it was the first time he had not been present. I wish him a return to health, and I hope the near future will see him with us again and enjoying the hobby he loves.—W. C. WOODS, Sec., and Treas., Sudbury, Derby.

NATIONAL HIMALAYAN RABBIT CLUB

ALL paid members of the Nat. Himalayan R.C. should have received a copy of the year book. I will gladly forward a copy to anyone who has been overlooked. The show season for Hims. is close at hand, and the president has given ample advice on preparing youngsters for show. I ask all members to support shows which provide Himalayan classes.

The young stock show will be held one week earlier to avoid clashing with another event in the locality. The date is now August 30th. The prize cards will be special, and will be souvenir cards.

The club's extra prize scheme will operate at this show and at the adult stock show at Bentley on Oct. 25th.—C. WELLS, Sec., & Knighton Fields Road W., Leicester.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS IN THE CAVY WORLD

A List of Forthcoming Shows (with DATES OF ENTRIES CLOSING

(with DATES OF IN PARI August 2nd Perthshire A.S. Durham County Emiey (July 26) August 4th Nuneaton (July 29) Emsworth Elwick (July 28) Watford (July 28) Watford (July 28) Watford (July 29) August 4th and 5th Wollaton Park (July 28) August 6th Cartmel (July 25) August 6th and 7th Loicester (July 28) Market Bosworth A.S. August 9th

August 9th Consett (Aug. 2)

Worcester (July 28) Halifax (July 28) Mottram (July 28) Hurstpierpoint Rochester (Aug. 5)

August 13th Lytham St. Annes (Aug. 4) Bingley (Aug. 2) August 16th Hinckley

Hinckley
Filey (Aug. 12)
Goxhill
August 22nd
Blackpool and Fylde
(July 26)

August 23rd
Heighington
Northumberland A.S.
(Aug. 2)
Prudhoe (Aug. 9) November 28th Patchway

N.C.C. Show

THE young stock show of the National Cavy Club will be held at Spalding on Thursday, Sept. 25th. The date was re-arranged in order to avoid clashing with the E.S.C.C. show at Silsden. Mr. Elkington will judge the 13 young self classes and Mr. Lodge will judge all varieties, bar self.

At the A.G.M. It was decided that a class be inserted at adult and Y.S. shows to commemorate the president, Mr. T. M. Sexton, and to be called the Sexton Memorial Class. There would be one prize only, £2 10. The class at this show is for any variety under 5 months. Entry fee is 2/-.

The adult stock show is to be held in conjunction with the National ch. show, London, on Tuesday Nov, 18th. The judges will be Selfs, Messirs. Tipper and J. H. Harrison; other varieties Messrs. J, Musgrave Sharp and A. Bishop.

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The result of the ballot for Adult S.S. judges was selfs: A. Tipper 55. J. H. Harrison 36. M. Baxter 35. S. Kent 26, J. M. Sharp 14. W. H. Greenlees 12, P. Ashley 9, W. J. Surtees 7, A. Bishop 5, E. J. Brooke 4, A. Gilbert 2. Other Varieties: J. M. Sharp 36, A. Bishop 34, W. H. Greenlees 26, P. £shley 25, E. J. Brooke 24, W. J. Surtees 19, A. Gilbert 19, J. H. Harrison 9, A. Tipper 8, S. Kent 5, M. Baxter 1.

I would welcome any donations for the cup fund.

New members are R. Tetlow, Brighouse, P. Wain, Burton Joyce; G. Bond, Strensall; Moster D. Lees, Warton; J. H. Blades, Malton; C. W. Johnson, Driffield; R. Gibbins, Fulwell; W. W. Bellham, Wellingboro; Master M. Ridding, Romford; A. Simmonds, Denby Dale; J. Lambert, Rochdale, E. F. Taylor, Ramsgate; G. McVeigh, Southwick; V. E. Kirkham, Doncaster; F. P. Kayes, Kettering; R. Selby, Bp. Auckland; R. Wilson, Manchester, Specials can only be awarded to paid-up members. Will any member who has won a special but has not yet received it, let me know? The subscription is 5/- per annum, partnership 8/-Rd, Waller, 200, Durham.

Tartoise fr. White Club Notes

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HERE is a list of shows at which T. and
W. classes will be scheduled and at
which club support will be given: Aug. 9th.
Halifax Ag. 2/- 4th prize and two cup competitions; Aug. 13th, Airedale Ag., at Bingley,
2/- 4th prize, three cup competitions and
Certificate of Merit for best T. and W.; Aug.
30th, Ilkley Ag. 2/- 4th prize and two cup
competitions; Sept. 3rd, Thornton Cleveleys,
2/- 4th prize, three cup competitions and
Certificate of Merit; Sept. 6th, Silsden Ag.
Summer Show, three cup competitions, cup
and Certificate and specials; Sept. 17th, Aitrincham Ag. 2/- 4th prize (three classes),
and two cup competitions; Nov. 18th, London, 2/- 4th prize; Dec. 6th, Annual Club
Show at Coventry.

The three sup competitions are for the
President's Cup, which is only offered when
a T. and W. Club judge is officiating; the
Liskerret Bowl and the Parkes Challenge
Cup. The two cup competitions omit the President's Cup.

I am in contact with other societies so
that we can help as many shows as possible.
I will be glac to hear from any society that
would like help. All club specials at shows can
be won only by paid-up members. The sub. is
5/- per annum.—F. F. Rogers, hon. sec. and
treas. 55. Station Road, Featherstone, Pontefract, Yorkshire.

Northern No-Tail Notes

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DURHAM and Northumberland Cavy Club's
young stock show will be held at Bishop
Middleham on August 30th, with Mr. J. W.
Davies. Tow Law as judge. Mr. A. Watt,
Sedgefield, will ludge the adult. classes. The
usual cups and specials will be up for competition for the youngsters.

Eshwinning Rabbit and Cavy Club will hold
an open pen show on Aug. 30th. Mr. S. Kent
will judge the Cavies. All the classes have
been guaranteed.

Wolsingham F.F.S. will hold an open pen
show on Sept. 6th in conjunction with the
agricultural show. I will be judging eleven
classes for Cavies. The Kelvin Hall show,
Glasgow, will be held on Nov. 13th, 14th and
15th.

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Messrs. Orange and Sharp will judge at Stokesley show on Sept. 18th. The club, as usual gives cavies a wonderful classification, and good prize money has been guaranteed. Bradford championship show will be held again in January. This show was, and I am sure, will be again, the "gathering of the clans" for all small livestock fanciers, especially cavy fanciers.

POST-WAR CAT SHOWS ARE CAPTIVATING THE PUBLIC

CONGRATULATE Mrs. Newton, Miss Wilson, and the committee on their excellent organisation of an enjoyable show at Kensington. Post-war shows appear to attract far more spectators than pro-war events.

During the afternoon the hall was so crowded that I saw several people diving under the staging to get into the aisles.

Much as I admire Blues and Slamese, it was very pleasing to see a better assortment of the other whrieties; the red long-hairs and blue short-hairs were a lovely sight, and it was good to see the return of that senior fancier, Mr. Basnett and his daughter, with Abyssinians.

Several enthusiastic breeders came a long way just to see the exhibits. Mrs. Carbert, from Yorkshire, tells me her Blue male, Skeete Teddie, which won at Notts, and Derby Show has grown into a most attractive cat and she hopes to show him this winter.

Miss Langston's female, Mair of Allington is a "flyer," I hear, and will be making his debut this season.

Mrs. Cheyney's long search for a new home in which she can give her cats more liberty, has been rewarded. She has left Stoke and is living at 25, Salop Street, Bridgnorth, Salop. She has taken a lovely old place with an enclosed garden.

Mrs. Henn Bridgnorth, is pleased to have Mrs. Cheyney as a neighbour and will be glad to have Michael so near to use for her young queens. Dorelia is nursing two very nice male kittens by him.

At Kensington I noticed Mrs. Hancox's son; he is in the Navy at present, but this is an interlude and he is destined for Cambridge University next year. I am sure Mrs. Hancox's post war show managers. Mrs. Jude will be giving valuable advice and assistance to her. Mr. Jude has just become a grandfather, and writes: "Yes! Fancy me a grandfather, and writes: "Yes! Fancy me a grandfather, and writes: "Yes! Fancy me a grandfather. I'll have to grow a beard now."

The Slamese Cat Club luncheon, on July 16th, for members and friends was a very jolly affair, and the guests appeared to be enjoying themselves. I hope it is a prelude to other social gathering

Jersey:

"I have Beaucourt Dandi a male which I bred from Tweedledee of Dunesk, with me. He is a delightful cat, he has been here nearly a month and already can be trusted to roam free in the garden without going away. I have not heard of any Blue long-hairs on the island, though someone mentioned my doctor used to have them.

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Mrs. Bazeley has agreed to write the Blue notes for one week. As she judged Blue adults at Notts, and Derby ch, show last December, and kittens at the N.C.C. show, it will be very interesting to read her impressions of present-day stock.

Mrs. Bazeley has owned and bred several lovely Blues and Creams, probably her most famous cat was Ch. Colneside Billy Bumpet, purchased as a kitten from the late Mrs. Wade. Three other well known Blues bred by her were Coineside Caruso, Colneside Beniamino and Coineside Bright Angel. All were winners in their open class at ch. shows, and sires of famous winners, notably Ch. Dream of Dunesk and Playboy of the court.

Two famous Creams also home bred were Ch. Colneside Creame Bunne and Ch. Coineside Sunshine.

I congratulate Mrs. Chappell for having bred Gathorne Glenister, the best kitten in show at Kensington. It was sired by Gathorne Gremlin.

MRS. F. H. THOMPSON.

About Blacks and Whites

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I have had many visitors during the last
few weeks, and it has been interesting to
hear news and views about cats from
strangers. A young woman from New Zealand
told me that New Zealand has no pedigreebred cats or shows. Someone may have a nice
female which breeds. The kittens find new
homes, but must be "good hunters," otherwise
they are not wanted.
Unfortunately, I had very few cats to show
this visitor, as only a few days previously I
had sold a young odd-eyed male and Candy
could not be seen, as she was nursing a few
days' old kitten.

CAVY NOTES-Continued.

The Northumberland Agricultural Society's show will be held on August 23rd on Town Moor, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Mr. Dick Waller, Shildon, will be manager of the Fur section. Wm. T. Surtees, Carley Hill Gardens. Southwick, Sunderland.

The Southern Cavy Club

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THE following members have joined the
Southern Cavy Club since the list of
members for 1947 was published: Miss
Bartholomew Saham Hall, Thetford, Norfolk:
Mr. R. Clark, "Roseneath," Ashridge Road,
Chesham, Bucks.; Mr. J. W. Dore, 17, Manor
Road Newton Abbot, Devon. Through
an oversight on my part the name
of Miss McNile, 1, Chatsworth Road, Gillingham, Kent, was omitted from the list of
members. I apologise to Miss McNile,
The result of the ballot for the young stock
show, to be held at Chingford on Sept. 27th,
are: T. Bareham 2, A. Court 1, H. Trigger 0,
A. H. Brazil 1, Miss Radeglia 11, T. Carr 2,
W. D. Symons 1. Many thanks to all members for electing me to judge the Y.S.S. I
was only sorry that more voting papers were
not returned. All entries at the Chingford
show will, of course, be dealt with by the

Then a man and his wife from France came to see my stock. They adore white blue-eyed Persians and kept two, a male and a female, for years, but both died during the war years. I was asked what I fed to my cats. I told them, and both wanted to know how I managed during the war, I told them that it was not always easy to get horseflesh but I got some somehow. They were greatly surprised when I mentioned horseflesh as horseflesh during the war years in France was only obtainable for invalids and only then with a doctor's certificate. Even so, it was difficult to get. In England some people seem to think that our cats are badly treated by having to live on horseflesh. I always get the best, and in large joints, and these large joints usually look much more appetising than our minute rations.

A couple from Scotland wanted a kitten, but I had soid all mine.

Two young men who were sent to me fell promptly in love with Smokie and wanted to buy him, but as he would have been neutered I did not sell him. He is too beautiful for that, and good Smokes are scarce; he should go to a breeder.

A Frenchwoman, who came in a great hurry, bought a kitten. She was delighted with it and would have bought two, but I had no more.

A young woman from Switzerland was charmed to see my cats and to find someone with whom she could converse in her own tongue, as she knew no English.

An elderly woman and her son brought a blue-eyed white Persian for me to see. It had been ored by myself ten years ago. I showed it as a kitten at the Kensington Kitten Show. He went through various hands until eventually this woman bought him. I sold him to a fancier who wanted him as a pet for a friend. Fanciers, friends and anybody interested in cats are always welcome in my house, but I am afraid I have no time to pay many visits myself, as I am much too busy these days.

A. H. CATTERMOLE.

Death of Mr. Cattermole

We regret to announce the death, on July 16th of H. N. Cattermole, 96, Dalberg Road, Brixton, S.W. 2. Though not a cat breeder himself he was well-known in the Fancy and took a keen interest in Mrs. Cattermole's work.

Southsea Cat Club

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THE Annual General Meeting of the Southern Cat Club was held on July 9th. It was a great pity more members were not able to attend.

The Chairman Councillor H. G. Cook, was unable to preside, and Miss Ellis was elected for the meeting. The minutes were taken as read to be confirmed at the next meeting. Mr. Allt was elected to the committee and the rest of the committee were re-elected en bloc.

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Mrs. Cook-Radmore said she could not continue as delegate and it was decided that Mrs. Lauder. the President, be asked if she was willing to be delegate. All members are asked to send in their votes or nominations as soon as possible.

The balance sheet was presented and passed, and the Secretary's report on all inquiries made about a show, discussed. Mr. Allt proposed that, in view of the enormous and abnormal difficulties of getting hotels and a hall within reasonable distance of each other, no show be held this year, but with the Council finding different accomodation (The Town Hall being blitzed entirely), some places would no doubt be vacant by another year.

The club will support all shows with cups and classes, and although no contact for support was made for Kensington it was our intention to give medals to Best in Show and R.B. in Show if owned by a member.

There is great urgency that old members be asked to continue to support us and new members made. As March has always been a bad time for travelling, it was voted that the financial year remains as Mar. Ist but that the A.G.M. take place some time before May 31st.

Letters of regret were read from Mrs. Veates, Mrs. Lauder Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Allen Maturin, Mrs. Warren and Mr. Godding, and letters from Miss Fisher and Major and Mrs. Rendall were also read. A vote of thanks to Miss Ellis, Mrs. Dewar for their hospitality, and to Mrs. Cook-Radmore for her services ended a most pleasant meeting.

Mrs. A. R. Cook-Radmore sec... Seven Oaks, Cowplain, Hants.

Chingford secretary, Mr. Webb, and all he saks for is plenty of work.

Mr. Treveal has guaranteed a class for Self cream u/4 months, and offers specials. Miss Bartholomew has guaranteed two Abyssinian classes, one for Tortoise and white u/4 months and the other for any other colour u/4 months. The following members have offered specials: Miss Chaffey and Messrs. Carr. Sayers and Stead. There are 15 fully guaranteed classes, and as far as members are concerned the prize money is 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, 2/6, 2/6. The entry fee is 2/-.

The annual general meeting will be held at the Y S.S. Any member wishing to place propositions before the meeting should let me know not later than Sept. 2nd.

Special prizes offered at shows have been won as follows: Borough of Bexley, July 12th, best cavy. Mr. Perrett's Abyssinian, Welling, July 19th, best Self, Miss Chaffey's young black boar; best any variety (bar Self). Mr. Hornby's Peruvian; best reserve, Mrs. Maunsell's Self black adult.

The next table show will be held in September, so watch Fur and Feather for the advertisement.

The subscription is 5/- per year; partnership. 8/-; juvenile. 2/6.

Miss RADEGLIA, Hon, Sec.,

7, Dorking Road, Epsom, Surrey.

THE MOUSE IN RESEARCH

THE Mouse Fancy generally does not fully realise the important part their hobby plays in research.

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I have recently had some very interesting correspondence with Mr. T. C. Carter, of the Department of Genetics at Cambridge, who is trying to trace the origin of a deformity of the feet occasionally met with in human beings. A Silver Brown mouse bred by me and sent to Cambridge in 1945 produced mice showing this deformity, which is best explained as follows:

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At birth the hind legs appear to be turned in so that the soles of the feet face one another, or even face the beily.

The big toe of the hind feet usually has an extra joint, so that it is longer than the fifth toe and almost as long as the second.

The foot is abnormally long.

In the adult the leg looks as if it has been broken and reset badly, so that the animal appears to be walking on the knee with the foot pointing out sideways.

In the adult the foot may appear twisted, so that the sole faces forwards or even upwards.

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The evidence so far produced seems to prove that the deformity crops up mostly in silvered mice and the Cambridge people are anxious to have any specimens showing this defect.

I ask fellow fanciers to keep a lookout for any sign of this defect in their stock and if they should come across any abnormality of the fect to communicate with me.

I know the general course taken by most fanciers noticing anything of the sort would be to kill the mouse at once, but this would lose valuable data to science.

WALTER COLES.

National Mouse Club Notes

By R. Ward, 57, Chantrey Road, Sheffield, 8.

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I EXTEND on behalf of the club, my hearty congratulations to Mr. C. Lee, Bristol, on his recent marriage. All fanciers will join with me in wishing the happy couple every success. I don't know whether Mrs. Lee is a prospective fancier, but if she is I can assure her of a hearty welcome.

The recent "tip" on candle grease has brought me news from Mr. E. J. King, of Romford. He writes:

"I was pleased to see notes in Fur and by candle fat.

"At first I bought a trio of Fox and while one doe was in kindle both she and the buck contracted asthma. I tried plenty of hay and eucalyptus oil but they were of no avail. I was about to finish off the whole trio when I saw your notes. The candle fat cured them. At first they go at it ravenously and then when they are beginning to get well they leave it entirely alone. The doe now has five young and is bringing them up well."

Here are a few more notes from Mr Partington on feeding. He has a few ideas of his own on the matter.

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Fanciers must realise that Mr. Partington's article gives what he considers to be the perfect pre-war diet. In these days one has to be content with inferior rations and must be careful not to contravene any existing regulations.

Mr. Partington writes: "I could not get large healthy mice by soft bread feeding so I tried other methods and for many years I advised giving mice, especially does with litters, a good drink of milk

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the end of a week old. I give them toasted
bread dry, and I put a few drops of oil from
the tripe shop in the milk. This put a gloss
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"I gave them green food every day, mostly chickweed and clover grass.

"I liked to give milk morning and night before the war, as I bred cats which were fed on milk, toast and boiled fish heads. They were the biggest cats I had ever seen, so I thought if fish heads and milk would make big cats it should improve mice.

"I used to put the fish and skin and a few bones in each box with the morning milk, The youngsters could smell it and soon came out of their nests and licked the fish.

"I don't kill any youngsters off. I let the does rear the lot, for I am just test breeding and trying to improve colour and type in the mouse hat has beaten most breeders (The Red).

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"I pick out the youngsters that I want for my next test and the rest go as wasters. I don't use any small boxes; I have three test boxes four feet long, 20 inches wide and 20 inches high. They have large sliding glass fronts and ventilators at each end.

"I use about 40 does in the three large boxes, I use so many to avoid inbreeding. I don't use sawdust. I find chaff and chop are far better and the mice find a few oats and wild seed to keep them busy."

"I have a large tin wheel in each box and the mice have a good time turning it round. I can feed and clean the corners in a few minutes. I can see the mice without opening any doors or box top lids. It's a treat to breed mice in up-to-date accommodation."

Scottish Officers

OFFICERS of the Scottish Mouse Club are:
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The annual cup show will be held at Perta on Nov. 1st.

pat, gool pearl, wins well; 2 Dolling, a narvellous Chin, but broken in coat; 3 oiling, another good one, fails in front let, r Cove; whe Wilton and Son; he Sanderson; c Lvell. W.C.R.C. POINTS CUP, 10: Snook; 2 3 Dolling; r Cove; whe Taylor, 15731); he Lovell; c Phillips. CHIN. CHALL. A., 10; 1 Snook, winner of adult class; 2, Dolling, winner of adult class; r Taylor, inner 5 mths. class, vhc Sanderson; he ovell; c Williams.

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CAVIES AND MICE AT DRIFFIELD

Driffield Agricultural Show on July 16th was a great success. The weather was glorious and consequently great crowds visited the show. It was a splendid "shop window" for the Cavy Fancy. Most of the hay was removed from the cavy pens after judging, and visitors were able to see the animals to full advantage. Mr. C. H. Johnson, of mouse fame had everything well planned out and ready for a prompt start with judging and this was got through in time for the tent opening at 1 p.m. thanks to the excellent work of my stewards, Mrs. Mather Miss Burnett, Mr. R. Waller, and Mr. N. Orange. The entry was very good, considering that it was the first time proper classes has been put on, and that there are as yet, very few cavy fanciers in the district. The quality of the stock was excelent, except in Dutch, which were poor. Mr. Norman Orange won the day with a beautiful Peruvian exceedingly well shown, though I liked a splend d Cream also shown by nim which won E.S.C. special. Mr. W. F. Smith, Hebers, carried off the Certificate for best Tortoise and White, and Mr. J. Ridley's young Self Black, was a worthy winner of the N.C.O. special for best young. In the A.O.V. class, Abyssinians made a splendid show and are likely to have a class of the Ceth.

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SELF, BLACK.—6: 1, 2 Ellershaw and Redhead good shape, size and colour; 2nd good shape and colour; 3 Ridley, good shape and size fails slightly colour; r Foster, nice coat, fails shape and size; vhc Parker, fails coat and needs grooming; c Walker, fails shape size and colour, A.O.C.—2: 1, 2 Orange, 1 Ch. Norville Princess, a magnificent Cream, 2 lovely White in splendid condition A.C.—4 MTHS., 6: 1 Ridley, good shape, eye, and jet black coat; 2 Orange, White, good shape and colour; r Parker, fails shape is good shape and colour; r Parker, fails colour; most of these were well up to age and got the benefit of the doubt. T. AND W.—10: 1 W F. Smith, well known winner; 2 Mather, good; 3 r. vhc Mallinson, 3 patch joins otherwise good; r bad white run, overlap patch, whe patches overlap and white runs; hc, c Smith short black one side, and white runs through, c bad overlap and white runs; hc, c Smith short black one side, and white run 4 MTHS. 6: 1 Orange, good under, well patched, fails top; 2, vhc Mallinson, spoilt by red patch joining; 3 Mather; r Burnett; he Smith. DUTCH.—2: 1 Hinton; 2 Buckler. AGOUTI.—2: 1 Orange, wins shape, size and condition; 2 Sowerby, fails size and shape, nicely ticked. 5 MTHS, 5: 1 Sowerby, good shape, colour, and ticking; 2, 4 Lanes, good colour and ticking; 3 Simpson, fails colour; r Gilbert and Son, very nice Abyssinian, good rosettes and coat; r Gilbert and Son, very nice Abyssinian, good rosettes; he Peruvian, very nice, fails length; c Harte, BREED-ERS.—10: 1 2 Orange, 1st Cream; 2 2nd White; 3 Black; vhc Mallinson; he Burnett; c Parker, vhc Black; be Burnett; c Parker, vhc Black; be Burnett; c Burnett; c Parker, vhc Black; be Burnett; c Burnett; c Parker, vhc Black; be Burnett; c Harte, BREED-Land, proces

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and many of the entries in the young class were passed for over age. It was difficult to the thick difference between the adult and a variety in some between the adult and a variety in some big youngsters if the adults are big mice in comparison, but I have yet to see the eight weeks mouse which has reached the limits of its growth. Dutch are improving nicely Mr. Trinder's adult winner was a grand all-round balanced exhibit, and apart from a faulty stop and a slight tendency to unevenness under was hard to fault. Several in this class had beautiful saddles and unders equal to the Dutch rabbit, but failed badly on head. Agouti and Cinnamons are on the backward move. Agoutis are losing their brightness, and Cinnamons were represented by only one exhibit. I do not like the present-day ticked Sables; 1 prefer the old Sables shaded from dark to light without being overlaid with dark ticking. Chinchillas are improving again although Mr Johnson's winner was a very creditable exhibit and won best A.O.V. Silver Fox are holding their own, and some good specimens were on show. Silver Grey. brown and fawn were a disappointment; Mr. Johnson's winner was nearest the silver grey rabbit shade, and although in the moult was easily the best in the class. There was not one single brown or fawn on show. There was one Astrex on show but this variety will have to show great improvement. If the unstandardist class on claimed only six entries. There was nothing very startling or new, the winner, a sepia fox, and there were two stone coloured, nice typy mice, but they were too near our silvers. One sable and white and one stone fox were exhibited. The instandardist class on claimed only six entries. There was nothing very startling or new, the winner, a sepia fox, and there were two stone coloured, nice typy mice, but they were too near our silvers. One sable and white and one stone fox were exhibited. The instandardist class on claimed only six entries. There was nothing very startling or new, the winner a sepia fox, and there were tw

FOLKESTONE CATS

The cat section at Folkestone on June 28th war not very full, but all the cats and kittens were in very good condition.

Miss D. M. Collins's Classes

PEDIGREE CAT OR KITTEN (4 absent) 4:
1, 3, r Pope, seal-pointed Siamese female kitten, very promising, lovely eye colour, nice type and tail; 3rd, S.P. Siamese male kitten, tory promising, lovely eye colour, nice type and tail; 3rd, S.P. Siamese male kitten, fails in eye colour; res., Celestial Venus, S.P. Siamese (dam of 1st and 3rd), very nice condition, good head and type, eyes and points, too pale, awarded spl. No. 6; 2 Friend, Skeete Pandora, a young Blue Persian queen, good eyes for size and colour, nice head, cobby body, coat shady and rather brown, due to moult, HOUSEHOLD CAT OR KITTEN (2 absent), 2: 1 Down, Sandy, well-marked red tabby Short-hair neuter, good colour and condition, should make a handsome cat when fully grown; 2 Andrews, orange tabby, nice condition, not as evenly marked as 1st. Spl. No. 4 N/A. The 1st prize winning kitten is daughter of Miss Gordon Jones's Salween Conqueror, Many thanks to my helpful steward, Mrs. Stephens,—DOROTHY M COLLINS.

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PIGEONS

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QUEEN OF THEM ALL-THE FANTAIL PIGEON

By W. H. HAMILTON (Continued from last week's issue

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The history of the Fantail as a breed must go back very much further than 1800. It is often stated that India is its original home, but I have never seen or heard of any acceptable evidence to support that contention. In comparatively modern times, say from 1800 onwards, several authentic cases are recorded of importations of the breed into this country. Some are known to have come from India, but the origin of many more is not available. Around about 1800, perhaps even earlier, Fantalls of merit were known to exist on the mainland of Europe, and mention has been made of their existence as far away as China, although it is unlikely that importations from that country reached here around about orprior to that date. It is certainly not disputed that birds clid reach here from India, but we are told they were imported for purposes of "improvement" not "establishment." Therein is no evidence as to an origin in India, On the scant evidence before us it is just as feasible that European birds founded the strain in India and returned to the fold a generation or two later.

By the 1850's the breed was established and flourishing in America with foundation stock freely stated to have been imported direct both from Europe and India. This places the American fancier in a dilemma when he attempts to locate the origin of the breed on the basis of the theory I have attempted to discredit.

Let us be quite frank and admit we don't know where, when, or by whom the Fantali was originally developed. We know it was an accidental product of nature and we know that perpetuation and development must necessarily have been entirely dependent upon spontaneous assistance from man. Were this not so reversion to normal type within a generation or two—say in the pigeon world two or three years at most—would have been inevitable even if only to establish a law to avoid the penalty of an otherwise chaotic condition amongst all living things upon the "when" if only the when" is the when "e man have to avoid

condition amongst all living things upon this earth.

So far we have touched only upon the "when." the "where," and the "by whom aspects of our subject. The "how" is necessarily far more involved and certainly not a matter for the layman. Nevertheless, the story of the Maltese boy, Gratio Kelleia, as related by Tegetmeier, cannot fail to cause reflection in the humblest of Fantail fanciers.

This boy, it is recorded, "was born with six fingers upon each hand and the like number of toes to each of his feet, and nobody knows why he was born with that number of fingers and toes." He married a normal five-fingered and toed girl and they produced four children. The first, a boy, had six fingers and six toes like his father; the second, also a boy, had five fingers and five toes although one was deformed; the third child, again a boy, was normal; the fourth and last was a girl who had five fingers and five toes, but her thumbs were deformed and showed a tendency towards a sixth. The rest of the story is best told in the original. This I will give in another instalment.

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Mr. McCallum has had to part with all his birds owing to ill health. Mr. Hallett is without a Holle hen as three have died. Mr. Arthur Allum had only three youngsters at the end of June. He had hopes, however, of a few more before the end of the season.

My own results are better than I have had for years. I have not bred anything outstanding for the show pen, but at last I have made some progress towards the breeding of black pieds. It will take another year or two before they will be fit for competition, but I now have hopes.

A number of shows are putting on classes for Holles and I hope that everyone will give them the maximum support. The first is Harrogate on July 26th, with one adult class and one for this year's youngsters. Mr. W. Machin will judge, and the closing date is July 14th.

A clas, any age, any colour, has been guaranteed at the Blackpool and Fylde Show, Aug. 20th-22nd. The prize money is 20/-, 10/and 5/- for an entrance fee of 2/6d. There is a special of 5/- for best Holle and one of 5/- for best opposite sex to the winner.

Classes have also been arranged at the Bradford Small Stock Show at Leeds, Oct. 16th and 17th, the Dairy Show Oct. 28th to 31st, and at the N.P.A. Show, Glasgow, Nov. 13th to 15th.

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FANTAIL CLUB
THE following is the result of the Fantail
Club's ballot for judges for the club show
which is to be held in conjunction with the
N.P.A. show at Glasgow on Nov. 13th-15th.
Whites and Saddles: R. Blair 25, D. Thomsom
14, T. Smith 4. Colours and Laces: H.
Smith 25, W. Bardell 10, W. H. Hamilton 8.
Number of papers 44. Scrutineer H. Dyson.

YORKSHIRE COLUMBARIAN SOCIETY

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A SPECIAL meeting of the Yorkshire Columbarian Society was held on July 16th.

Mr. E. P. Martin (president) was in the chair.

Members present were Messrs. D. Priestley. A.

Bebb, W. Asa Bailey, A. E. Frost, T. L. Bassinder, T. J. D. Fawcett, I. E. Crowther, P.

Barrett, E. Pearson, F. Turpin, T. House. J.

Gledhill, R. Baidwin, S. McLachlan, J. Meek.

E. Bottomley and J. W. Walker (hon. sec.).

Mr. David Parvin, Selby, was elected vicepresident and Mr. F. E. Crowther was elected
on the committee in Mr. Parvin's place. this
being done at Mr. Parvin's request.

I have booked the Drill Hall Shipley, for
the club show on Sat. Dec. 13th. and I ask
show secretaries to make a note of the date
as I want to avoid clashing.

The following members were elected: Messrs.

H. Kenworthy, W. G. Burdett, T. L. Bassinder,
Mr. and Mrs. Machin, G. Dale, J. Woodhead,
J. Besford, N. Wakerley and F. Micklethwaite.

The secretary gave a report of the society's
affairs for the year, which was heartily
accepted

Since the meeting I have made another
three members in Mr. J. C. Bartlett (Tunbridge Wells) Mr. Roland Miller (Kettering)
and Mr. Harvey Sutcliffe (Hebden Bridge).

The club has almost sixty members and I
should like to see 100 before the club show.
Membership is open to all, wherever they may
reside.

The diplomas are very attractive indeed.

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Mr. Harry Field and Mr. Percy Barrett have
won two each, and have spoken in glowing
terms about them. The annual sub is 5/Bingley show has a wonderful classification
and good judges. Entries close August 2nd,
1947. Don't forget to mark entry forms Y.C.S.
when competing for club specials. — J. W.
Walker, "Kerlaw," 21, Rowlands Avenue. Daiton, Huddersfield.

ton, Huddersfield.

A MEETING of the English Owl Club will be held at Bingley Show, Aug. 13th, at 3 p.m. Business: Proposed Club Show in conjunction with other clubs, on a limited scale, will any member who will be unable to attend, let me have his views and the extent to which he can support? The venue will probably be Huddersfield and the date is some time in November.—R. BALDWIN, hon, sec. and treas., "Brimfield," 20, Cowrakes Road, Lindley, Huddersfield.

BURNHAM

DURNHAM show was held as usual in the Priory on July 26th and was well supported. The entry was very good considering the time of the year. Mr. W. J. Empson showed some very nice pigeons. The Racers were excellent. Mr. Wild, secretary, had a trying day's work and did it well.

DRAGOON, 4: 1, 3 Empson, very fine Yellow; 2, r Bunce. JACOBIN, 6: 1, 2, hc, williams Bros., excellent Black; r Dawson; vhc Brown; OWL, 2:—1, 2 McLachlan, S. HOMER, 2: 1, 2 Empson, TUMBLER, 7: 1, 3 Empson; 2 Lock A.O.V.—COCK, 1, 2 Empson, nice Blue Cropper; 3 Savery; r Leslie, HEN, 6: 1, 2 Empson, Satinette; 2 Leslie; 3, vhc McLachlan; hc Thomas. RACER: 100 MILES; LIKELIEST COCK, 15: 1, vhc Winter; 2 Clarke and Roberts; 3 Husband; r Horsler; hc Wells and Savery; c Wells, HEN, 17: 1, r Clarke and Roberts; 2, hc Snow; 3, vhc Brown; vhc McLachlan; hc Husband; c Wells, LIKELIEST 1947, 12: 1 Thomas; 2, c Brown; r Williams Bros; vhc Savery; hc Snow.—F. L. RACKSTRAW.

BIRMINGHAM COLUMBARIAN SOCIETY

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THE second, young bird show of the series
was held on July 23rd. Members present
were: Messrs. F. Challinor, H. S. Welch, C. O.
Brettell, J. R. Barker, T. Davies, A. Matthews,
W. A. Pensom, W. R. Portman and A. Trimby.
ROLLERS, judge, F. Challinor: 1, spec., r.
Barker; 2, vinc, c. Pensom; 3, hc. Portman.
RAGING HOMERS, judge, W. H. Pensom: 1
spec., 2, 3 Challinor; r. vhc, c. Welch; hc.
Davies. ANTWERP SMERLES, judge, W. H.
Pensom: 1, 2, 3 Welch. SHOW HOMERS,
judge, A. Trimby: 1, 2, 3 Troman.
All birds must be bred by exhibitors, who
are allowed to show only three birds. Birds
which won a first prize at the show held on
June 23rd were not allowed to compete at
this event.—W. TROMAN, Hon. sec. and treas,

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