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ENGLISH OWLS AND GENUINE HOMERS

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are the principal food for normal times. In these days "makeshifts" sometimes have to be used. Baglish Owls, being a short faced variety, require foster parents (or "feeders" as they are called) to rear the young Owls. The "feeders" must be long-faced breeds such as Racing Homers, Exhibition Homers, Genuine Homers. Some fanciers use cross-breed feeders such as Scandaroon and Homer cross or Homer and Dragoon cross. I have tried nearly every pure breed and crossbreed but I find that Genuine Homers are the best. They are usually so quiet and tame when sitting that one can do almost anything with them. This is a great asset as when breeding Owls one must look at the eggs and young ones very frequently. Gen-uines are also much smarter and nicer to look at than crossbreds and a few disapoint-ments at times. The hatching and rearing of a pair of healthy young ones from a favour-it has its pleasures, and a few disapoint-ments at times one must tr7 to have the Owls and the feeders laying at the same time. The breeding one must tr7 to have the Owls and the feeders laying at the feeders and the feeder's eggs are put under the feeders and the feeder's eggs are put under the feeders and the feeder's eggs are put under the feeders and the feeder's eggs are put under the feeders and the feeder's eggs are put under the feeders and the feeder's eggs are put under the feeders and the feeder's eggs are put under the feeders and the feeder's eggs are put under the feeder's eggs, and let hey are long-faced and have long beaks. I believe in letting the Owls hatch, feed and rear youngsters, as it is more neutral.

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II-Genuine Homers

II—Genuine Homers By Edgar A. Brookshank I HAVE been asked to revive my notes on otherwise) of the readers of FUR AND FRATHER, and it is suggested that the notes be not solely of interest to existing breeders, but directed in part to the general small stock over." You'll readily see I've quoted from the editor's letter to me, so I shall have to watch my P.s, to say nothing of my Q.s, or else out comes the blue pencil, and well-you've had it—to quote one of the silly modern tags. Well, to begin with, one thing of interest of it as a breed. Don't misunderstand me. I obreed winners anyhow, or that they can be sent to any show and win a red card-just like that. Provided the owner gives them decent

breed winners anyhow, or that they can be sent to any show and win a red card-just like that. Provided the owner gives them decent housing, good corn (if he can get it), baths, and attends to cleaning the lofts and nest boxes, there 'sn't much he need worry about. They are very clean birds; they they are very cle

ones to him and give them food au ho, Yes, some are like that, and we are glad of them. Of course in these days of corn rations (and almost every other thing rationed) we just car't afford all that, and it must be very difficult for anyone wanting to start in the pigeon Fancy to-day, but surely, although one shall have to grim and bear it, some time the powers that be will grant us a little more. Maybe the N.F.A. is seeing to it even now. What did you say? What has all this to do with Genuine Homers? It has everything to do with it. How can I expect new members to join our club if they cannot get the corn to feed the birds? Intending Homer breeders should go to a few shows and find out who is winning. Then, if they can find out what lofts are turning

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Morton, Chairman, Messrs, E. Bottomley, A. Bebb, G. E. Holroyd, J. Meek, Hugh Morse, T. J. D. Faweett, F. Turpin, P. Barrett, E. Pear-son, T. H. Singleton, E. A. Brooksbank, T. K. Child, R. Baldwin, S. McLachlan, and J. W. Walker, hon. sec. Mr. Morton gave a hearty welcome to all and expressed thanks for such a good attendance.

21. Rowlands Ave., Dalton, Huddersfield.
BIRMINGHAM COLUMBARIAN SOCIETY'S YOUNG BIRD SHOW
FIRST young bird show of the series held June 25th at H.Q., The Wagon and Horses, Greet, Birmingham. Present: Messrs, F. Challinor, C. O. Brettell, H. S. Welch, W. H. Cowe, T. Davies, J. R. Barker, J. P. Beckett, A. Mathews and several visitors. **RACING HOMERS.**—Grand Class: 1, sp., 2, r F. Challinor; vhc, c W. H. Lowe; hc T. Davies, J. P. Beckett, A. Judge: J. P. Beckett, ROLLERS.—1, sp., r, vhc W. H. Pensom; 2, 3, hc J. R. Barker, J. Ver Challinor. SHOW HOM.—1, 2, 3. W. Troman, Judge: F. Challinor. All birds bread by avhibitors and exhibitors are allowed to show only three birds. Next show July 23rd.—W. Troman, hon. scc. and treas.

YORKSHIRE COLUMBARIAN SOCIETY YORKSHIRE Columbarian Society held a Jure 18th. Those present were: Mr. E. P. Homer, likeliest hen, adult.

AROUND THE CATTERIES

BLUE NOTES WE motored down to see Mr. and Mrs. Brunton recently and spent a very en-joyable afternoon with them, and their adulter Rosemary, who has recently been demobilised from W.A.A.F., and is spending some time at home whilst she awaits a vacancy at the Slade Art School. They are all as busy as bees turning lovely old Mari-post Farm into a country home with modern amenities. It is very secluded and nesties on the foot of a hill among acres of fields and is a delightful place to breed cats. There are a number of fine outbuildings,

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Southern Counties C.C.

A the time these notes are in print, the K.K. and N.C. Club Show will be over. first show of the season is an event; all eagerly lock forward to the youngsters ing their debut and meeting friends for nat. B

Making inter device and increases a chat. Mrs. Thompson has been helping me to build up my knowledge of L.H.s. She is a most able teacher, and thanks to her help, I shall in future approach the L.H. pens with enthusiasm, not my usual puzzled ex-pression.

I shall in future approach the L.H. pens with enthusiasm, not my usual puzzled ex-most Siamese breeders have been busy with litters-and large litters. I see that Mr. Dean's Queen has a litter of eleven. This reminds me of my very first queen, whose litters were never less than nine. Some queens have this reproductive ability, but unless one has a foster, it is a mistake to over-strain a nursing queen. Siamese have been most prolific this year. Kittens must have shade; sunlight and air are excellent but the intense sun of the past weeks is too great for kittens unless shade is provided. Mrs. Bruce Webb's Rexina May Morning is in kitten to Oxley's Smasher, and she hopes for a good litter. Mrs. Bruce Webb's Rexina May Morning so the cats. Mrs. Brunton's Dream of Dunesk has a litter by Adrian of Pensford, and Honeysuckle of Dunesk a litter by Ch. Southway Nicholas. All the kittens are beautiful. My new seal point stud. Doneraile Dekho, goes everywhere on a lead. Our definite appointment is the post each evening. If I am late he shouts his loudest. He has a fixel by those members and friends who, I thank those members and friends who.

nature of his grandsire, on Jaques of Hong-don. I than't those members and friends who, hearing I had not been well, wrote to cheer

Will members please send news and adverts. for the next issue of the "Southern Bell." This is an urgent appeal.—Kathleen R. Williams, 92. Chiltern Road, Sutton, Surrey.

Notts and Derby Show Manager M. Valley Road, Nottingham, will be show manager for the Notts, and Derby ch. show at the Victoria Baths, Bath Street, Notting-ham, on Tuesday, Jan. 6th. "Offers of support from the various clubs and help from frieads and intending exhibitors will be gratefully received by Mrs. Hancox.

NAT. MOUSE CLUB NOTES AND NEWS

By Dick Ward, 57, Chantrey Rd., Sheffield &, COMING EVENTS-

Child, K. Baldwin, E. McLachinan, and O. M. Walker, Ican See Methoding at any show receiving club register in "Pigeons and Bantams."
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the second part of the Dutch Mouse breeder and a member of the Dutch Mouse foot at the moment. "I want to ask a favour: I would like the have a pen-friend in England wno also is a breeder of mice, a boy or kirl of about my own age. If years, Is it possible to seem the second part of Harry Booth's are the second part of Harry Booth's framewer 173. Eindhoven, Nederland, N.-Br. Here is the second part of Harry Booth's grant article I said that patience is a good opportunity for some of our private to a Brokens: "I would like the second part of Harry Booth's grant article I said that patience is a some the second part of Harry Booth's grant article on Brokens: "I would like the marked varieties even more so than with Selfs, Tans or the ticked varieties, although these require that so-called virtue to no little extent." To those who want to build up a stud I way a stud in the marked varieties even more so than with Selfs, Tans or the ticked varieties, although these require that so-called virtue to no little extent. "To those who want to build up a stud I way a stud I way a stud and a pair of the best Prinkey of White does. The buck should be of the colour the breeder prefers. I suggest black, chard the 'the'' is of value, let the colour of the buck be black for at least a couple of generations. When the young from the original black buck and p.e.w. does are about five days old, destroy all the bucks, allowing all the does. The two p.e.w. does to the trans the unset of the streeder the the set of the two p.e.w. does are about five days old, destroy all the bucks, allowing all the does to the transked voltes. The two p.e.w. does are about five days old, destroy all the bucks are to be destroyed. I purposely using from the set for the two p.e.w. does can be dispensed with they are useless to producing Brokens but are invalue. The solution of the streed are to be destroyed. I purposely using from the set for the two p.e.w. does from these second lift does. The fourthese to grow quicker that the stake the days for produ

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