

REPORTS OF THE SHOWS

DONCASTER PROVES THAT BELGIAN HARE FANCY IS VERY MUCH ALIVE EXCELLENT ENTRY FOR YOUNG STOCK SHOW DESPITE BAD START OF BREEDING SEASON

The British Belgian Hare Club's young stock show was held at the Hyde Park Adult School, Doncaster, and staged by the Doncaster Excelsior F.S. The hon. secretary, Mr. C. Burton, ably assisted by Mr. G. S. Watson, had everything ready in good time. It was an exceptionally well arranged and nicely managed show. There was a good entry of 432 in 16 classes which was very good after such a bad start in the early part of the year. This is a very healthy sign that the Belgian Hare Fancy is alive and well. I was pleased to meet and to see a good gathering of members. All fanciers will be sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. R. Brough wife of that good fancier, Mr. F. Brough, and will join us in an expression of deepest sympathy in his great loss. I was kept busy sorting out the U/4 months classes and was pleased to see that there is an improvement in hind feet shape and type, but I must call attention to colour. This appears to be lacking in many youngsters. There are also those bare ears. Whilst keeping in mind length, shape and type, with good, long, sound feet, fanciers must have colour and good ears to match the body to make a good exhibit. Several youngsters without cards will be heard of again in due course. I had only nine cards to award. Under four months means under four months. J.W.C.

Mr. J. W. Coppings' Classes

4 MTHS. B. 42: 1 Cup Meggy (13280), nice all round youngster, good shape and type, fine in bone, good colour; 2 Tarrier, good shape and type, not as fine in bone, beaten colour; 3 Fowler, not as long in body and feet as leaders; 4 Grewcock, good shape and type, beaten colour and ears; 5 Drake, falls colour and length; 6 Fox; 7hc Marsh; 8hc Tomlin; 9 Redden; pens 71, 93 empty; pens 79, 94, 66, 105 appeared to develop. D. 25: 1 Fox (05020), grand shape and type, nice length and feet, would like a bit more colour; 2 Mayes, similar, but not so good on ears; 3 Grewcock, good shape and type, falls length; 4 Mills, grand shape and type, beaten length of body and feet; 5 Anderson, baby, good shape and type, not yet ready; 6hc Smith; 7hc no name; 8hc Prior; pen 71 empty; pens 106, 110, 115, 117, 126 appeared to develop. GRAD. 4 MTHS. B. or D. 41: 1 Meggy, 1st buck; 2, 5 Grewcock, 3rd doe and 4th buck; 3 Tarrier, 2nd buck; 4 Fowler, 3rd buck; 5hc Mills; 6hc Drake; 7hc Tomlin; 8hc Lockwood. BREEDERS. 55: 1 Meggy; 2 Mayes; 3, 5 Grewcock; 4 Fowler; 7hc Fox; 8hc Smith; 9hc Drake; 10hc Marsh. CHALL. 48: 1 Mayes; 2, 5 Grewcock; 3 Tarrier; 4 Fowler; 7hc Fox; 8hc Mills; 9hc Anderson. c Lockwood. J. W. COPPING.

Mr. E. C. Brown's Classes

Adult bucks were very strong with 23 of the best bucks in the fancy on show, headed by C. Earnshaw's stud buck. Adult does were not strong in numbers but went for quality. A. C. Cox won this class with a doe in grand form, completely moulted and with as nice a set of feet as one could wish for. The quality in the 6 month classes was good, and I am afraid that many youngsters which had to go cardless were deserving of a better fate. I found it hard to get down to my last seven and harder still to separate my last three in each class. C. Earnshaw again led the 6 month does with a sweet coloured doe of good type, but was run very close by John Taylor's doe which I found hard to make a second. They both deserved to win. The third doe failed in colour. Otherwise she was very good. In 6 month bucks I found some very promising youngsters. John Taylor led with a buck of great length, sound colour, long, fine limbs and fit to the minute. It was followed by George Kenning, whose buck was a shade bare on ears and shown rather fat, but it was a grand romping fellow nevertheless. The third, owned by H. C. Hoddie, was a grand little fellow, but did not have the reach I like and needs time to grow. It was a pleasure to see the honours so well distributed and so many of the not-so-well-known fanciers coming to the fore. One point in particular I should like to bring to the attention of breeders. Try to avoid a bad fault that is much on the increase. This is a badly rounded choppy hindquarters. Far too many exhibits are sloped instead of rounded off, and if two Hares with this fault are bred together it is firmly fixed in a stud for years. Yorkshire is getting very strong in Belgians, and the South will have to look to its laurels. I am making more new members from the North than down South every month, and they are as keen as mustard. Specials: Diploma, best exhibit in show. C.C. best Belgian, B.R.C. special best in show, B.R.C. special best doe, M.B. H.O. special best doe, special best breeders adult Mr. A. C. Cox; challenge cup best under six month breeders. B.H.C. special best young buck, G.L.B.H.C. special best young buck, M.B.H.O. special best buck, special best graduate, special best breeders' special 6 months. B.R.C. trophy No. 46. Special best young Belgian, B.R.C. special best buck John Taylor; B.R.C. special best young doe, G.L.B.H.C. special best young doe C. Earnshaw; challenge cup best under four month, special best breeders under four months Miss Meggy; best novice Mr. N. H. Harvey; best new member exhibitor R. D. Lockwood; B.R.C. special best fourth buck Mr. C. Clarke; B.R.C. special best fourth doe Mr. H. Redwood. 6 MTHS. B. 16: 1 Taylor (02452), grand length, good reach, good type and very pleasing colour, fine long limbs, well finished, shown to the minute; 2 Kenning, large romping fellow, nice even colour, good type, shade bare on ears and shown rather fat; 3 Hoddie, lovely colour, good type, fine

in bone but hasn't the length of couplings of leaders, needs growing on; 4hc Clarke, very like third, but hardly as good coloured hind feet; 5hc Stead; 6hc Drake; pen 48 empty. D. 14: 1 Earnshaw (04089), beautiful doe, lovely type and rich colour, carried to extremities, nice feet, but a shade finer bone would improve her; 2 Taylor, romping doe, splendid length and good colour, long fine limbs, good type and condition, a close race and hard to separate; 3 Furnival, good length, long fine limbs and very nice type, shown in good form but falls colour; 4hc Redwood; very promising youngster; 5hc Harvey; 6hc Booth; 7hc Mayes. GRAD. 6 MTHS. B. or D. 25: 1, 3 Taylor, 1st buck and 2nd doe; 2 Earnshaw 1st doe; 3 Kenning, 2nd buck; 4hc Booth; 5hc Clarke; 6hc Stead. BREEDERS. 26: 1, 3 Taylor; 2 Earnshaw; 3 Kenning; 4hc Furnival; 5hc Redwood; 6hc Harvey. WALL. 21: Repeat of breeders class. GRAND CHALL. 34: 1 Cox, 1st adult doe; 2, 4 Taylor, 1st six month buck and 2nd six month doe; 3, 5 Earnshaw, 1st six month doe and 1st adult buck; 6hc Booth; 7hc Fox and Son; 8hc Popplewell; 9hc Lockwood. E. C. BROWN.

Mr. W. Darwood's Classes

My visit to judge the club show at Doncaster was an occasion I can look back upon with pride for a long time. Many old names were absent, probably owing to such a bad breeding season, but it was grand to see so many new faces, chiefly youngsters on their first visit. My classes were not too bad. 23 adult bucks at a young stock show was a good response and my winning adult doe was awarded best in show. It always causes some controversy for an adult to take the premier award at a young stock show. I shall leave further comment to the other judges, but I shall endeavour to give a few more details in my next Midland Belgian Hare Club notes. I thank my stewards Messrs. H. Drake, J. Hague, and E. Chapman, who made my task easier. Adult B. 23: 1 Earnshaw (6559), now an old stager, still wearing well and clean moulted through, a lovely shaped body and colour, straight limbs. I should like to see him with a longer neck, which would give him a better poise; 2 Cooper, a big upstanding fellow with plenty of size and colour, very fit, falls by weak pastern joints; 3 Miller and Son plenty of size, type and colour, beaten condition and moulted sides; 4 Wildman, full of quality but stronger built; 5 Appleby, as good as any in class, beaten condition only, no name; 6hc Evans, grand Hare, soiled and moulted; 7hc Cox; grand class for quality, a big improvement; exhibitors must give more attention before showing adult bucks. D. 12: 1 Cox, beautiful, full of quality and style, four of the best coloured feet I have seen for a long time, lovely to handle with nice poise, very fit but wants another pound; 2 Booth, a much longer and bigger doe, much younger exhibit and not finished moult when ready should do well; 3 Sims and Son, for style, condition and size. I liked her very much, I nearly changed my mind twice for second place, but made her colour flat and inclined to grey at sides; 4 Redden, a grand doe, very fit but fails in colour, especially on sides; 5 Callan and Pover, plenty of colour and length, not the type; 6hc Bownes, plenty of style and colour, not big enough, beaten condition; 7hc Hudson; 8hc Aylward; 9hc Popplewell; again a class of quality; breeders are beginning to be more selective in their breeding stock. I have never seen more adult Hares clean moulted at this time of year. WALL. B. or D. A.A. 7: 1 Harvey (01339), very nice young doe, plenty of type, it's grand to see such quality in hands of novices, don't overshoot her, but give her a chance to grow on; 2hc Sims and Son, 3rd adult doe, seems to be some mistake here; 3 Moore, another nice doe just beaten on round of hindquarters; 4hc Aylward; 15, 29 absent. BREEDERS. 23: 1 Cox, winning adult doe; 2 Earnshaw, winning buck; 3 Booth, second adult doe; 4hc Sims and Son, 3rd adult doe; 5hc Appleby; 6hc Bownes; 7hc no name. CHALL. 24: 1 Cox; 2 Earnshaw; 3 Booth; 4hc Sims and Son; 5hc Wildman; 6hc Appleby; 7hc Bownes; 8hc no name. BILL DARWOOD.

RAMSGATE SOUTHERN LILAC Y.S.S.

The Southern Lilac Club's young stock show at Ramsgate on Aug. 9th was a great success. The number of entries constituted a record for the breed. Mr. W. Thompson and members of the Ramsgate club are to be congratulated on their efficient organization. The stock, taken all round, were good. I should like, however, to draw breeders attention to type, as several good coloured specimens failed badly in this respect. It's a detail that should receive close attention in their next season's breeding. I thank my stewards, Messrs. Piper, Phillips, Tate and Stubbs. B. or D. 1947. 23: 1, 2hc Thompson, lovely colour, nice coat and type, very fit; 2hc very nice doe, not the nicest of winners; 3hc E. E. Thompson, nice colour, loses a little in type; 4hc Smith; 5hc Stubbs. B. 5 MTHS. 16: 1, 2, 3hc W. Thompson, winner of previous; 2, 3hc lose a little in type; 4hc Gabb; 5hc Smith; 6hc G. Thompson; 7hc Bibby; pen 116 badly scoured. D. 9: 1hc W. Thompson, second in 1947 class; 2hc G. Thompson, nice colour beaten density; 3hc Bibby loses condition will come later; 4hc Gabb; 5hc Dearing; 6hc Dearing L.; 7hc Lator; pen 5 over developed. B. or D. 13 WKS. 24: 1hc Dearing, typical baby, should make a good one; 2hc G. Thompson, older, hardly the type; 3hc G. Thompson; 4hc Dearing; this class was judged on type. NEW MEMS. B. or D. 11: 1hc E. E. Thompson; 2hc Jewkes; 3hc Dearing L.;

4hc Thornton; 5hc Allen; 6hc Barrette. BREEDERS. 25: 1, 2hc W. Thompson; 3hc E. E. Thompson; 4hc W. Thompson; 5hc Dearing; 6hc Smith. CHALL. 28: 1, 2hc W. Thompson; 3hc E. E. Thompson; 4hc G. Thompson; 5hc Dearing. INTER-CLUB CHALLENGE MATCH: 1, 2hc W. Thompson; 3hc E. E. Thompson; 4hc Smith; 5hc Bibby. FRED WHEELER.

Mr. A. J. Wilson's Classes

LILAC-REX.—B. OR D. 1947. 15: 1hc Larking (25150), good colour, type and texture, very dense coat; 2hc Smith, not the finish of winner; 3hc Merritt, falls colour on flanks and hocks; 4hc Philpott; 5hc Tomlinson; 6hc Wilcott; 7hc Enchan Stud. B. 5 MTHS. 7: 1hc Smith (05681), very nice young buck, good colour, type and coat, wins easily; 2hc Tomlinson, breaking coat; 3hc Jarvis, few white guard hairs; 4hc Fowler; pen 59 absent. DOE. 7: 1hc Philpott, just breaking coat; 2hc Tomlinson, beaten undercolour and head; 3hc French; 4hc Wilcott; 5hc Spencer; 6hc Smith; 7hc Jarvis. B. OR D. 13 WKS. 8: 1hc Payne (09727), outstandingly dense coat, good colour; 2hc Larking, lacks density; 3hc Philpott; 4hc Wilcott; 5hc Beattie. BREEDERS. 15: 1hc Larking, 1st 1947 B. or D.; 2, 3hc Smith; 4hc Merritt; 5hc Philpott; 6hc Tomlinson; 7hc Wilcott. NEW MEMBERS. B. OR D. 4: 1hc Philpott; 2hc Enchan Stud; 3hc Fowler; 4hc Spencer. CHALL. Larkings; 5hc Fowler; 6hc Merritt; 7hc Tomlinson; 8hc Philpott; 9hc Wilcott. INTER-CLUB CHALL. 9: 1, 2hc Smith; 3hc Merritt; 4hc Jarvis; 5hc French; 6hc Enchan Stud. Following classes judged with Mr. F. Wheeler.—REX OR NORMAL.—LADIES. 4: 1, 2hc W. Thompson; 3hc Merritt; 4hc Philpott; 5hc 1, 3hc Thompson; 2hc Merritt; 3hc Philpott; 4hc 1, 3hc Thompson; 2hc Merritt; 3hc Philpott; 4hc Stubbs; 5hc Enchan Stud. PAIRS. 9: 1hc Larking; 2hc Beattie; 3hc Leaver; 4hc Dearing; 5hc Bibby; 6hc Payne; 7hc Thompson. GRAND CHALL. 31: 1hc Larking; 2hc Smith; 3hc Thompson; 4hc Merritt; 5hc Philpott.—A. J. WILSON.

OXFORDSHIRE AND BERKSHIRE REX CLUB'S Y.S.S.

It was a pleasure to visit Oxford on Aug. 2nd and to spend an enjoyable day in the company of such enthusiastic fanciers. The Oxford and Berkshire Rex Club is to be congratulated on its recent find in the new honorary secretary, Mr. Frank Natrass, who had all the show arrangements in apple pie order. The club also possesses such stalwarts of the Rex Fancy as chairman Edgar Mold, Bill Lowe and Arthur Cattenach. Such a team of leaders should spell success to any club. It was an added pleasure to have G. W. Baker and my co-judges and with a good hall, splendid light and a band of willing and capable stewards we finished our classes in very good time.

Mr. G. W. Fray's Classes

REX-CHIN. 5 MTHS.: 1 White (10431), excellent density and texture, good definition, just a little too dark on top. SEAL. 14 WKS.: 1, 2hc Cobley (6556), very promising, wins on density; 2hc nice texture, should do well later. 5 MTHS.: 1, 2hc Cobley (6556), 1st and 2nd u/14 wks. class; 3hc Pryke, well up to age, nice coat but too many white hairs; 4hc Baffin, loose in coat and white hair; 5hc same as above. Larkings; 6hc Sheppard and Son (12585), very nice baby, full of promise; 7hc beaten condition, close; 2hc Mold, another promising youngster, wants time; 3hc Mold, good density, shown between coats; 4hc hc Smith, good when ready; 5hc fair coat, should make up later. 5 MTHS.: 1hc r, hc Mold (02093), wins on coat, nice density and texture; 2hc nice coat, wants time; 3hc shown between coats, promising; 4hc Harris, nice youngster, hardly coat of winner; 5hc Wood, good silvering and texture; 6hc Sheppard and Son, winner of previous class. CASTOR. 14 WKS.: 1hc Cattenach (04118), very promising, rich colour, good coat; 2hc Beer, little separates; 3hc Wavell, nice colour not so dense as leaders; 4hc Baxter, not as nice in colour, otherwise good; 5hc Scott, pale colour, beaten coat; 6hc Greenway, time may improve; 7hc Lambourne Stud, fair. 5 MTHS.: 1hc Baxter (9240), rich colour, nice base, good density, wins on texture; 2hc Cattenach, beaten texture; 3hc Sheppard, good condition, very dense, beaten richness of colour and texture; 4hc Collins, not as dense, blotchy in colour; 5hc Moore, falls coat and colour; 6hc Natrass, not ready. ORANGE. 5 MTHS.: 1, 3hc Morris (15276), good colour, wins on coat; 3hc wants time; 2hc Sheppard and Son, pleasing colour, beaten coat. A.O.V. 14 WKS.: 1hc Natrass (01214), best coated English Rex I have seen, good saddle, excellent attempt; 2hc Morris, Orange, very nice youngster. GOUT. 1947: 1hc White (10431); 2hc Wood (0545); 3hc Natrass (01211); A.O.V. NON-SELF 1947: 1, 2hc Baverstock (10853); OXON AND BERKS. NON-SELF: 1hc Cattenach (04117); 2hc Greenway; 3hc Cobley; 4hc Natrass; 5hc Baverstock. MID-REX MEM.: 1hc Stockley (05954); 2hc Smith; 3hc Pike; 4hc White; 5hc James; 6hc Greenway; 7hc Natrass. BREEDERS NON-SELF 5 MTHS.: 1hc White (10431); 2hc Greenway; 3hc Pryke; 4hc Baverstock; 5hc Wood; 6hc Baffin. CHALL. 9 MTHS.: 1hc White (10431); 2hc Sheppard; 3hc Collins; 4hc Greenway; 5hc Baverstock; 6hc Baffin. 14 WKS.: 1hc Smith (13306); 2hc Cattenach; 3hc James; 4hc Cobley; 5hc French; 6hc Pike; 7hc Natrass. BREEDERS. 1947: 1hc James (03910); 2hc Stockley; 3hc Smith; 4hc Thorne; 5hc White; 6hc Thompson and Greenstreet; 7hc Endau Stud. CHALL.: James (03910); 2hc Stockley; 3hc Smith; 4hc Thorne; 5hc White; 6hc Thompson; 7hc Greenstreet; 8hc Endau Stud. GRAND CHALL.: 5 MTHS.: 1hc Oran (16986); 2hc White; 3hc James; 4hc Sheppard; 5hc Sims; 6hc Pike; 7hc Collins.—G. W. FRAY.

Mr. Balsler's Classes

There was an excellent entry at the Oxfordshire and Berkshire Rex Club's young stock show on Aug. 2nd. Ermine were well to the fore with 23 exhibits. The junior class was excellent, the winner being awarded best in show. I feel sure that there are other rabbits among the 23 that will show up well later in the season. Lilaes were good, the colour is certainly improving this year. Castors were well represented as the young stock show of the Castor Circle was held at the same venue. ERMINE.—14 WKS.: 1hc Smith (13306); 2hc James (03919); 3hc (03920); 4hc Pike (02719) and (03727); 5hc Sims; 6hc Newall; 5 MTHS.: 1hc Oran (16986); 2hc James (03919) and (03920); 3hc Pike (03726) and (13758); 4hc hc Sims; 5hc 1947 BRED: 1hc James (03910); 2hc Thorne (01176); 3hc Natrass (01208) and

(01206); 4hc Noble (13578); 5hc hc Sims. BLUE.—14 WKS.: 1, 2hc Neal (42342); LILAC.—1hc French (6784); 2hc Chandler; 3hc R Smith (05699) and (05900); 4hc hc Neal; 5hc Hextall (02110); 6hc MTHS.: 1hc Smith (05681); 2hc Chandler; 3hc hc Neal; 4hc Hextall (02110); 1947 BRED: 1hc Smith (05704); 2hc Endau Stud (01276); 3hc Thompson and Greenstreet (04017); 4hc French (6780). BLACK.—5 MTHS.: 1hc Wavell (13313). A.O.V.—SELF. 1947 BRED: 1hc Stockley (05954). HAVANA.—1hc Alhway Stud (01275). A.O.V.—5 MTHS.: 1hc Greenway (11146); 2hc Natrass (01211); OXON and BERKS. SELF. 5 MTHS.: 1hc James (03919); 2hc 3hc Pike (03719); (03726) and (03727); 4hc hc Sims; 5hc hc Smith (05681). I.S.R.R.A. MEM.: 1hc James (03910); 2hc Thorne (01176); 3hc Endau Stud (01276); 4hc Stockley (05954); 5hc Collins (05561); 6hc Thompson and Greenstreet (04017); 7hc Pryke (13940). BREEDERS SELF. 5 MTHS.: 1hc Organ (16986); 2hc James (03919); 3hc Smith (05681); 4hc Pike (03726); 5hc Chandler; 6hc Noble (13578); 7hc Sims. CHALL.: 1hc Organ (16986); 2hc James (03919); 3hc Smith (05681); 4hc Pike (03726); 5hc Noble (13578); 6hc hc Sims. CHALL. 14 WKS.: 1hc Smith (13306); 2hc Cattenach (04118); 3hc James (03919); 4hc Cobley; 5hc French (6784); 6hc Pike (03719); 7hc Natrass (01214). BREEDERS. 1947: 1hc James (03910); 2hc Stockley (05954); 3hc Smith (05704); 4hc Thorne (01176); 5hc White (10431); 6hc hc Thompson and Greenstreet (04017); 7hc Endau Stud (01276). CHALL. 1947: Repeat previous class. GRAND CHALL.: 5 MTHS.: 1hc Organ (16986); 2hc White (10431); 3hc James (03919); 4hc Sheppard (02667); 5hc hc Sims; 6hc Pike (03726); 7hc Collins (05561). G. A. BALSER.

CAVIES AND MICE AT HALIFAX Yorkshire Cavy Club Show

The Yorkshire Cavy Club show was held in conjunction with the Halifax agricultural show on Aug. 9th, but only moderate support was received. The full representative classification of all guaranteed classes could have been better supported, fanciers cannot expect to be catered for on such lines indefinitely. HIMALAYAN.—4: 1, 2hc Critchley, two nice pigs; 631 632 empty. ABYSS.—T and W. 6: 1hc Mather, boar, good coat, evenly placed pin-point rosettes; 2hc Foster, boar, equal to winner; 3hc Harle, boar, nicely placed rosettes, long and open coat; 4hc Freeberne; 638, 639 empty. A.O.C. 4: 1hc Foster, brindle boar, well formed cup shaped rosettes, harsh coat; 2hc Orange, similar, falls coat; 3hc Barnes, red boar; 4hc Freeberne, far behind first pair. A.C. 4 MTHS. 4: 1hc spl. 10/- best A.O.V.; 2hc Foster, red, hard to fault, a gem; 2hc brindle, good, only a matter of choice; 3hc Harle, falls mane and hindquarter; 647 empty. T and W. AD. 7: 1hc spl. best I and W. Todd, boar, attractive pig, square patches of good colour, red Dutch head spoils an otherwise first rate pig; 2hc hc W. F. Smith; 3hc hc Foster on even and clearer cup patches to-day; 4hc J. Smith, sow, well behind leaders; 5hc spl. Mather; 654 empty. 4 MTHS. 5: 1hc Mather, sow, nice distinct patches fairly evenly distributed; 2hc Orange, boar, nicely broken up, but ragged and not clear cut; 3hc Wilkins, sow, only moderate; 659 660 empty. DUTCH.—RED. 6: 1hc 3hc Bell, good boar; 3rd falls saddle, otherwise good; 2hc Kershaw, boar, good cheek and colour; falls stops and size; 4hc hc Hinton, A.O.C. 2: 1hc 2hc A.C. 4 MTHS. 7: 1hc Brock, red, sow, nicely balanced, minor faults; 2hc hc Kershaw, sow, shade out on saddle and cheek; 3hc W. F. Smith; 4hc hc Wilkins; 5hc Ellershaw and Redhead. BREEDERS (Bar Self). 5: 1hc Bell, winning red Dutch; 2hc Foster, winning brindle Abyss.; 3hc Todd, winning T and W.; 4hc Orange; 5hc Harle. 5 MTHS.: 1hc Bell, winning Dutch; 2hc Foster, winning brindle Abyss.; 3hc Harle, 3rd Abyss.; 4hc Wilkins. CHALL. AD. 8: 1, 2, 3hc repeat Chall.; 4hc Barnes; 5hc Hinton; 6hc Freeberne. 5 MTHS 6: 1hc Foster, winning red Abyss.; 2hc Brock, 1st young Dutch; 3hc Bell, res. young Dutch; 4hc Wilkins; 5hc Harle; 6hc Orange.—G. W. MALLINSON.

Mr. L. W. Elkington's Classes

The entry at Halifax on Aug. 9th was good in the Self cavy sections except for reds and chocolates. These two varieties, I am afraid, are heading for the A.O.V. class. There were only two chocolates and no reds. What few are shown are good but the numbers don't warrant the losses to show promoters. The general entry no doubt suffered through competition of two more shows held the same day, which would draw the northern entries. My best cavy was a grand cream sow owned by Mr. M. Baxter. It was a fine medium shade with excellent chest and feet to match.

SELF—(BLACK).

8: 1, 3hc Ellershaw and Redhead, well known, well black as coal and hard to fault; 2hc nice sow, not as sound colour; 3hc France, boar, pressed hard, will jump in front if her leader loses bloom; 4hc Waterhouse, dull coat, wants cleaning; 5hc hc Titterton; 6hc Fletcher. 4 MTHS. 11: 1hc Hinchcliffe, best colour and condition; 2hc Chaffey, boar, coarser, nice else; 3hc Hirst, falls colour and long coat; 4hc Meadowcroft; 5hc Ellershaw and Redhead; 6hc Moorhouse. Pen 559 was ill, eyes bad. WHITE. 6: 1hc Baxter, boar, lovely pure white; hard to fault; 2hc Yates and Waterhouse, nice sow, compact and nice texture; 3hc not so pure in colour; 4hc Orange, nice sow, hardly as fit; 5hc Waterhouse; 6hc Brock. 4 MTHS. 6: 1, 2, 3hc Yates and Waterhouse, nice trio, nice shape, good head and colour; 2hc beaten slightly texture; 3hc beaten head; 4hc Meadowcroft; 5hc Crabtree; 6hc Baxter. CREAM. 9: 1hc Baxter, best cavy in show; 2hc Orange, lovely sow, shade dark; 3hc Gardner, dark rump, head, nice else; 4hc Clegg; 5hc Bashford. 592 empty. 4 MTHS. 6: 1, 2, 3hc Baxter, best level colour; 2hc beaten head, equal else; 3hc darker head and saddle; 4hc Bashford, moulted; 5hc Gardner. 591 empty. BEIGE. 3: 1hc 2hc Tetlaw, nice pair, leader best condition, deserved competition, 598 empty. 4 MTHS. 7: 1hc Tetlaw, good level pig, nice colour throughout; 2hc Turner, not as sound in colour; 3hc longer head; 4hc Waterhouse, falls coat; 601, 602, 603 empty. BDRS. 12: 1, 3hc Baxter; 2hc hc Ellershaw and Redhead; 3hc Orange; 4hc Francis; 5hc Waterhouse. 4 MTHS.: 1, 2hc Yates and Waterhouse; 3hc hc Baxter; 4hc hc Ellershaw and Redhead. CHALL. 18: 1hc 3hc Baxter; 2hc hc Ellershaw and Redhead; 3hc Orange; 4hc Francis; 5hc Waterhouse; 6hc Hinchcliffe; 7hc Chaffey; 8hc Hirst; 9hc Baxter; 10hc Gardner. Y.C.C. MEMBERS. A.V. 16: 1, 3hc Baxter; 2hc hc

Redhead; r. hc Turner; vhc Tetlaw; c Yates and Waterhouse. 4 MTHS., 13: 1 Orange; 2, hc Yates and Waterhouse; 3 Hinchcliffe; r Tetlaw; vhc Brock; c Harte. GRAND CHALL., 15 (3 judges): 1 Baxter; 2 Eilershaw and Redhead; 3, hc Reynolds; r Todd; vhc Yates and Waterhead; 3, hc Reynolds; r Todd; vhc Yates and Waterhouse. c Orange. 5 MTHS., 3 (all judges): 1, hc Reynolds; 2 Hinchcliffe; 3 Bell; r Chaffey; hc Eilershaw and Redhead; c Wilkins.—S. W. ELKINGTON.

MICE.—TAN (CHAM. SIL. DOVE), 12: 1, 3 Heighton, Cham., good all-round exhibit; 3rd Dene, good as leader but for ears; 2 Simpkins, Silver, dark top, grand tan and feet, could be better type; r Busby Sil. falls tan and feet, good type and condition; vhc Jowett; hc Tunnicliffe; c Sutcliffe. 8 WKS., 10: 1 Espley, grand Dove, correct top colour, lovely feet and tan, well shown; 2 Jowett, Cham., good all round, well shown; 3 Busby, Sil., falls tan and feet; r "Lyndoe," Cham., would have been higher if in condition; hc Simpkins; hc Tunnicliffe; c Bratley and Bashford; pens 233, 234 and 235 absent. (A.C.), 12: 1, 3 Watts, a couple of very good Tans, either could have won; 2, r Ward, two very nice chocs., but feet held them back, nice type and condition; vhc Smith; hc Groves; c Hewitson; pen 256 arrived too late for judging. YG., 11: 1, vhc Watts, spanning little black, hard to fault, wins easily; 2, hc Espley, Choc., just beaten feet, but otherwise good; 3, c Walker, Blacks of merit, but rough; r Hewitson. **DUTCH.—12:** 1 Trinder, Black, often reported; 2 Ikin, Ag., another well-known exhibit in grand fettle; 3 Swain, Blk., good colour, top and under, wide blaze and very slightly tipped one ear; r Holmes, vhc, c Smith; hc Watts. **EVEN, BROKEN, VARI.—9:** 1, 3 Welch, Cinnamon Vari., both very nicely splashed, in good condition, leader best type; 2 Keers, 8-spot blue Broken, good but for ears; r Ikin, 8-spot Ag. Broken, good size, colour and type, but inclined to evenness; vhc, hc, c Holmes. **A.O.V.—17:** This was a very good class; 1, c Johnson, best Chin, out for a long time, I couldn't fault it; 2, hc Heighton, lovely blk. Fox, grand silver in right place, good top and under-colour, tidy; 3 Tunnicliffe, best Sil. Grey I have seen for a long time, but it was wild, seemed to be "put out" about something; r Moorhouse, Cinnamon, best of a rather poor lot of this variety, they have gone off lately, same could be said of the Agoutis, colour and ticking isn't too bad but they are soft and lifeless, without sparkle and type, tails are woefully weak; vhc Tunnicliffe. YG., 15: Another good class; 1, vhc Whitworth, Chins., good colour, nice feet, but a wee bit "grey" under, lovely condition; 2, c Johnson, grand little blk. Fox, equal to winner, a matter of choice; 3 King, Agouti, best of this variety, nice under and feet; hc Watts; c Bratley and Bashford. **STUD BK.—21:** 1 Johnson; 2 Busby; 3 King, Blk., good size, colour and type; r May, black and tan, big and strong, likely looking; vhc Simpkins; hc Ikin; c Trinder. **CHALL.—50:** 1, c Johnson; 2 Maden and Sagar; 3 Busby. Broken, this exhibit arrived too late for own class; r Welch; vhc Sutcliffe. **P.E.W., 2nd in own class;** hc Ikin, Dutch, 2nd in own class. Specials were won by: Best Ag. C. H. Johnson; best yng., R. W. Moore; 2nd best ad., Maden and Sagar; 2nd best yng. G. W. Garnett; best buck, C. Sutcliffe; best Self, Maden and Sagar; best Tan, R. Espley; best marked, J. Busby; best A.O.V., C. H. Johnson; most entries, C. H. Johnson. The mouse section at Halifax on Aug. 9th was under the care of Alf. Whitworth, who did a grand job of work. Everything went off like clockwork. To get 368 entries at this time of the year is good going. Generally speaking the quality was fair, with a few outstanding specimens. The heat had a marked effect on some of the exhibits, while others didn't seem to mind it in the least. Many N.M.C. members turned up and the general lookers on were very numerous and very interested. I thank Mr. Oxley and Mr. D. Ward for their able stewarding. These two fanciers were sticklers. I hate to grouse, but breeders of Cinnamons and Agoutis must do something to bring these two charming varieties back to their former greatness. Lack of stamina (they handle "soft"), size and type are the worst failings. The winning Chin was a beauty in full bloom without that horrid tawny shading between top and under which spoils so many otherwise good specimens.—HARRY BOOTH.

LEICESTER
Leicester and County show was held on Aug. 6th and 7th under very good conditions. Secretary Johnson and his committee did a wonderful job and the quality was well up to standard especially in Dutch.—H.P.

Mr. H. Phillips's Classes
BELGIAN.—4 MTHS.: 1, 2 Stapleton; 3 Hebborn. 6 MTHS.: 1 Hebborn. 1947: 1, 2 Hebborn. **DUTCH.—BLK. 4 MTHS.:** 1 Snowball; 2 Kinch. 3 Lobley. **BLUE:** 1 Preston; 2 Wilson; 3 Bradshaw. **TORT:** 1 Harrison and Chapman; 2 Addison; 3 Sidney. **STEEL:** 1 Handford; 2 England. **A.O.C.:** 1 Liversidge; 2 Adamson; 3 Chandler and Woodford. **A.C. 1947:** 1 Harrison and Chapman; 2 Liversidge; 3 Preston. **BREEDERS:** 1 Harrison and Chapman; 2 Liversidge; 3 Preston. **CHALLENGE:** 1 Harrison and Chapman; 2 Liversidge; 3 Preston. **SILVER.—GREY. 5 MTHS.:** 1, 3 Finch; 2 Owen-Davies. **BROWN:** 1 Ettle; 2 Collins; 3 Simms and Turner. **FAWN:** 1, 3 Shopland; 2 Johnson. **A.C. 1947:** 1 Johnson; 2 Collins. **£1 SELLING FANCY:** 1 Collins; 2 Eady; 3 Handford. **£3:** 1, 3 Simms and Turner; 2 Eady. **NOVICE EX.:** 1 Adamson; 2 Harrison and Chapman; 3 Handford. **BREEDERS:** 1 Liversidge; 2 Wilson; 3 Handford. **CHALL.:** 1 Liversidge; 2 Wilson; 3 Lord. **GRAND CHALL.:** 1 Liversidge; 2 Wilson; 3 Heathcote.—H. PHILLIPS.

Mr. A. J. Power's Classes
POLISH.—4 MTHS.: 7: 1, C.C. best Fancy. 2 Cliphams Bros. (10254), good type, coat and eye; 2nd just beaten eye; 3 Lee, too strong in his 1047, but 1 Cliphams Bros. 1st and 2nd previous class; 2 Wood, well up to age, nice ears, eye and shape, falls coat. **CHIN.—5 MTHS.:** 10: 1, C.C., Brent (03055), good coat, nice top, sound slate and back line; 2 Fielding, nice under falls coat; 3 Chamberlain, beaten definition, 1947, 9: 1 Fielding; 2 Moore, nice top and slate, not clear pearl; 3 Chamberlain. **CHIN. GIG.—5 MTHS.:** 3: Gigantas were poor in number and quality; 1, 2, 3 Wood. 1947: 3: 1, 2, 3 Wood (0909). **FOX.—BLACK**

as racy type, not so pure colour throughout; 3 Dunn, beaten tail and type; vhc Todd, 8 WKS., 4: 1 Marriott, ideal racy White, good type; 2 Beveridge, nice doe but falls type; 3 Nicol, nice colour, beaten tail; vhc Bonthron. **A.O.C., 4:** 1 Busby, ideal Silver, very racy type, level throughout; 2 Gilpin and Russell, Silver, nice type, beaten levelness of colour; 3 Johnson, very nice Dove, good type, beaten shadings; vhc Duncan. **CHAM. OR FAWN:** 10: 1, vhc, hc, c Dawson Fawn, exceptional type, nice level colour; 2 Johnson, good Champagne, ideal colour, jus beaten type; 3 Duncan, good Champagne, nice type, beaten levelness of colour. **BLACK OR BLUE:** 1 Johnson, nice little Nigger Black doe, not as good as of old; 2 Maden and Sagar, not as level colour, would like to see more size; 3 Beveridge, Black doe, falls colour. **A.O.C., 8 WKS., 4:** 1, 2, Dawson very pleasing Cham. doe, good type and colour; 2 Fawn doe, falls colour; 3 Gilpin and Russell, Silver, falls type; vhc Johnson. **TAN, BLACK OR BLUE, 5:** 1 Dunn, grand Black doe, nice top, could be little richer tan; 2 Nicol, Black doe, not the lustrous black of leader, equal tan; 3 Marriott, Black doe, has seen its day for bloom, good tan; vhc Currie. **A.O.C., 7:** 1 Dawson, very large typical Champagne doe; 2 Beveridge, good Champagne but beaten depth of tan; 3 vhc, hc Dunn, Champagne, nice type, but showing shading on saddle; c Masterton and Bell. 8 WKS. 17: 1 Busby, very pleasing Silver doe; 2 Currie, nice little Black, not so rich tan; 3 Nicol, Champagne, dark top but ideal tan; vhc Marriott; hc Dunn; c Beveridge. **MARKED A.V., 10:** 1 Busby, ideal 10 spot Broken Black; 2 Dunn, nice 9 spot Black, not as cleanly patched; 3 Porlock, Chocolate Dutch, nice head, falls trifle saddle, good colour; vhc Beveridge; hc Dawson; c Smith. 8 WKS. 17: 1 Holmes, Black Dutch, nice head and saddle, falls under; 2 Johnson, Black Dutch, beaten saddle; 3 Masterton and Bell, 9 spot Broken, few white hairs in spots; vhc Holmes; hc Todd; c Bonthron. **A.O.V. 18:** 1 Duncan, very nice Sable, showing ideal saddle; 2 Pollock, Chinchilla, would like to see darker slate; 3 Dawson, Sable doe, nice type, not at level colour throughout; vhc hc Nicol; c Dunn & WKS. 5: 1 Johnson, very pleasing Silver Fox; 2, 3 Pollock nice Fox, falls top; 3 Chinchilla, not type of leaders, falls on levelness of colour; vhc hc Duncan. **JUVENILE, 3:** 1 Todd, good Dutch; 2, vhc Self White. **BREEDERS, A.A., 24:** 1, 3 Dawson; 2, vhc Busby; hc Maden and Sagar; c Duncan. **CHALL., 23:** 1, 3 c Dawson; 2, hc Busby; vhc Duncan. 8 WKS., 21: 1 Marriott; 2 Dawson; 3 Currie; vhc Pollock; hc Masterton and Bell; c Gilpin and Russell. **PAIRS, 4:** 1 Dawson; 2 Busby; 3 Currie; vhc Duncan. **STUD:** 1 Busby; 2 Dawson; 3 Maden and Sagar; vhc Smith; hc Pollock. **NOVICE EX. 19:** Holmes; 2 Nicol; 3 vhc, hc Pollock; c Smith. Special best Self and Best in Show, Dawson, Self White. Best Marked: Busby, Broken. **JIMMY DRISCOLL.**

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