

CAVY CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE BECOMING TOO CHEAP

By ALLAN WATSON

A LETTER from Mr. A. E. Mason, Fareham, Hants., touches on one or two points I have raised in previous notes. First he mentions root feeding and says that he always uses mangolds or beetroot, finding that his pigs won't touch swedes. He seldom loses any stock, the only casualties being what the average fancier expects. He says that many fanciers are too careless about cleanliness in the aviary, allowing the hutches to get almost like a dung heap before cleaning out.

The latter point is one I heard debated a few weeks ago. One or two of those participating in the argument were strong adherents to the policy of weekly cleaning out; others did it fortnightly but one, and a very successful breeder and exhibitor of Selfs, surprised us all by remarking that the week previously—that would be early in May—he had cleaned out some hutches for the first time since last October. They had been occupied all the time and he assured us the occupants were the picture of health and condition.

It certainly was a new one on me, but, despite my friend's successes, I'm not falling victim to half-yearly hutch cleaning. Incidentally this same breeder was most emphatic that many pigs are lost in winter and spring because their owners are too keen on giving them plenty of fresh air. He contends that cosiness, even at the expense of a somewhat vitiated atmosphere, is essential to successful cavy keeping. Despite his arguments, I'm still a believer in fresh air as one of the essentials to good health.

Mr. Mason's letter very emphatically thinks that we have too many clubs in the Fancy. It is essential, he claims, for a man keeping cavs and, say, a couple of varieties of rabbits, to join a dozen or more clubs. "United we stand, divided we fall," he quotes, and I am in complete sympathy.

The Fancy is being divided and sub-divided to such an extent that if we do not call a halt we shall some day see a club in every street in every town where the Fancy is known, and every one claiming national standing and the right to issue championships, alter standards, have a list of "official" judges, and assume other roles which should never be separated from the truly national specialist clubs of the different varieties. This applies, of course, more to rabbits than to cavs, but these things appear to be as infectious as measles, and we know but that the cavy Fancy may "catch" it if we are not on our guard.

Mention of championships calls to mind a remark in a recent letter from Miss Joan Radelega. She says: "Regarding the issue of championships by an area club, some of the members of the Southern Club would like to see these granted by our club, but, personally I am, and always have been, against us issuing championships, but if the matter is passed at the A.G.M. by the members, there is little I can do about it."

Candidly, what is a championship worth to-day, and how many old fanciers place much weight on the "honour"? Some never trouble to claim them. Yet a championship should be the most coveted honour in the exhibition world, and it would be if we had them granted only by one competent body for each variety, with area clubs refraining from usurping this particular duty. In my opinion, the only competent body so far as championships are concerned is the specialist club concerned with the welfare of a variety, and no other "championships" ought to be recognised.

To me, three firsts under one judge and two under other judges, often in weak competition, do not necessarily stamp a pig with the hallmark of the highest quality, as a champion should be.

In a word, championships have been made too easy, and that is why they are not valued as they should be. I would like to see the conditions so changed that only wins at shows with a really representative classification and an approved judge would count, and it would not be merely the winning of a first prize that counted. I would like to see it more on the lines of the dog Fancy, with challenge certificates granted to certain shows, one for the best male, the other for the best female, and no judge to take more than a certain number of those championship shows in any one year. We would get champions worthy of the name then and not so many of them that familiarity with the honour would breed contempt.

These days, when green food is to be obtained in almost unlimited quantity, it is advantageous to cut down the rations of breeding stock a little. One very successful breeder I know cuts off the hay supply when he has green food in plenty, contending that the green food gives all the bulk food the pigs need. If results count for anything, there is much to back up his contention, there being few honours that have not come his way.

Other breeders cut out one solid meal a day, giving hay and greens at one end of the day, with either a mash or a feed of crushed oats at the other. Just now I'm using all the foods I gave before green food was available in plenty, but in much reduced quantity. I think the mistake many breeders make is that they feed too liberally in the summer-time, when body heat is generated by the pigs without the aid of stimulating foods. Heavy feeding at this time causes them to put on more flesh than is desirable in breeding stock and, in my opinion, leads to sows having difficulty at littering-time, with consequent deaths of youngsters, or, in some cases, litters born prematurely. The latter takes more out of a sow than does a natural birth and the rearing of a litter.

I am often asked if I recommend giving water to cavs. If the fancier has the time and the patience to go round each day washing out dirty dishes and refilling them, he will find it helps towards keeping his stock healthy and contented, providing the pigs will drink. I have usually found, however, that cavs have to be taught to drink, few taking

to liquids of their own account. I use water in the very hot weather, but when green food or roots are there in ample quantity I don't give water, as I find the pigs leave it.

If I have one I want to drink, and it refuses, I adopt one of two methods. The first is to give it water with a little bran sprinkled on top. The pig eats the bran, gets the taste of the water, and usually gives no further trouble so far as drinking is concerned, though I have found water drinkers to be afraid of a dish of milk the first time it was put in the hutch.

The other plan, and one which I have never found to fail, is to put a pen a pig that is already a drinker. The others watch her and it is not long ere they follow her example. I find, however, that cavs foul their drinking vessels very soon, and that is why I seldom give water to drink. I think they are better without it than to drink water fouled by their own dung. The ideal method would be to give them the clean water, leave it for, say, half-an-hour, then take the pots out before the water is fouled.

ENGLISH SELF CAVY CLUB

The results of the Self Cavy Club's ballot for judges for the Young Stock Show at Silsden on Sept. 6th, and the Adult Stock Show at Derby on Dec. 6th, are: Y.S.S.: R. Calvert, 4; J. W. Sharp, 4; Miss J. Radelega, 7; C. J. Wilson, 7; A. Tipper, 8; M. Baxter, 12; F. Lark, 8; N. Orange, 16; Dr. Kerr, 6; S. Kent, 8; G. A. Townsend, 6; A. Watson, 13; A.S.S.: S. W. Elkington, 13; F. Lark, 6; M. Baxter, 12; A. Tipper, 10; J. Hanson, 11; Miss J. Rade-

GRASS AS A MEDICINE FOR CATS

MRS. NEWTON's garden party at Hamm Court, Weybridge, on June 12th, was very enjoyable and was blessed by perfect weather. Her bungalow is in a delightful spot by a backwater of the Thames, and some of the guests went boating.

Several well-known fanciers were present, and I was pleased to see Mrs. Campbell Fraser looking well after her illness during the severe weather. A notable absentee was Mr. Yeates, but he presided at the B.P.C.S. meeting on June 18th, looking fit and well again.

Among other well-known fanciers I had a chat with Miss Phillips. Her blue male, Valley of Blue Prince, sired the quintette of three reds and two very promising blacks which Mrs. Newton's tortie, Colleen of Carne, was so happily nursing.

Several breeders at Weybridge and the number of queens which have had to be mated two or three times before becoming pregnant. This means that they have no kittens for the early shows.

Fortunately, to offset this, I have had good news by post of several litters. Miss Bull, of Deebank fame, writes:—

"I have just had a delightful visit to Mesdames Broxton and Robinson, Cirencester, and brought back merely Triona.

"I have always wanted to try my luck again with Chinchillas, and I fell in love with her at the N.C.C. show where she was second in the 3 to 9 months class.

"All their cats looked in lovely condition and they had more kittens than I have seen for ages.

"Merely Meg, by Bless It of Henley and Wendy of Pensford, had a lovely litter of five blues by Mokoia Tafete. Their Chinchilla queens also had several really beautiful kittens by their own stud, Esmond of Allington.

"I admired very much their cream male, Bayhorne Minton. He is a fine cat in glorious condition, and promises to be a replica of his famous sire, Ch. Widdington Warden, and, like him, he has a lovely sound coat.

"At Miss Miles's I saw Bayhorne Shelley, litter brother to B. Minton. He is a cat of good type. Miss Miles also owns a nice blue male by Playmate of the Court ex an Areley queen. Both these young males are intended for her own queens.

"On my way back I paid an enjoyable visit to Mrs. Henn, Bridgnorth. Her five cats are beautifully housed. Ronada Crackjack, by Adonis of the Court, is developing into a nice cat and the females are a very nice quartette.

"Romany Roma, by Ch. Southway Nicholas, is in kitten to my cream, Walverdene Major. Ronada Rose Mary and Darcia are also in kitten.

"I was interested in her black, Baratan Gipsy Maid, by Basildon Pasch. She is coming to Deebank Panda.

"Whilst at Mrs. Broxton's we drove over to see Mr. Barrett, of Quentioning. He owns White Sister. She had one kitten by Ch. Southway Nicholas. Unfortunately she overdid it, but he hopes for better luck next time when he sends her to Mokoia Tafete.

"Mr. Barrett is very keen and intends going to as many shows as he can. He realises how interesting and helpful it is to meet other breeders.

"I returned home to find all the cats and kittens well. I am sorry the latter are too young to take to the kitten show.

"Skeats Gaye, bred by Miss Friend, is nursing a bonny litter of four.

"The goats are giving quantities of milk, which is such a boon for the family and ourselves, and so good for the kittens."

Miss Collins, East Grinstead, writes:— "My queens were all very late calling this year, but as they mostly live outside in unheated houses, this is hardly surprising. I have five litters at the moment.

"Dawn, by Perivale Masticul, had two blacks and two blues; my Chinchilla had four very pretty kittens, also by him. Romany Rose had two smokes and a blue by Mrs. Pepper's Deeday of Allington. Persian Rose had three blues by Perivale Paul. Kala Moonflower has three, so I have plenty to do. There seems to be a good demand for pedigree

MEET YOUR FRIENDS IN THE CAVY WORLD

A List of Forthcoming Shows (with DATES OF ENTRIES CLOSING IN PARENTHESES)

June 28th	July 19th
Bayley: Agosti Cavy Club and Tortoise and White Club	North Kent A.S.
Rushden	July 24th
Harlington	Carlisle: Cumberland A.S.
Blackburn	August 2nd
Wigston	Pertshire A.S. (July 24)
Huddersfield	August 4th
July 9th, 10th	Nuneaton
Truro: Royal Cornwall A.S.	August 16th
July 12th	Goxhill
Ramsgate (July 5)	August 23rd
July 18th and 19th	Haigningston
Bucksburn (July 12)	November 29th
	Patshway

lia, 7; J. M. Sharp, 7; R. Calvert, 8; G. A. Townsend, 5; S. Kent, 10; Dr. Kerr, 9. 59 papers were returned. The scrutineer was Mr. H. Dyson.

Specials have been offered at the following shows for B.S.C.C. members: Kirby Muxloe, June 21st; Royal Cornwall, July 9th; Emley, Aug. 2nd; Eshwinning, Aug. 30th; Blackpool, Aug. 22nd; Thornson, Sept. 3rd; Halifax, Oct. 18th; Spenboro, Nov. 15th; Frosterley, Nov. 29th; Driffield, July 16th; and North Kent, July 19th.

Fourth prizes of 1/6 will be offered at Bayley, June 28th; Halifax, Aug. 9th; Bingley, Aug. 15th; Altrincham, Sept. 18th; and the Nat. Ch. Show, Nov. 12th.

There are still many members who have not yet sent their subscriptions for 1947.—Charles J. Wilson, hon. sec. and treas., 50, Rosehill Road, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham.

National Mouse Club News

BROKENS DEMAND PATIENCE

By DICK WARD, 57, Chantry Road, Sheffield 8.

MR. H. G. TANNER, secretary of Stroud Club, asks me to mention a show to be held on July 26th. There will be 13 classes for mice with prize money guaranteed at 6/-, 4/-, 2/- and 1/-.

Mr. Archie Blackmore will judge. This is one of those shows which while not ambitious in itself, is of importance to us as a club in that it is breaking new ground. It will be the first time classes for mice have been put on there, and I should like to see a good entry.

I am a strong advocate of these smaller shows as of great propaganda value to us, and if each one is only the means of adding one good fancier to our ranks it has fulfilled its object.

I am indebted to Harry Booth for an article on broken mice, which will be shortly followed by another giving his advice on methods of breeding. If anyone is better qualified than Harry to write on this variety I should like to meet him. One of my most pleasant memories of the Fancy is of watching him judge a big class of Broken. I think he could have described them all from memory afterwards.

Mr. Booth writes:— I HAVE been surprised at the quality of the exhibits in the Broken classes at the last few shows I have visited. There seems to be a distinct falling away. I am afraid some exhibitors run away with the idea that a lot of bunched up patches of various sizes and exceedingly poor colour constitute an exhibition specimen of this variety. They are wrong and have either never read the standard or have formed an altogether wrong idea of it. Clear spots of good colour are essential. By clear I mean sharply defined, with a neat, clean-cut appearance—not feathery edged and ragged—and with the white cutting into the spots. I am convinced that this is mostly due to the breeder who thinks that the best pairings are for both buck and doe to have very small spots. This is wrong, and if persisted in always brings disaster. This applies to all colours. They should be the size of a silver threepenny-piece and as near that shape as one can get.

As the nose spot is the only spot definitely mentioned in the standard it must appear, and one side only. I have my doubts on the wisdom of the fixing of this spot. I am certain that classes would fill better if this much-discussed spot placing wasn't so stringently imposed. It is there, however, and so

MICE AND CAVIES AT DRIFFIELD

MR. C. H. JOHNSON writes: "There will be fifty classes for mice at Driffield Agricultural Show, and I should be grateful for the full support of the Fancy. It is not often that such a comprehensive classification for mice is offered at an agricultural show, but I have given my personal assurance that the Mouse Fancy merited such a classification. It will, therefore, be appreciated that my personal reputation is at stake, and I appeal for every possible entry.

"The cavy classification is also due to my efforts, so if this appeal should catch the eyes of our cavy friends, I hope they will give every co-operation."

must be observed. If the nose spot is on the left side the ear mark is considered in its right place if it is on the right side, and vice versa.

An eye spot is considered by some fanciers as being almost as important as the nose spot. It can be on either side, providing it doesn't run into either the nose or the ear spot.

If both ears are marked, one spot must incline to the front and the opposite one to the rear. Two ear markings are not considered entirely satisfactory, but are tolerated. On this point I have an open mind.

Even shoulder spots are an abomination. They are almost always penalised by judges, and rightly so, because they are the two spots easiest to fix and, once fixed, are about the hardest to eradicate from any strain of Broken.

The body spots must be nicely distributed, and not all down one side (a bad fault). The rump spots seem nearly always to work round a common radius, and if, say, two are placed on one side of the tail, then either one or three on the opposite side will be considered right. One only on the tail root is not a good placing. The best spots are those that are staggered either side of a line running around the rump and not on a line or lines running longitudinally on the body. In no case should they be spaced equi-distant down or across a line.

When pairing up, I prefer a buck of about four or five spots, and of this number one must be a nose spot. Colour must be the best possible, and the buck must be short coated and neat in appearance, with a good tail and (Continued on page 291)

WOMBWELL FANCIERS' SOCIETY

WOMBWELL OPEN PEN SHOW (closed section) to be held in John St. School, SAT., JULY 26th, under G.C.C. rules; 26 classes. Judge: Mr. Cyril Yeates, steward, Mrs. F. Hancock, cups for Novice and Derby members offered per Mr. A. C. Jude. Silver cup to be won outright for Wombwell members; 21 specials offered. Schedules and rail labels from Mrs. J. R. MURPHY, Charnwood, 228, Summer Lane, Wombwell, Tel.: Wombwell 209. New members warmly welcomed; subs. 2/6.

GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY NOTICE

THE correct name of the Abyssinian female cat which was awarded challenge certificates at the Croydon and National Cat Shows is Cronham Zana. In the list of show mixtures recently issued, the name of Mrs. J. M. Newton should appear as joint show manager of the Kensington Kitten and Neuter Cat Club's show with Miss K. Wilson.—F. H. Thompson, secretary.

KENSINGTON KITTEN AND NEUTER CAT CLUB'S (INCORP.) SHOW

ENTRIES have now closed for the show at the Vicarage Gate, Kensington, on July 10th. The total number of kittens and Neuters is 108 exhibits, plus 14 L.H. kittens in litter classes only, and 33 S.H. kittens in litter classes only, making the grand total of 155 kittens and Neuters. Besides this we have some very fine exhibits in the household pet and shop classes. If all the exhibits which I have been to see come in to the show, it is certain that if we can get some of their owners cat fancy conscious some of the failing breeds should make a new start, as there really are some magnificent animals about, alas neglected, but many of their owners know where they get the stock from, and should be able to get more of the same strain if they really get interested.

As so many people who have never been to cat shows before are coming to Kensington we are trying to give it the slogan "brighter cat shows" and there will be some interesting events throughout the afternoon. It is good news that Mr. Dyson, the editor of FUR AND FEATHER, hopes to attend, and we shall try to show him that London can compete with Yorkshire! Our grateful thanks for all the support we have received from the Fancy for this, our first show. Good luck to all the exhibitors, and a hearty welcome to all visitors.

J. M. NEWTON, KEE WILSON, Joint Hon. Secs.

CATS AT TORQUAY

THERE was a very disappointing entry of cats at Torquay on June 21st. They had been included for the first time in the Association's schedule.—J.F.C.

PERSIAN.—M. OR F., 1: 1 Woodall, Eirannie Soni Boi, beautiful young blue male, excelling in head and eye, lovely flowing coat, well shown. A.V. L.H., 2: 1 Eirannie Soni Boi; 3 Pitman, Tortie and White baby, nice head and eye but otherwise poor. M. OR F., 1: 1 Greig, nice, nice, dense points, fair head, eyes too round and rather too pale in colour. A.V., S.H., M. OR F., 2: 1 Grieg; 2 Pitman, Tortie and White, very brilliant patching, nice shape, not enough white, good condition. HOUSEHOLD PET, 1: Pitman. There was a total of seven entries and four cats, which was very discouraging, both for the executive and myself as judge.—J. F. CATHCART (Judge).

SUCCESSFUL DUTCH CLUB SHOW

The United Kingdom Dutch Clubs Young Stock Show was held at Doncaster on June 25th and 26th. Entries totalled 1067, an excellent achievement in view of the severe weather we encountered in the early spring, but it may have been the reason why very few large specimens were on view, the great majority being well within the prescribed limit of four months. All judges were unanimous in their view that the stock was only of medium quality, and in some classes there was nothing of special merit at the head of the classes. Another unanimous view was that in a large number of exhibits in all the colours, one cheek at least caught the whisker beds, and quite a few caught on both. This will have been brought about in the effort to get back to the lower cheek, which is what we all desire in preference to the high cheeks which a few years ago were all too prevalent, and a state of affairs to which we do not wish to revert. What we now require is just a little more perfection through the breeding men, to accomplish the happy medium between the high cheek and that which touches the whisker bed, and it would appear to be more possible to achieve it through working from these animals with the lower cheeks. Experience has taught us already that we shall not achieve our objective by means of the high cheeked specimen. Long stops were conspicuous by their absence, and although there were very few which were ideal, the length as a whole was fairly good, with a certain amount of waviness. Full necks and runs in the neck were quite common among the torts, and yellows, but in spite of this they both made a good show, especially the yellows. There were 17 yellow bucks and 14 does. The Tort bucks were average in regard to colour, with one or two dark specimens and one or two which would have been more at home among the yellows. Pale and brown greys were average with the improvement of the stops being maintained. Steel greys were very mixed, some being very dark, in fact one or two were almost black, whilst at the other end, we found some animals which could have passed muster in the brown grey class. The Doncaster fanciers staged and managed the show under the leadership of Mr. Cooke, the president, and Mr. Cliff Burton, the secretary. On the first day many well-known "Dutchmen" were in attendance, including the president, and all appeared to be very happy either in renewing old friendship or in making new. Mr. G. Foord was unable to attend, and his place was to have been taken by Mr. J. Gaunt, but he had hardly sufficiently recovered from his recent illness and very wisely decided not to officiate, and finally Mr. F. Fisher of Workshop filled the breach. The other judges were Messrs. J. Eady, W. Attack and G. Woodgate.

Mr. F. G. Woodgate's Classes
TORT—B. 47: 1 Parrot (11409) nicely shaded, fair cheeks and stops, good saddle; 2 Sparham, very close, beaten trifle in saddle and shadings; 3 Harrison and Chapman, nicely shaded, trifle out under, inclined odd stops; 4 Collins; 5 Moorhouse; 6 Hunt; r Dawson; vhc Barrs; hc Harrison and Firth; c Houseley; abs. 212, 214. **STEEL GREY**, 20: Steel Cup, 1 Wright (03059), good type and stops, nice colour, good cheeks; 2 Carr, nice colour, and stops, beaten type and cheeks; 3 Oldfield, nice cheeks, type and colour, inclined to long stops; 4 Barrisford; 5 Buttle; r Cutts; vhc Beardsell; hc Handford; c 290; abs. 272, 274, 289. **PALE OR BROWN GREY**, 15: 1 Millington (50180), nice type, good stops, saddle and under, mouly face; 2 Adamson, nice type and stops, beaten edge of cheeks; 3 Woodley, out on saddle and inclined to high cheeks; r Wright; vhc Bragg; hc Suggen; c Scott; abs. 339. **DOE**, 11: Cup, 1 Baker, good colour and type, cheeks just touch whiskers, good stops and saddle; 2 Foord, 3 Vickers, good stops and saddle; vhc colour and stops; r Harvey; vhc Marsh; hc Lewin; c Wright; too developed. 356. **YELLOW** B., 17: 1 Saunders (13036), nice baby, good colour and cheeks, best stops, full neck; 2 c Chisnell, fair cheeks, saddle and under, falls neck; 3 Parry, fair colour, out under and catches one cheek; 4 r Thompson; vhc Woodcock; hc Monk; abs. 402; specked eye 404. **DOE**, 14: Cup, 1 Monk (12136), nice colour and type, best stops; 2 Woodcock, fair cheeks, beaten stops; 3 Parry, beaten stops and cheeks, good colour; r Cheney; vhc Hall; hc Ekers and Forbes. **LADIES EX**, 10: 1 Pickup (1810), very nice all round Black; 2 r Allen, Black; vhc Rangeley; hc Rice; c Goodman; abs. 272, 212. **NOVICE EX.**, A.O.C., 84: 1 Baker, winning brown grey doe; 2 Harbour, tort, doe; 3 Parratt, winning tort, buck; 4 Harrison and Chapman, 3rd tort, buck; 5 hc Skeels; 6 Oldfield; r Bearesford; vhc Collinson; c Hushwaite. **AMATEUR CHALL.**, 71: 1 Baker, Brown Grey doe; 2 Parratt, winning Tort, buck; 3 Wright, 1st Steel buck; 4 Adamson, 2nd Brown Grey buck; 5 Sheppard; 6 Collinson; r Cutts; vhc Lettington; hc Monk; c Hushwaite.

Mr. J. Eady's Classes
Doncaster fanciers had everything in good order, but late arrival of stock held us up and we worked late to try to get judging done on the first day, but had to leave challenge class and specials for next day. I would have liked to have seen a little more room for moving about, as the show had many visitors. Mr. G. Foord was not well enough to make the journey, so Mr. Joseph Gaunt came along to do the job. "Joe" who is only just out of hospital, felt far from well on arrival at the show, so Mr. Fisher was sent for. Fred got a move on and arrived about 2 p.m. Several of the Dutch Club officials are not in very good health at present. All Dutch fanciers will wish them a speedy return to health.

Quality, apart from a few exhibits, was not up to usual club show standard. From what I had in duplicates I think blue does must have been the best class, followed by black bucks. Blue bucks were disappointing, in chocolate bucks there was not much after the winner. Novice ex. was a strong class B. or B. breeders and novice ex. and ex. were good in number and quality. This I

was very pleased to see and it means well for the future. Never have I seen a better lot of workers. They toiled hard until late in the day under very trying weather, yet without a grouse, I will not mention any names for fear I leave someone out. It was a grand show in every way, with a fine spirit among everyone. My only regret was we did not meet on Wednesday evening to have a round-table talk as I think these do a lot of good in more ways than one.

BLK. B., 52: 1, runner-up for cup, Hobbs (06100), grand marking but for a little light on cheeks, hardly moulted out and looked nipped up, which spoiled his chance for cup; 2 Mrs. Pickup, lovely quality, colour and marking but for dropping back of undercut; 3 Wiltson, very nice baby, very nice baby, shade long stops for age, good colour, grand head, beaten age; 4 Wright, falls little cut, odd cheeks; 5 Duvall Bishop, falls saddle, odd stops; 6 Handford, grand but for running off side of saddle; r Snelgrove, nice colour, cheeks just touch smellers; vhc Mills, falls little saddle and stops; hc Thurborn, falls blaze and ears; c Cooper, out one stop and cut. **BLUE B.**, 28: 1, runner-up for cup, Harrison and Chapman (9042), nice colour and quality, falls cut and stop; 2 Archer, very nice baby, spoilt by very odd stop, this I heard, belonged to a boy of 12, a very good attempt; 3 Hickman, crossed saddle, cut and stop; 4 Mrs. Rangeley, falls saddle, cut and stop; 5 Taylor, pull off jaw, falls stop; 6 Burden, pull off jaw, falls colour; r Simmons, let down by bad stop; vhc Rowan, falls cut and stop, did not like neck; hc Evens, falls neck and stop; c Pegg, bad stop and falls saddle. My worst class; very disappointing for club show. **CHOC. B.**, 10: 1 cup Oldfield (07594), very nice marking and colour, little pointed bottom of blaze, very open in coat and on lean side spoilt him in duplicate classes; 2 Sheppard, falls cut, pulls neck; 3 Lewin, falls on saddle and cheeks; vhc Sheppard, bad on stop; hc Mrs. Goodman, falls colour, cheeks and stops; c Mrs. Keeling, long stop, bad cut; nothing great after winner. **NOV. EXHIBIT**, 89: 1 Cliff, topping blue doe, sound colour and type, grand marking, one which you have to pull about to fault, my choice for best Dutch, but lost on casting vote, a real gem; 2 Mrs. Pickup, second black buck; 3 Law, a grand black buck, which was entered in doe class, grand type and colour, shade odd cheeks and stops, very nice buck; 4 Sims, grand blue doe, falls little one stop, hardly in bloom, pressed hard; 5 Wiltson, 3rd black buck; 6 Wright, 4th black b.; r Handford, 6th blk. b.; vhc Archer, 2nd blue b.; hc Pegg, falls stop, loses type; c Hargrave, nice bar cut; this class took some sorting. **NOV. EX. & EX.**, A.C., 56: 1 Law, 3rd previous class; 2 Houseley, tort, b., nice colour and condition, falls little on stop and cheeks; 3 W. Smith, B.G., lovely marking, beaten age and condition, should do well later; 4 Wright, 4th blk. b.; 5 Burden, 6th blue b.; 6 Lord, blue d., odd cheeks, falls cut; r W. Cooper, c black b.; vhc Thompson, blk. d., no moles; hc pen 433; c T. Wright, B.G.; 1 weighed indeed with this class. **BREEDERS' BLUE**, OR B., 99: 1, breeders cup, Oldford, blue doe, lovely form, falls little one cheek and cut, hardly perfect stop, very attractive to look at, went on to have a field day and best in show; 2 Gregory, cup winning doe, lovely colour and type, few small faults, nothing serious, her grand quality held her; 3, winning blk. b.; 4, 2nd blk. b.; 5, 1st nov. ex. and ex. blk. b.; 6, 4th blk. b.; r 2nd blue b.; vhc 6th blk. b.; hc Snelgrove; c Thurborn. **CHALL.**, A.C., 86: 1 Oldford Cup winning blue doe; 2 Gregory Cup winning blk. doe; 3 Cliff, novice ex. winner, blue doe; 3 Hobbs, winning blk. buck; r Pickup, 2nd blk. buck; ex 4 Sim; blue doe, out one stop; 5 Law, 1st nov. ex. and ex. blk. b.; 6 Wiltson, 3rd blk. buck; r Smith, B.G., 3rd nov. ex. and ex.; vhc Oldfield cup winning choc.; hc Hushwaite, grand little tort., shade odd cheeks, should do well; c Moorhouse, tort., nice balance.—J. EADY.

Mr. W. Attack's Classes
I was switched to the classes allotted to Mr. Foord who was indisposed. The weather was ideal and the event drew a big crowd of fanciers. Secretary Cliff Burton, ably assisted by Mr. Cook, did the job well and I feel sure the Dutch Club young stock show should show a handsome profit. Entries were very satisfactory, considering the difficult breeding season owing to the weather experienced early in the year. Many youngsters exhibited will do well later. Blues were especially good, the winning blue doe taking chief honours.

BLACK D., 58: 1, Black Cup, Gregory (3827), lovely colour, quality coat, nice face, head and cut, hardly clean-cut stop, perfect condition; 2 Sheen, beaten cheeks, run inside stop; 3 Hardy, baby, nicely marked, beaten condition; 4 Mrs. Rangely, falls stop and cut; 5 Atkinson, nice baby, catches smellers, run in stop; 6 Millington, falls stop and under; r Burton, down in condition or would have been higher; vhc Moorhouse; hc Matthews; c Handford; empty 70, 71, 79, 87, 101, 107, 118, 119; pen. 67 buck, wrong class. **BLUE**, 27: 1, Blue Cup, Breeders Cup, B.C. Spls., etc., S. J. Oldfield (2592), lovely colour, grand cut, head and stops, shade low one cheek, wonderful condition; 2 Newton, older, again nice colour, falls cut and stops; 3 Bradshaw, square cheeks, runs stop; 4 Simms, sweet baby, best 4th B. or B., hardly ready, should do well; 5 B. Oldfield, wee drag neck, cross stop; 6 Cliffe, odd cheeks, mouly; r Woodman; vhc Rawcliffe; hc Pym; c Phillips. **Nice class.** **CHOC. D.**, 9: 1 Sheppard (4021), good colour, chief falling stops; 2 Carr, falls stops and cut; 3 Blackwell, bad run in neck; r Blackwell, NEW MEMBERS, B. OR B., 25: 1 Oldfield, winning blue; 2 Law, very nicely balanced buck, which I had to disqualify when entered in doe class; 3, 2nd blk. doe; 4 winning blk. buck; 5 Wright; 6 Morley; r Burden; vhc Wright; hc Matthews; c Simmons. **AMATEUR CHALL.** (what a teaser!), 90: 1, winning blue; 2, winning black doe; 3, winning black buck; 4, 2nd black buck; 5th, Law, 2nd new members; 6, 2nd black doe; r 2nd blue doe; vhc Wright; hc Matthews; c Mrs. Allan.—W. ATTACK.

Mr. Fred L. Fisher's Classes
I received a wire at the last minute to come to judge at the Young Stock Show held at Doncaster. I was sorry to hear of the illness of two of our old school of fanciers who were not able to attend, Mr. Jim Swetham and Mr. Geo. Foord, whose place I took. To them I wish a speedy recovery. As I did not receive the wire until noon, I was late in making a start. Mr. Woodgate took pale Grey does and Yellow does for me. Numbers were good, but quality was not up to standard that I have seen at Young Stock shows. The Tort. does were lacking in those grand shadings and rich colour that we used to see; also the does were rather small on cheeks. Steel does were a varying lot in colour; there seems to be too much of the light shade creeping in. What we want is the darker shade without the solid back and ears. Stops and unders seem to be another failing. It has been a bad early breeding season and we may get something better for the Adult Stock Show later.

TORTOISE D., 41: Tort. Cup, 1 Harbour, nice type and colour, falls stops and trifle under; 2 Hawgood, good colour, out under and stops; 3 Skeels, not as bright colour, ragged stop and light one cheek; 4 Collinson, falls colour to winners, catches smellers; 5 Allen; 6 Hunt, falls under and cheeks; r Sidney; vhc Lacey; hc Hushwaite; empty pens 743, 250, 262, 268, 270, 430, 436. **STEEL GREY D.**, 16: 1 Ive (03486), r for Cup, good colour, falls little cheeks and stops; 2 Mears, not colour of winner, out under and stops; 3 Hurst, full to age, nice stops, falls little cheeks and under; r Mycock (12341); vhc Warburton; hc Kichenor; c Devonshire. **NEW MEMS.** A.O.C., 17: 1 Wright (6006), pale Grey, type good, falls little stops; 2 Baker, pale, trifle light cheeks and falls under; 3 Houseley, Tort., falls colour and cheeks out under; r Wright, pale; vhc Sparham; hc Staggs; c Hill. **BREEDERS' A.O.C.**, 84: Spl., 1 Harbour (B10800), winning Tort. doe; 2 Wright, Steel buck, nice cheeks and colour, falls one stop; 3 Millington, pale Grey, mouly on head, otherwise well balanced; 4 Ive, 1st Steel doe; 5 Hawgood, 2nd Tort. doe; 6 Skeels, 3rd Tort. doe; r Buckler, Choc.; vhc Moorhouse; hc Chisnell; c Smith. £10 LIMIT, 26: 1 Taylor; 2 Rowan; r Pen 113; 4 Collins; 5 Fearn; 6 Carstairs; r Pen 340; vhc Harris and Forth; hc Handford; c Marsh, Winners of Special Breeders Cup Oxford Blue Doe and many other specials. **Tort. Cup, Harbour, Special 10/-**, runner-up Parrot, Steel Cup, Wright; runner-up 10/-, Ive, Yellow Cup and 5/- special, Monk, New Members Cup and Special Oxford Blue Doe Runner-up sp., Wright. F. C. FISHER.

MICE AT LUNESDALE
Mr. Percy Ashley's Classes
MICE—A.O.C. TAN, 10: 1 Fletcher, dove, lovely tan, nice top; 2 Sutcliffe, cham., just a shade dark on top, lost on tan; 3 Worrall and Son, dove, good top, lost tan; all had good feet and type; r Fern End; vhc Preston; hc no name; c Lyndoe Stud. 8 WKS., 9: 1 Taylor, Silver, lovely tan and top color, almost right, just requires a little more sparkle; Worrall and Son, Cham., lost on tan; 3rd Choc., no name, shade dark on top; r Grindell; vhc Fern End; hc Moore; c Fletcher. **BROKEN**, 7: 1 pen 205, nine-spot, lovely placings, nice spots; 2 pen 203, eight-spot, even ears; 3 pen 202, seven-spot, well behind; r pen 204; vhc Keers; hc Edmondson; pen 199 absent. **MARKED**, A.O.V., 9: 1, best in show, Booth, nine-spot Even, a gem, super exhibit, as near as ever one will be to being perfect; 2 Plant, hard lines to be in such company; 3 Taylor; r hc Frinck; vhc pen 224; c pen 227, 8 WKS., 9: 1 Watts, black Dutch, well balanced, nice baby; 2 Keers, seven-spot, Broken, nice, close; 3 Keers, seven-spot, even on back; r Johnson; vhc pen 212; hc Booth; c pen 233; pen 234 absent. **A.O.V.**, 8: 1 Preston, Sable, good colour, nicely shaded, one of the best seen for some time; 2 Watts, Agouti, good size, falls belly colour; 3 r Johnson, Chin., not clearly defined, shade brown; vhc c Preston; hc Whitworth. **AGOUTI OR CIN.**, 8 WKS., 5: 1 Edmondson, Agouti, easy winner, good ticking, even, good belly colour; 2 pen 253, Agouti, falls colour and ticking; 3, vhc Iddon, Cin., falls colour. **A.O.V.**, 8 WKS.: 1 Johnson, black Fox, baby, nice chinchillation and well shown; 2 Whitworth, Chin., hardly ready; 3 Stephenson and Son, blue Fox, lost on undercoat; Douas; vhc Fern End; hc Taylor; c Bashford. **CHALL. CLASSES** (judged with Mr. Wood): **AD.**, 46: 1 Booth; 2, 3 Fletcher; r Coles; vhc Plant; hc pen 203; c Erswell, 8 WKS., 35: 1 Watts; 2 Edmondson; 3, c Fern End; r Johnson; vhc Espley; hc Whitworth, Best Marked and B.I.S.; Booth, Best A.O.V.; Preston, Best Tan; Fletcher.—PERCY ASHLEY (Judge).

Mr. J. Wood's Classes
Some varieties were good and have made progress, but others need a lot of spade work before they are up to the standard of those exhibited in years gone by. Whites were mostly P.E.s and were on the whole good, though several would have been better at home for all the chance they had of winning prizes. A Self White exhibited in two coats or out of condition is a waste of money in entry fee and carriage. My 1st and 2nd in the adult class were two grand bucks, and there was little to choose between them; in fact, little separated the first four in this class. The young Whites were also very close, though the winner, another buck, stood out. Blacks are not so good if those I handled are a sample. The adults lacked life in colour. Feet are good, but a black without that beetle sheen is not pleasing to the eye. The young blacks were a little better than the adults, and as a class were fairly level. Reds were poor, but there were a few nice chocolates. The red and level, but had not the depth of colour required. Champagnes and fawns are not what they were. Breeders to-day have plenty of work in front of them to produce Champagnes equal to those of the past. Fawns, too, are going backwards. When I came to my next class, a class for creams, I expected a thrill, but instead I received a great disappointment. There were 11 exhibits, all B.E.s, and with the exception of the 1st and 2nd were a wash-out. They were nothing more nor less than poor coloured B.E. whites.

I compared them with the couple of B.E. whites I had judged previously and you could not have told one variety from the other. A delicate shade of cream is wanted, but it should not be poor coloured white. Silvers remain, as ever a variety of shades, but the blues were a nice lot and are definitely making headway. Several exhibits were wheezing; don't send these on the show bench. The best cur for these is to put them in a bucket. Best in show went to a beautiful Even. I had no hesitation in falling in with Mr. Ashley's nomination. I took it forward to compete for special best exhibit in show again the best rabbit and best cavy and it won by three votes to two. **Awards**—WHITE, 18: 1 Stephenson; 2 Sutcliffe; 3, vhc Fletcher; 4 pen 15; all P.E. whites; hc Fountain; c Moore. 8 WKS., 13: 1, 3 Fern End; 2 Sutcliffe; 4 Appleyard and son; Downs; vhc Fletcher; hc pen 25; c Fountain. **BLACK**, 5: 1 Douglas; 2 Appleyard and Downs; 3, vhc Coles; 4 Moore. 8 WKS., 10: 1, hc Edmondson; 2 Appleyard and Downs; 3 pen 54; c Moore; vhc Plant; c pen 55. **RED OR CHOC.**, 6: 1, 3 pen 66 and 65, chocs.; 2 Preston; 6; 4 Johnson, choc.; vhc Edmondson; hc Watts. **CHAM. OR FAWN**, AD., 9: 1 Appleyard and Downs, cham.; 2 pen 90, fawn; 3 Fountain, cham.; 4 Taylor, fawn; vhc pen 91; hc Stephenson; c Lydce Stud. 8 WKS., 12: 1 Fern End, fawn; 2, 3 Appleyard and Downs; 4 Lydce Stud; vhc pen 108; hc Worrall and son; c Moore. **CREAM**, 11: 1, 2 Booth; 3 Taylor; c vhc hc, c pens 116, 117, 119, 291. **A.O.C. SELF**, 8: 1 Moore; blue; 2 Johnson; 3, vhc Erwell; 4 Whitworth; hc Edmondson; c pen 127. **A.O.C. SELF**, 9: 1, 2, 4 Edmondson, blues; 3 Erwell; vhc Whitworth; hc Johnson; c pen 140. **STUD B.**, 20: 1 Stephenson; 2 Thomson, Chin.; 3 pen 205; 4 Sutcliffe; vhc Taylor; hc Plant; c pen 203. 8 WKS.: 11: 1 Watts, Dutch; 2 Edmondson, blue; 3 Fern End, white; 4, hc Whitworth; vhc Appleyard and Downs; c Grindell. In writing this report I have the name Appleyard in several classes. What a shock it was to hear of Fred's sudden death. I had the pleasure of knowing him from the time of his entry into the mouse fancy. Success on the show bench was not as glamorous in the early days as it was in later years, but he was always the same unassuming person and was ever ready to seek and take any advice from those with more experience in Fancy matters. We in the mouse fancy can ill afford to lose such a sterling fancier at such an early age. We mourn his loss and tender our sympathy to those left behind.—JOE WOOD.

DISTRICT NOTES

(Continued from page 287)
The Y.S.S. of the Scottish National Dutch and English Club, will be staged at Wishaw on August 9th in conjunction with the Lanarkshire Fur Club's Y.S.S. The judges will be Messrs. McEwen and Graham. Messrs. Stewart and Rennie will judge the specialist club classes.

The president of Bellshill Fur Club has returned to his old love, the little fellows, which in his opinion makes about the best hobby for a working man. He has taken up his old favourites, Self Champagnes, and hopes later, to follow up with Self blacks in his mousery.

Mr. W. Henderson, secretary of the Aberdeen show on July 18th and 19th, states that he is well pleased with the support given to his special prize list, which may yet be the best ever offered. The club caters for rabbits and cavies.

The Aberdeen R.C. was the first to offer specials for the forthcoming Kelvin Hall Show, with 5/- each best fur adult, best fur young, best fancy adult, and best fancy young.

Kirkcaldy Fur Club's Y.S.S. on Sept. 13th, will be held in the Beveridge Hall, an excellent venue, which will be utilised to the utmost by Kirkcaldy's most efficient show manager. The club's monthly shows will now be held in the Miners' Welfare Institute, Dunfermline Road.

Miss Duncan, the popular secretary of Dunfermline R.C., has made excellent progress after her serious accident. She hopes soon to be taking an active part at shows. She won the B.R.C. C.C. at Perth Agricultural Show last year with an ideal Chinchilla buck, and hopes to be in the running this year.

The Scottish National Y.S.S. will be held at Forfar on Aug. 16th. John Taylor, of the Vale, says that he has pleasant memories of the Forfar shows, and of his visits to Charlie Rennie, Bucksburn, the well-known Scottish breeder of Dutch.

The judges at the Kelvin Hall Show on Nov. 13th, 14th, and 15th, will be Messrs. Fowler, Graham, and Young (Fur), and Messrs. Melniss, Allardice, and McEwen (Fancy). Any specialist club desirous of staging its annual show in conjunction, should communicate with Mr. J. Driscoll, 52, Paisley Road, Barrhead, Glasgow. The Scottish Chinchilla Club will stage its A.S.S. at the Kelvin Hall, and Mr. Walter Sedgewick will judge.

The Scottish National Y.S.S. at Forfar will be held on Aug. 16th. The judges will be Messrs. Stewart, Swinborne, and Turner (Fancy), and Messrs. Moir, Driscoll, and Morgan (Fur). All classes are guaranteed. There will be C.C.s, C.s of M., and specials galore. Schedules can be obtained from the secretary, 25, Graham Crescent, Forfar.

On June 24th I received a long letter from one other than Stanley George, a successful breeder and fearless exhibitor of Chinchillas in pre-war years. The Scottish fancy owes much to his stock, and also to his generosity. Many Chin. fanciers bought Stanley George's stock and did well with them. He tells me that he has taken to himself a wife from Scotland and now has a little son. I'm sure every fancier in Scotland congratulates him on his choice, and wishes his family all the best. With this extract from his letter, I will conclude my notes 'till next time.

"I hope to enjoy semi-retirement and be able to get once more among my many fancier friends, especially in Bonnie Scotland, and, incidentally, I hope to be of valuable personal service to the Fancy organisations, to which, as a fancier, I am deeply attached."

National Mouse Club Notes.

(Continued from page 289) ears. I like does to be clear spotted, good coloured and a bit on the heavy side, but with the colour fairly evenly distributed. I fight shy of does or bucks with the marks running down one side. It pays now and again to pair a few very sparsely marked specimens together, as this is the best way of getting small spots while keeping the colour good. Don't pair a full-nosed buck to does that

have no nose spot in the hope of levelling matters out and producing the desired spot on one side. It seldom works. In conclusion, I say that Brokeners are not for those who cannot exercise patience. Mr. Skinner, Nottingham, also obliges with a few remarks on preparing mice, particularly whites, for show. The competition in this variety is usually very keen, and the little bit of extra sleekness due to tip-top condition may make all the difference between the red card and the also tan.

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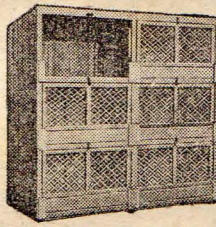
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