

# A Survey of Present-Day Cavy Problems

SINCE the National Championship in London I have been turning a few matters over in my mind and I would like to offer a few reflections arising out of the event.

First let us consider the Beige. In the past I have bred this lovely variety which, I am sure, would be kept in greater numbers, if only fanciers could reach some common ground regarding shade of colour. When the Beige came on the table the breeder's problem was fairly obvious; "I wonder what shade the judge likes." This is a hopeless position, exasperating for the breeder and decidedly bad for the variety.

Flakiness of colour, due to lack of density in the undercoat, tends to crop up. I would not say that this is a fault peculiar to Beige but rather that it is more easily spotted in this variety. Dark pigs seem to escape flakiness but, unfortunately, a dark colour has an associated hardness which robs it of its beauty.

In Beige we should strive for something soft and bright, not hard, nor washed out, and certainly not flaky. I feel sure that the colour problem would be solved in great measure and that we could burn our colour charts if the following were included in the standard: "no darker than necessary to avoid flakiness on the flanks." This would take care of undercolour, cut out on the show bench, hard, dark colour and give us a soft medium shade. But most important of all it would pin down judges to something definite and produce some order out of present chaos.

I am not breeding Beige at present so I have no axe to grind. I have offered these observations in an effort to try to help a variety like. How does this suggestion appeal to breeders? Perhaps they would care to run over their pigs, bearing in mind the above and let us have their views.

Where are the Lilacs? I will have something to say about them in the notes on colour inheritance, which I am writing. Anyone interested can produce them afresh easily when given the formula. Regarding these promised colour notes, I have been taken to task more than once about these and I apologise for the delay. Writing on the subject is easy enough but it is not so easy when I have to translate a very technical subject into simple English and bring the subject within reach of the average fancier.

Excluding grooming, why does one stroke a cavy? Is it done for pleasure or because one feels it is the correct thing to do or is it just one of those mechanical sort of things like stroking the domestic cat? By running a hand over a pig one can elicit much information if one has a sense of touch. Some people have this naturally; others have to work hard to cultivate it. It should form part of the essential equipment of the fancier. In medicine we are all trained to develop it. In racing pigeons one learns more by handling than by seeing, certainly in the matter of fitness and body make and shape. In cavies I think that some fanciers rely too much on what can be seen and miss what can be felt.

By running a hand over a pig one should be able to determine width and depth of shoulder, texture of coat and body condition, all in one hand movement. When judging unnecessary handling is reduced to that extent, especially in a big class. This is very useful when giving pigs the "once over."

Regarding the handling of cavies, I wonder if fanciers realise how much weight lifting a judge has to do. Suppose he has 200 adults to sort out and the average weight of each pig is two pounds and each is handled three times. The total weight handled comes to half a ton. I well remember what happened to the tendons at the back of my right hand and wrist after judging some ten years ago at Bradford. Not only did they hurt, but on the slightest movement they creaked like a rusty hinge and I had to wear a splint for several days before I could drive the car in any comfort.

Some fanciers have supplied me with useful information for my colour notes on the results obtained when crossing whites with coloured pigs. These will be made use of in due course but, unfortunately, the picture is not quite complete.

Information on the following will be most gratefully received and be of considerable help: 1 Results on crossing Silver Agouti with Self White; 2 results on crossing Cinnamon Agouti (or Cinnamon Silver), Chocolate or Beige with Whites. One surprise packet in the notes will be some observations on the colour make-up of our Whites. My new address is Toll Farm, Blackham, nr. Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

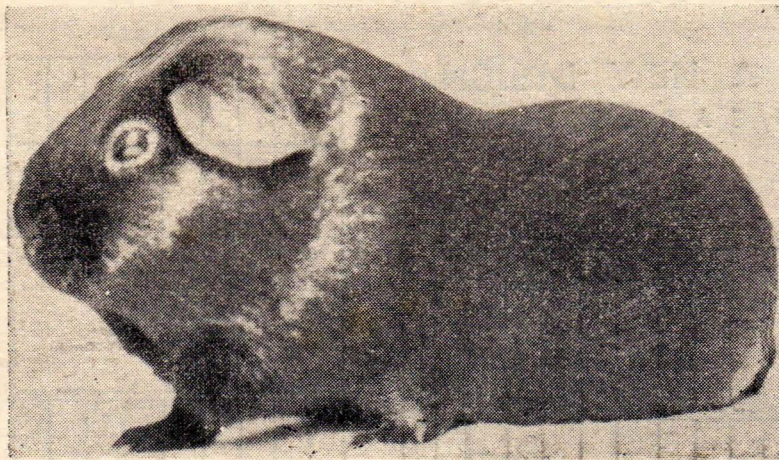
## KEEPING CAVIES FOR RESEARCH

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A YORKSHIRE fancier sends me the following particulars of his method of cavy keeping. He writes: "My cavies are kept chiefly for research work and are housed in two big wooden buildings. They are run in large pens with as many as 20 sows and three or four boars running together continuously year in and year out, so the sows are allowed to kindle without being separated. By this method I get the quickest turn-over possible, as the sows are, in the majority of cases mated again immediately after kindling."

My correspondent assures me that this method of cavy breeding has been successful over a period of many years. Half a dozen litters are produced before sows are scrapped, and there is no noticeable weakness either in adults or youngsters.

Of his methods of feeding my correspondent says: "I look after my cavies by providing them with good plain clean food and plenty of hay. In the summer I pile on the green food till at times they are temporarily



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buried beneath it. Cauliflower leaves have been a good standby this last few weeks, and now they are getting scarce I shall use carrots and swedes. Fresh water is given daily and I mix up the bran rations with stewed celery trimmings and any oddments I can scrounge from the family left-overs.

"At four weeks old I take the youngsters away and separate the sexes, then run them on till the weights required for research are reached. Young sows kept for future breeding are placed in the breeding pen when about five months old and young boars are used when turned four months old. This is earlier than most cavy men use their stock for breeding, but as my pigs generally weigh about two pounds when fully grown I don't see that this early mating is in any way detrimental."

There we have a method which the ordinary cavy fancier would hesitate to adopt if he were building up a stud for exhibition purposes, but it is interesting to hear different ways of keeping cavies.

## CAVIES IN THE SOUTH

THE following fanciers have joined the Southern Cavy Club: Mrs. Camp, 13, Nightingale Road, Wood Green, N.22; Mrs. Glover, Morants Court, Farm Cottage, Dunton Green, Kent; Mrs. Puddicombe, Beech Kounne, Avenue Road, Witham, Essex; Mr. Halford, 195, Ilford Lane, Ilford, Essex; and Mr. Hewitt, 17, Hatfield Road, Watford, Herts.

I congratulate all members on their splendid entry at the National championship show. Both club classes were well supported and members also supported the open classes well; in fact never before have I seen so many entries from the south at a premier show. Among the principal winning exhibitors were Mrs. Tipton and Messrs. Lawrence, Treveal, and P. Wright. Those members receiving other awards were: Miss Bartolomew, Miss Chaffey and Miss McNile, Messrs. Brazil, Brown, Carr, Cooper, Daynes, Hornby, Tiber, and Trigger, and Master Field. I thank all cavy exhibitors at the National ch. show, especially the Northern fanciers for the splendid entry of 1,000.

Special prizes offered at shows have been won as follows—Strood: Best smooth and best rough Master Field; Portsmouth: Best Self, Mrs. Maunsell and best any variety (bar Self) Mr. Tiber; Cranleigh best cavy Master Armes, and best reserve Mr. Summerson. The club's juvenile section is growing fast, and three successful members in this section are Miss Chaffey and Masters Armes and Field.

At the National ch show the winners of club specials were: Best white and cream, Mr. Treveal; best black myself best A.O.C. Self Mrs. Tipton; best Agouti Mr. Trigger; best Peruvian Master Field; best Abyssinian Mr. Lawrence; best Dutch Mr. Carr; best Himalayan Mr. Cooper; best Tortoise and white Mr. Savers.

## REPORT OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL MOUSE CLUB

A MEETING of the N.M.C. Executive was held on Nov. 1st. Those present were: president, Mr. A. C. Jude, Messrs. W. Turton, C. H. Johnson, J. Wormald, E. Skinner and Fred Plucknett of the Executive, and the hon. secretary Mr. T. Ward. Also present were wessmen Mr. F. Fitzwater and Mr. King (Essex).

The meeting was called to investigate cases of missing mice from two shows. The first case concerned a Chinchilla buck shown at Sandy show in August, which was afterwards sent to Mr. Deakin of Leicester. Ownership was claimed by Mr. C. H. Johnson of Driffield, Yorks.

A lengthy correspondence on the matter was read by Mr. Jude, including letters from Mr. Deakin, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Erswell and Mr. Horton. Mr. Erswell judged the mouse at Sandy show, and Mr. Horton had judged the same mouse at Hatfield show, five days previously. On completion of the evidence, and his summing up, Mr. Jude asked Mr. Johnson and Mr. Wormald to retire whilst the evidence was discussed.

The following points were stressed:—There were only two exhibits of Chinchillas in the class at Sandy show. One of the exhibits was a buck, the other a doe. Mr. Johnson gave

The club urgently requires a venue for the adult stock show which will have to be held in January or February. Will any society willing to stage the show please let me know. I shall be grateful if members will help me to fix the A.S.S. by making inquiries at their local societies.

Further offers of help towards the guarantee fund for the adult stock show have been received. Mr. Summerson has sent 10/- as a donation, and the following members have offered a guarantee against loss at this event: Mrs. Maunsell 10/-, Mr. Brown £1, and Mr. Hollings 10/-. Members' badges can now be obtained from me price 2/- each. Prefixes can be registered with the club at a charge of 2/6.

Special prizes have been offered at Harrow on Feb. 14th, 1948.

Subscriptions paid now will be carried over for 1948. The subscriptions are 5/- single, per year; partnership 8/-; juvenile 2/6.—Miss Radeglia, hon. sec. and treas., 7, Dorking Road, Epsom, Surrey.

## NORTHERN NO-TAIL NOTES

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND BIRLBY have changed their headquarters to the High Crown Hotel, Chester-le-Street, where all future table shows will be held on the third Saturday of each month.

Mr. Don Heatherington, Ferryhill, and his daughter, Katherine, are keen cavy fanciers and I see them at most northern shows. Miss Katherine takes a very great interest in her cavies and in her we have a coming fancier.

At Frosterley show on Nov. 29th the Durham and Northumberland Cavy Club members held a meeting. The secretary, Mr. W. Dinning, will be sending out nomination papers for 1948 officials. Fanciers should send in their nominations with the usual written consent as early as possible.

The secretary was given full consent to go ahead to try to fix up the young and adult stock shows for next year. Sedgfield was mentioned as a venue for one of the shows, as a good offer was received from Mr. A. Watt.

It was also suggested that the club hold six table shows yearly in conjunction with six different societies' table shows. This motion was left over for further discussion at a future meeting.

Many fanciers are having their stock delivered at shows too late for judging. I had the same experience a while ago, and as a test sent a claim to the railway company for expenses for non-delivery within a reasonable time. In reply I was told that the railway company guarantees to carry and deliver the stock to the address given on the label, but not at any stated time, or hour.—Wm. F. Surtees, Carley Hill Gardens, Southwick, Sunderland, Co. Durham.

a period of 12 months, dating from Nov. 1st, 1947. The proposition was carried unanimously.

The second case was between Mr. King, of Essex, and Mr. Stanley, of Ilkeston. Mr. King exhibited a black buck at Nottingham on Sept. 20th, and in return received a blue of poor quality owned by Mr. Stanley. Mr. King's buck needed only one further win for championship.

Correspondence from Mr. King and Mr. Stanley was read by Mr. Jude, as also were letters from Mr. T. Fitzwater, secretary of the Nottingham show, and witness.

In one of his letters Mr. Stanley stated, "When unpacking I found the mouse half way in, and half way out of the cage. It was paralysed from waist down, so I did what was best, kept it for a couple of days, and then gave it to the cat."

Mr. Jude demonstrated with a Maxey cage to show that it would seem impossible for a steward to close the lids with a mouse trapped as suggested. He also said he had questioned the Nottingham stewards individually and was not satisfied that they had packed Mr. Stanley's mice. Mr. Fitzwater was of the opinion that Mr. Stanley had packed his own stock.

Mr. Jude asked Mr. Fitzwater what time elapsed between the Nottingham show, and the reporting of the matter by Mr. Stanley. Mr. Fitzwater replied that there was an interval of two weeks, during which time, reports of the mouse being missing, were made in FUR AND FEATHER by Mr. Ward, and by advertisement from Mr. King.

On conclusion of the evidence, Mr. Jude summed up as follows: "You will gather that in this case there is no question of identity or ownership. It is admitted by Mr. Stanley that he received a black mouse belonging to Mr. King. He says that the mouse was trapped, and so badly damaged that he gave it to his cat. The question of packing has to be considered, and whether it is possible to close the lids of a cage, with a mouse between. The Executive must also decide whether or not Mr. Stanley reported the whole matter quickly enough, and was he right, in any case, in disposing of the mouse before first calling on a witness to note the damage. If the answers to these questions are not satisfactory the Executive must decide what redress should be made, and also what other action by the Executive is to be taken.

After full consideration had been given, Mr. Wormald proposed, and Mr. Turton seconded, "that Mr. Stanley be ordered by the Executive to recompense Mr. King to the extent of £2, and be herewith suspended from the N.M.C. for six months from Nov. 1st, 1947. In the event of the payment not being made by the date of the G.M. (Nov. 29th), the suspension to be sine die."

Mr. Jude then pointed out, that quite often, a packing steward could be a valuable witness, and asked the Executive to agree that a proposition should go forward to the A.G.M. making it a rule that packing stewards must sign on the contents 'abels when packing prior to dispatch. This was agreed.

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, Mr. Jude, for his able handling of the very difficult business of the meeting.

## N.M.C. ANNUAL SHOW AT SHIPLEY

### N.M.C. CUP WINNERS

THE winners of the N.M.C. cups at the annual show at Shipley on Nov. 29th were:—Woodwiss bowl, J. Tunncliffe; Mason A.P. bowl, J. Tunncliffe; Mendel gold cup, C. Beckett; Coronation cup, H. Booth; Warkworth bowl, J. Tunncliffe; Juvenile cup, Audrey Ellis; Chester cup, J. Dawson; Hertford cup, C. Simpkins; Harmony cup, H. Booth; Middleton cup A. L. Edmondson; Cunliffe-Owen P.T. cup, A. P. Erswell; A.O.V. Pts. cup, L. L. Walker; Sable Chall. bowl, J. Dawson; Hackwood Meni tankard, J. Patchett; Sid Boot trophy, R. W. Blackett; Young Dutch cup, A. Weight; F. C. HORTON, N.M.C. cup sec.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. A. C. Jude, I was asked to take some of his classes at the N.M.C. annual show at Shipley on Nov. 29th.

**P.E. WHITE.**—14: Some exhibits in this class were dirty. Their owners had put too much hay into the cages. 1 Simpkins, good head, ears, and eyes nice skull grand tail; 2 Beckett, equal all points, could change places; 3, he Seckiffe, falls eyes and ears, res, and vhc Fletcher; c Wash, 8 WEEKS, 14: 1, 3 Fletcher, nice, good colour and tail, 3rd beaten ears, nice mouse; 2 Simpkins, nice all round; r Richardson; vhc, hc Coles. **B.E. WHITE.**—A.A., 10: 1, Mendal cup, 3, r, vhc Beckett, beauty grand size and shape, easy winner, 3rd hardly so shapely and trifle narrow skull; 2 Ellis, just falls ears and face; hc, c Mledock and Barrell. Good class for quality. **BLACK.**—ADULT, 12: Blacks are going backwards. Many had weak tails, poor eyes and ears, and some were showing Tan or Red hairs on belly. More size is needed. 1 Machin and Beard; 2 King, 3, vhc Maden and Sagar; r Cole; hc Griffin; c Ellis. **BLUE.**—8: A nice level class but colour was just a shade too dark. 1 Edmondson; 2 Erswell; 3, r Whitworth; hc Young; hc, c Mallett. **BLACK OR BLUE.**—8 WEEKS, 24: Young Blacks were better in colour than adults. If they keep their belly colour they should make good adults. 1 Griffin, a very nice baby good feet and undercolour, could be better in eyes and ears; 2 Skinner, not much between these two; 3 Coles, falls eyes and ears nice colour and good feet; r Simpkins; vhc King; hc Maden and Sagar; c Mallett. There were two sets of winners in this class. **CHALL.** 48: 1 Tunncliffe; 2 Erswell; 3 Machin and Beard; r vhc Beckett; hc Plucknett; c King, 8 WEEKS, 41: 1 Fitzwater; 2 Griffin; 3 no name; r Booth; vhc Beckett; hc Simpkins; c Erswell.—G. W. OLIVER.

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Best Rex Dye; 2 Hoard and Shaw; 3, r Neilsen; vhc Cole. ERMINE, 5 MTHS.: 1 Judge; 2, vhc Alder; 3 Burnthorne Stud; r Brarley; hc Muszalska LILAC, 5 MTHS.: 1 Pye. A.O.V. 5 MTHS.: 1 Archer, MEMS. SHIELD CLASS: 1 Hoard and Shaw; 2 Muszalska; 3, hc Hyder; 1 Duacan; vhc Cole; c HOME REX CHALLI; 1 Pye; 2 Hoard and Shaw; 3 Croft; r Norris; vhc Cross; hc Neilsen; c Hyder. I.S.S.R.A. MEMS.: 1 Pye; 2 Hoard and Shaw; 3 Hyder; r Cross; vhc Scott; hc Muszalska; c Cole. POLISH.—1 C.C. hc, c Cochran (212); 2 Norman. 3 Hance; r Howlett; vhc Line. DUTCH.—B. OR B.: 1 C.C. Danecourt Stud (1010); 2 Long; 3, hc New; r best 4th Fancy, Watkins (2880); vhc Day; c Bunyan. A.O.C.: 1 Freeman; 2 Bunce; 3 Robson; r Vickers. ENG.—1 Woods; 2 Ross. FLEM.—1 Smith. TAN.—1 C.C. best Fancy, Finch (08312); 2 Beckingham; 3 Day. FANCY. A.O.V.: 1 Tomlin; 2 Horne. POLISH.—5 MTHS.: 1 Linch; 2 3 Hance; r Norman. DUTCH.—B. OR B.: 4 MTHS.: 1 Bunyan; 2 Robson; 3 Vickers. A.O.C.: 1 Bunce. ENG.—1 C.C. Ross (06591). TAN.—A.C. 5 MTHS.: 1 Carr. FANCY. A.O.V. 5 MTHS.: 1 White. MEMS. SHIELD CLASS: 1 Hance; 2 New; 3 Woods; r Watkins; vhc Day; hc Ross; c Ellis. FANCY CHALLI: 1 Finch; 2 Danecourt Stud; 3 Long; r Woods; vhc Freeman; hc Tomlin; c Watkins, BUCK, CHALLI: 1 Wood and Shaw; 2 Finch; 3 Cochran; r Danecourt Stud; vhc Tring; hc Muszalska; c Long. DOE CHALLI: 1 Pye; 2 Woolf; 3 Freeman; r Neilsen; vhc Toms; hc Cochran; c Burnthorne Stud. BREEDERS: 1 Pye; 2 Hoard and Shaw; 3 Woolf; r Tomlin; vhc c Long; hc Woods. LADIES EX.: 1 O. K. Neilsen; 2, r Long; 3 Ellis; hc Muszalska. GENTS EX.: 1 Tring; 2 Polton; 3, vhc Carr; r Cross; hc Norris; c Woolf. MEMS. CHALLI: 1 Tring; 2 Muszalska; 3 Hance; r Woods; hc Toms; hc Watkins; c Pollock. PEN CLASS: 1 Hoard and Shaw; 2 Burnthorne Stud; 3 Toms; r Tring; vhc Freeman; hc Woolf; c Livy. NOVICE EX.: 1 Stewart; 2 Carr; 3 Norris; r Steggle; vhc Varley; hc Burnthorne Stud; c Griffiths. DUMB FRIENDS L.C.: 1 Long; 2 Carr; 3 Tring; vhc Savery; hc Muszalska; c Ellis. 5 MTHS. CHALLI: 1 Archer; 2 Bunyan; 3 Hope; r Finch; vhc Ellis; hc Muszalska; c Long. GRAND CHALLI: 1 Pye; 2 Hoard and Shaw; 3 Finch; r Danecourt Stud; vhc Cochran; hc Woolf; c Tring.—W. A. NAW, Sec.

CAVIES AT FROSTERLEY SELF.—BLACK: 1 Ridley, noted boar, good order; 2, r Shickle, sow, good eye, coat and condition hard lines to meet winner; 3 Reeve and Cowton, nice sow, close; vhc Watson; hc Vickers; c Wilson. 4 MTHS.: 1 Heatherington, good coat and condition; 2 Ridley, grand sow, very close; 3 Tetter, beaten colour and shape; r Graham; vhc Watson. WHITE OR CREAM: 1 Whitfield, white sow, best conditioned pig in class, grand eye and shape; 2 Orange, cream sow, oft described, loses a bit on coat; 3, r Atkinson white sow grand but not in the order I have seen her; vhc McVeigh; hc Kavanagh; c Blakey; many pigs in this class were out under which spoilt their chances. 4 MTHS.: 1 Orange, good white sow, good eye and condition; 2 Whitfield, beaten shape and colour; 3 Kavanagh, good head, loses condition; r c Dinning and Son; vhc McVeigh; hc Ridley. DUTCH.—1 Shoyles, red good stops, fails cheeks; 2 Shykes fails cheeks, not such good stops; 3 Lane. 4 MTHS.: 1 Whitfield, PERUVIAN.—1 Orange, noted sow needs no comments; 2 Raine, fails length of coat and sweep; 3 Bainbridge, good coat and texture; 2, 3 Bainbridge, two nice pigs, close; vhc Graham; hc No name; c Dinning and Son; good class. TORT AND WHITE.—A.A.: 1 Orange grand under, nice all round; 2 Pipe, good, ran winner close; 3 c Dennison Bros., fails patches; r vhc Heatherington; hc Graham. AGOUTI.—1, best Agouti Orange, good chest, feet and belly colour good, grand condition; 2 Dodd, silver, level colour right through; 3 Reeve and Cawton, fails belly colour and feet; r Gilbert and Son, wet on, would have been higher; hc Lane; hc Vickers; 5 MTHS.: 1 Pipe, silver sow, grand youngster, wins on

belly colour, feet and chest; 2, 3 Lane, good, fails feet; r Gilbert and Son; vhc Vickers; hc Trotter. ABYSINIAN.—A.A.: 1, r Govland, good all round; 2, 3 Gilbert and Son, T.W., grand pigs; pen 314 empty. BREEDERS AD.: 1 Ridley; 2 Whitfield; 3 Orange; vhc Pipe; hc Gilbert and Son; c Watson. 5 MTHS.: 1 Orange; 2 Eilershaw and Redhead, black arrived too late for own class; 3 Pipe; r Shickle, vhc Gilbert and Son; hc Kavanagh; c Whitfield, CHALLI: 1, r Orange; 2 Ridley; 3 Whitfield; vhc hc Gilbert and Son; c Atkinson. 5 MTHS.: 1 Orange; 2 Eilershaw and Redhead; 3, c Shickle; r Gilbert and Son; vhc Jones; hc Whitfield. WM. T. SURTEES.

CAVIES AT MANCHESTER The Dutch Cavy Club's show was held at Cheetham, Manchester, on Nov. 1st. Entries came up well and everything was carried out in fine order. Mr. R. Wilson, sec., and his willing band of helpers, looked after the stock well. Mr. Mallinson won best Dutch with a lovely baby red which should do well. Messrs. Eilershaw and Redhead won best in show, including rabbits, with a grand black self sow. SELF.—1 Eilershaw and Redhead; 2 Sutcliffe; 3 Ridyard; r Grainger; vhc Cowan; hc Potts; c Gregory. 5 MTHS.: 1 Gregory; 2 Shaw; 3 Eilershaw and Redhead; r Stuffs; vhc Can; hc Mitchell. ABYS.—T. AND W.: 1 Taylor; 2 Beverley; 3 Greenlees; r Wilson; vhc Beverley; hc Hanton; c Gilbert and Son. A.O.C.: 1 Hulme; 2 Peglar; 3 Billing; r Gilbert and Son; vhc Greenlees; hc Mills; 4 MTHS.: 1 Heydon; 2 hc Taylor; 3 Greenlees; r Beverley; hc Gilbert and Son; c Hanton. DUTCH.—A.C.: 1 c Bell; 2 Mallinson; 3 Smith; r Brown; vhc Broadhead; hc Eggington. RED. 4 MTHS.: 1

Mr. Lance Bradley, the well-known all-round fur judge, has won at the National and Bradford Ch. Shows with Blue, Black, Brown and White Beverens, Lynx-rex, Blue-rex and normal Havanas. He has also won at club shows with Ermines, Lynx, Blues and normal Sables, and has taken best in show with Chinchillas and Flemish.

At the National Ch. Show, under Mr. Ralph Blake, the winner of the adult Argentine Brun B. or D. class was Mrs. Bennion, Canterbury.

Mallinson; 2, c Mather; 3 Foord Bros.; r Bell; vhc Hanton; hc Wilson. A.O.C. 4 MTHS.: 1, 2 Bell; 3 Ashton; r Sutcliffe. TORT AND WHITE.—ADULT: 1, 2, hc Smith; 3, r Ridyard; vhc Mallinson. 4 MTHS.: 1, 2 Mather; 3 Mallinson; r Ridyard; pen 309 appeared too developed. AGOUTI.—1 Fawcett; 2, 3 Gilbert and Son; r Biddle; vhc hc Broadhead. 5 MTHS.: 1, 2, r Gilbert and Son; 3 Eggington; vhc Fawcett; hc Broadhead. HIM.—1 Smith; 2 Mills; 3 Fawcett. 5 MTHS.: 1, 3 Mills; 2 Smith; r Fawcett; vhc Newall. A.V. BREEDERS: 1 Eilershaw and Redhead; 2 Taylor; 3 Beverley; r Gilbert and Son; vhc Mather; hc Brown; c Mallinson. 5 MTHS.: 1 c Mallinson; 2 Mather; 3 Eilershaw and Redhead; r Taylor; vhc Gilbert and Son; hc Beverley. CHALLI: 1 Eilershaw and Redhead; 2 Beverley; 3 Hulme; r Gilbert and Son; vhc Peglar; hc Grainger; c Wilson. 5 MTHS.: 1, vhc Mallinson; 2 Mather; 3 Eilershaw and Redhead; r Gilbert and Son; hc Ridyard; c Mitchell.

DUTCH CAVY CLUB CLASSES.—DUTCH.—RED. AD.: 1, hc Bell, boar, often reported; 2 c Mallinson, shade heavy cheeks, beaten stops; 3 L. Smith, nice pig, hard lines; r Brown; hc Eggington. A.O.C.: 1, vhc, hc Bell, nice Black, good cheeks saddle and stops; 2 Hanton, Black, short stops worst fault; 3 c Anderson, Black, beaten under and short stops; r Mallinson. RED. 4 MTHS.: 1 Mallinson, grand baby, lovely markings went on to win best Dutch; 2 Mather, good pig, beaten under; 3 Foord Bros nice all round, beaten stops; r Bell; vhc Alex. Smith; hc Whyatt; c Anderson. A.O.C.: 1, 3 Bell, Golden Agouti, nice pigs.

few white hairs near vent, worst fault; 3 Black, over-groomed on back, odd stops; 2 Anderson, Golden Agouti, odd cheeks and stops; r Ashton. BREEDERS: 1 Bell; 2 hc Mallinson; 3 L. Smith; r Brown; vhc Hanton; c Rayworth. 4 MTHS.: 1 Mallinson; 2 Mather; 3 Whyatt; r Bell; vhc Anderson; hc Hanton; c Wilson; GRAND CHALLI: 1 Mallinson; 2, c Bell; 3 Mather; r L. Smith, vhc Brown; hc Hanton.

A. TIPPER. SHIPLEY N.M.C ANNUAL SHOW (Continued from page 572) Mr. W. Turton's Classes

My section was not large and I was able to get through my classes before lunch, after which, owing to the non-arrival of Mr. Jude, I took on the Silver and A.O.C. Self classes. SILVER OR DOVE.—9: 1, 2 Erswell, two grand Silvers, very level in colour, little to choose; 3 Buby, nice big Dove; 4 Booth; r Forman and Rawdings; vhc Watts; hc Gilpin-Hamilton. 8 WKS.: 4, 1, 2 Erswell, stood out for colour and condition; 3 Hurst; r Busby. A.C. 11 (all Creams): 1, r spl. best Self, B.I.S., Tunnicliffe, grand Cream, stood out for colour, type and condition; 2 Plucknett, close, not so pleasing in shade; 3 Edmondson, good, close; vhc Watts; hc c Booth. Best class of Creams I've seen. I did not think there were so many good ones in the Fancy. 8 WEEKS: 6: 1, hc Booth, nice level Cream, will do better later; 2, 3, vhc Edmondson, team of Creams, beaten colour and finish; r Parkinson. AGOUTI AND CIN.—AD.: 11: 1 spl. best A.O.V., 2, 3, r Preston, grand Cin., good colour and condition, 2nd a lovely young Agouti, only beaten size, stood out for colour and condition, 3rd Cinnamon, close, a team to be proud of; vhc Moorhouse; hc Durham; c Hignell. 8 WEEKS: 4: 1, 2 Moorhouse, both Cins., fail colour and finish; 3 Booth; r Parkinson; worst class for quality. SILVER GREY, BROWN OR FAWN.—A.A.: 1, 3 Tunnicliffe, grand medium, nice colour and condition, 3rd light shade, not so clean through; 2, vhc Taylor, not so even as leaders; r Busby; all Coles and Wagstaffe pens absent. CHIN. AND FOX AMAL.—AD.: 8: 1 Young, grand big Chin., stood out for colour and condition; 2, r Whitworth, two young Chins., beaten size and age, will make up later; 3, vhc hc Deighton, team of Fox, not in condition-to-day; c Birkinshaw. 8 WEEKS: 12: 1 Walker, nice young Chin., very level and good colour; 2, 3, vhc Heighton, team of Fox, nice condition, hardly through on top; r Walker; hc Grindie; c Bashford. A.O.V.—A.A.: 12: 1 Busby, grand Pearl, very level and nice condition, could do with more size; 2, spl. best Sable J. Dawson, Sable, nice colour, close; 3 Tunnicliffe, another Sable, not so rich in colour; r hc Booth; hc Edmondson; c Parkinson; Coles and Wagstaffe absent pen 2; all G. Dodsworth's pens absent. NON-STANDARDISED: 9: 1, 2, r hc Blackett, 2 nice B.E. Fawns, grand colour, size and type; 3 Blackburn, grand attempt for a Tricolour, three distinct colours on top, but unshapely, grand size; vhc Booth; c Watts, Dutch marked, brown patch on side. A.O.V. CHALLENGE: 17: 1, 2, vhc Preston, Cin. and Agoutis; c Whitworth; r hc Tunnicliffe. 8 WEEKS: 7: 1, 2, vhc Heighton, team of Fox; 3 Taylor; r Grindie; hc Birkenshaw; c Booth.

—WILLIAM TURTON Mr. C. H. Johnson's Classes It was a great pleasure to get back on the judging table. Bearing in mind that conditions are difficult, I consider the entries most satisfactory and I came across some really good mice including a fine Chocolate and Tan owned by Mr. Booth, which was best mouse in my section. TAN.—BLACK: 17: 1, r Walker, small but exceptional top tan and condition nice feet; 2, 3 Dobson, close; 3rd fails condition; vhc Waits; hc Otter; c Grindie. BLUE: 5: 1, r Waits; 2 Edmondson; 3, vhc Otter, little to choose, matter of choice. BLACK AND BLUE: 9 WKS.: 15: 1 Walker; 2, hc Espley; 3 Parkinson; r vhc, c Dobson, little to choose

between 1st and 2nd, both good mice; 3rd not so dense in top colour. CHOC.: 12: 1 Booth, grand mouse, exceptional top colour and skull, feet and tail to match; 2, hc Espley, fails size and condition; 3, c Milnes, nice; r, vhc Marriott. CHAM.: 14: 1, 3 Blackburn, shade dark but stood out for type and condition, good head; 2, vhc Osborne, similar colour, but fails condition and skull; r Heighton; hc Jowett; c Dawson. CHOC. AND CHAM.: 8 WKS.: 15: 1 Birkenshaw, typy champagne, ideal colour, good head and feet; 2, c Milnes, exceptional little Chocolate real "Bournville" top, fair tan; 3 Jowett, good shade darker; r hc Espley; vhc Rouse. SILVER: 15: 1 "Halcyon," wins type; 2, vhc Nash; 3 r Forman and Rawding; hc Ford; c Swain; there were some really nice Silvers and Tans in this class; there was little between the first three. A.O.C. 16: 1, r Preston, Cinnamon and Tan, exceptional top and finish; 2 Simpkins, typy Dove, smaller; 3 Fletcher, another Dove, pretty mouse; vhc Fletcher; hc Taylor; c Swain. 8 WKS.: 18: 1, r Forman and Rawding, typy little Silver, exceptional condition; 2 Busby; hc Jowett; c Nash. CHALLI: 23: 1 Booth; 2 Walker; 3 Osborne; r Forman and Rawding; vhc Espley; hc Heighton; c Watts. 8 WKS.: 25: 1 Walker; 2 Milnes; 3 Forman and Rawding; r Espley; vhc Busby; hc Espley. JUVENILE. A.V. A.A.: 20: 1, vhc Ellis, exceptional, Black, good all over, credit to a juvenile; 2 Birkenshaw, Blue, another nice mouse; 3 Young large Chin., typy; r Trinder; hc Walker; c Swain. C. H. JOHNSON.

Mr. R. Ward's Classes

Bad light in the afternoon made judging difficult, especially when it came to the duplicate classes. DUTCH.—BLACK: 9: 1, r Trinder, nice head slight run under; 2 Patchett, well balanced rather narrow blaze; 3, vhc Watts, close; hc Wright; c Slack Bros. 8 WEEKS: 9: 1, r Wright, nice exhibit, lovely head, could do with a bit lighter saddle, genuine baby; 2 Watts, beaten head, looked cold; 3 Patchett, run under, good otherwise; r Slack Bros; vhc Walker, poor condition or would have been higher; hc Trinder; c Parkinson. A.O.C. 7: 1, 3 Brindle, Choc., nicely ragged mouse, shade ragged saddle; 3rd beaten head; 2 Ikin, Agouti, big mouse for Dutch, run under; r K. Booth; vhc, hc absent. 8 WEEKS: 11: 1 Walker, blue, very pretty, cheeks shade high; 2, 3, r hc Brindle, Cinnamon, not so well balanced; 3rd Cinnamon, shade darker, ragged saddle; hc Sutcliffe. BROKEN OR EVEN.—15: 1, r G. Smith, nice eight spot, easy win; 2 Busby, eight spot, has been good, poor condition; 3, c Maslen, ten spot, even on rump; vhc Keen; hc Dawson. Some good mice in this class were lacking nose spot. 8 WEEKS: 8: 1, r Keen, nine spot Cinnamon, shade even on ears; 2 G. Smith, nine spot, just beaten placing on hindquarters; 3 Ikin, seven spot, baby, will look better in a week or two; vhc Fletcher. STUD BUCK. A.V. ADULT: 18: 1 Sutcliffe, grand P.E.W., lovely colour; 2 Beckett, B.E.W., wonderful type, just beaten colour; 3 Patchett, Black Dutch; r G. Smith; vhc Plucknett, Cream, bit rough but a good one; hc Milnes, nice Choc. Tan, lovely feet; c Simpkins. BUCK. A.V. 8 WEEKS: 12: 1 Wright; 2 vhc Edmondson; 3 Medlock and Burrell; r Skinner; hc Booth; c Walker. MARKED.—CHALLI: 15: 1 Brindle; 2 G. Smith; 3 Patchett; r Watts; vhc Busby; hc Maslen; c Ikin. 8 WEEKS: 1 Wright; 2 Keen; 3 Walker; r G. Smith; vhc Ikin; hc Fletcher; c Slack Bros. CHAM. OR FAWN.—16: 1, 3, hc Dawson, Fawn, very nice, grand colour, 2 Durham Cham., grand typy mouse, only just beaten; r Moore; vhc Fitzwater; c Fountain. There were some grand Chams in this class. They are coming back with a vengeance. 8 WEEKS: 13: 1, hc Fitzwater, Fawn wins on condition and finish; 2, 3 Heighton, Cham., close; r Rouse; vhc Fletcher; c Gilpin. RED OR CHOC.—12: 1 Edmondson, Red, nice colour and good type for a Red; 2 Patchett, Choc., nice lovely feet and condition; 3 Preston, Red very close, looked cold; r hc Milnes; vhc Machin and Beard.—R. WARD.

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