

REPORT OF THE B.R.C.
EXECUTIVE MEETING
RABBITS AT THE
"DAIRY"

A MEETING of the executive committee of the British Rabbit Council was held at the Hotel Metropole, Leeds, on April 25th.

The chair was occupied by Mr. T. Leaver, supported by the president and vice-president (Mr. F. G. Woodgate and Mr. W. F. Holmes). There were also present Messrs. G. A. V. Andrews, H. Dowle, J. Gallaher, C. H. Goodchild, H. Gyle-Thompson, A. V. Harvey, H. Hearn, G. A. Hodge, W. Mortlock, E. C. Richardson, T. S. Willis, and the hon. sec. Mr. Dyson was in attendance from Fur and Feather.

Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read, and signed as a correct record of the proceedings after a vote had been taken on the matter.

Small Livestock Alliance.—The committee felt there should be no further delay in proceeding with the final establishment of the alliance.

B.R.C. Advisory Stand.—On the motion of Mr. Mortlock, seconded by Mr. Goodchild, it was unanimously agreed that the B.R.C. advisory stand should only attend agricultural shows, and should not be sent to any show that caters solely for rabbits unless an exception was made by the decision of the executive.

On the motion of Mr. Goodchild, seconded by Mr. Gallaher, it was decided that the stand attendant should submit to each meeting of the executive a statement of accounts paid

ONE OF THE MOST PRECIOUS EXPERIENCES OF LIFE

IT gave me the utmost pleasure to learn of my election as an honorary life member of the British Rabbit Council at the recent annual meeting at Leeds. May I express my warm thanks to the proposer and seconder of the resolution, and to members present who so generously and unanimously supported it. It has been my privilege to serve the B.R.C. for many years, and I regard the friendships I formed among rabbit enthusiasts throughout the country as one of the most precious experiences of my life.

JOHN SHERBORNE.

and estimated liabilities for the future. It was further agreed that the association should publish in its official organ a list of shows that would be attended. Mr. Hodge reported that the following arrangements had already been made:—

- May 17th.—Lanarkshire Agricultural Show, Hamilton
- May 21st-22nd.—Shrewsbury
- May 28th-31st.—Bath and West, Cheltenham
- June 17th-19th.—Three Counties, Hereford
- July 1st-4th.—Royal, Lincoln
- July 24th.—Hertfordshire, St. Albans
- July 31st-Aug. 1st and 2nd.—Royal Lancs., Manchester
- Aug. 7th-9th.—Cumberland, Workington

London National Show.—The secretary reported that he had not received the audited accounts of the last show held by the London National Club, but that Mrs. Bareham had promised to submit these as soon as possible.

Appeal from Investigation Committee.—An appeal by Mr. J. H. Malley, 31, Lindley Street, Lostock Hall, near Preston, against a decision of the investigation committee was considered by the executive. Mr. Malley attended and offered to the committee the following signed apology: "I wish to make my apologies to the Leyland show officials at the Sept. 21st show for the disturbance cause at that show, and trust that this apology will be accepted.—(Signed), J. H. Malley, 25/4/1947."

In view of this apology for not having accepted the decision of a judge in a fancier-like spirit and Mr. Malley's agreement to its publication in the minutes and report of the meeting, the committee agreed to accept it and to refund the deposit which Mr. Malley had paid.

Return of Rings.—It was reported that the note which was being sent out with rings being sold was drafted in order to bring into agreement the case of the sale of rings to both individual members and those who were not members. As the Derby general meeting, in its agreement to the alteration of article 15 of the Constitution, had already decided that a member who had been suspended by the association should not have the right either to purchase or retain rings issued by the association. The committee agreed, however, that in future this note should not be issued but that any suspended person should lose the privilege of transferring or purchasing rings.

Ring Supplies.—Mr. Andrews, Mr. Gyle-Thompson and the assistant secretary reported on the position with reference to the supply of rings from the manufacturers.

Mr. Willis was requested to publish a note in the association's official organ explaining that the reason for the delay in executing orders was due to four factors. Owing to the fact that the firms which had in the past supplied rings were unable to continue to do so, it had been necessary to investigate new sources of supply. The committee, as long ago as last August, had signed a contract with a new firm but, unfortunately, this firm had learned the business. Very serious difficulty had been experienced in securing both the necessary machinery and supplies of raw material. There had been a serious shortage of the necessary labour, and the national fuel crisis had resulted in the closing down of the

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SCOTLAND

BUCKSBURN F.C. is to hold its young stock show in the Musical Hall, Aberdeen, on Friday and Saturday, July 18th and 19th. Bucksburn show can be classed as a shop window display for the rabbit fancy, as the Musical Hall is a popular place on the main thoroughfare of Aberdeen. The week in which the show is to be held is holiday week for most towns and cities in Scotland.

The Bucksburn fanciers are most up-to-date in show management. All varieties are named with a large 2 inch lettering for the visiting public's education. Even the judge has a board hanging over his head, giving his name, the number of class being judged, and the name of the variety.

Mr. W. Henderson, sec., School Lodge, Barrhead, Bucksburn, Aberdeen, will be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to offer specials.

Mr. John Fordyce, secretary of the Scottish Cavy Club and president of the Glasgow Fur Club, regrets the delay in correspondence owing to his wife's illness. Mrs. Fordyce is now making more satisfactory progress in the infirmary, so Mr. Fordyce hopes to catch up with his correspondence at an early date.

It is with regret that I hear from Jock Dewar's daughter, Catherine, that our old Belgian Hare fancier is lying very ill at present, but he always asks if the Hares have been fed. Catherine says that there are some nice young Hares now on the move, and she hopes "Dad" will be able to run them around as usual in the coming events of 1947.

Kirkcaldy Domestic R.C. can be classed as the most social club in Scotland. The monthly table shows are a pleasure to visit. The officials know the fanciers' needs, and do their best to satisfy them. No wonder a return visit is assured when they are such enthusiasts as Messrs. Robert L. Brown, John Fowler, the ideal secretary of the Scottish R.C., the ever-eager for work schoolmaster, A. S. McIntosh, and A. L. Kay. What a fine ladies' committee the Kirkcaldy club has. The women supply a good tea, which greatly adds to the social atmosphere of the show. The next show of Kirkcaldy R.C. will be on June 7th. The club's young stock show will be staged on Sept. 13th. At this event the Scottish Chinchilla Club will stage its Y.S.S.

Glasgow Fur Club's open table show on May 3rd showed a good improvement in entries in spite of the severe hail storm that day. The shows are not yet perfect, but there is an improvement. The winners were: S.R.C. diploma best adult, fur, Jimmy Driscoll, Chinchilla; S.R.C. Diploma best fancy, James Robb, Grey English, S.R.C. Diploma best young fur, Robert Currie, Silver Fox; S.R.C. Diploma best young fancy, Jimmy Driscoll, tortoise Dutch.

The mice proved a great success as well as a great attraction. There were 107 entries for the 12 classes. Best mouse in show was an ideal little black Dutch shown by Master David Todd, Kilmarnock. This mouse also won the S.M.C. diploma for best young mouse. Mr. Charlie Nicol, Dundee, won the S.M.C. diploma for best adult mouse.

The Glasgow Fur Club will be pleased to receive specials for the big international show at Kelvin Hall on Nov. 13th, 14th and 15th. Rabbits, cavies, mice and hamsters will have over 200 classes, so a big number of special prizes will be required. Specials should be sent to Jimmy Driscoll, sec., 52, Paisley Road, Barrhead, Glasgow, at an early date.

A very keen enthusiastic young mouse fancier, Master Clifford Jones, Springbank, Plains, Airdrie, has made an excellent start in Tans from Messrs. Gilpin and Russell. He has a very nice black and tan which won the novice class at his first show.

Mr. William Smith, 114b, Land Street, Keith, has recommended to breed his favourite Dutch.

Mr. A. S. McIntosh is doing all he can to revive the rabbit enthusiasm in the Leven district, for the name Leven gives me pleasant memories of the mid-week shows in 1925.

We had in those days the dear old Mrs. Balfour Graham, Eddie and Stewart, Liddle, Paddie, Bushie, James Young (still with us and holding top place for breeding good Belgian Hare), Gavin McKelvie, Willie Moffat, and Peter Dunsire.

The little schoolmaster is full of enthusiasm, and says he will rope all the old hands in again. He hopes to stage an open show on Nov. 22nd, and I hope to secure the old rendezvous, the Drill Hall, Leven.

This hall was the venue of the finest shows in Scotland, and the first place the Scottish cup of the N.C.R.C. was competed for.

The late F. B. Roberts made the trip north to judge. The cup was won by Lady Victoria Wemyss. There were 40 adult bucks and 41 adult does. Both classes were won by Mrs. Parish.

I hope all rabbit fanciers will give all the support they can to Mr. A. S. McIntosh, Inchgarvie, East Linlithgow, Leven, Fife.

JIMMY DRISCOLL.

THE SOUTH WEST

I RECENTLY met Desmond Glover, the energetic secretary of Bideford R.C. The story he told me about the club's show in January was like an epic of the ice age. North Devon caught the full brunt of the blizzard. The morning after there was nearly

three feet of snow everywhere. All traffic was at a standstill, and the railway company said that rail stock would be unable to be collected, and the authorities said that the pens must all be cleared away from the market where the show was held. D.G. sent out SOS to all who could get away from work, and a few carried every box through the snow across Bideford bridge, where the blizzard was blowing right up the river to the station. Nearly a dozen each of the few made the trip and returned for fresh boxes. They were Mr. and Mrs. Joy, Mrs. Pridham, Miss Snape and Messrs. Hold, F. Fidler, C. Hearn, A. Colwill and D. Glover.

Next came a struggle to find some unfrozen food, for the rail company was despairing of being able to dispatch anything from the station. Carrots were bought in small lots from all greengrocers and thawed out. Another trip to the station to feed all the stock followed. Desmond and his wife, along with other members who lived outside the town, were unable to get home for a couple of nights, and eventually they got their own stock home by Saturday (the show was on a Wednesday). For all that effort the show made a loss of £2, so I hope that fanciers everywhere will remember and support the Bideford R.C. when its next show is advertised.

Tiverton Club put on a very successful show on Easter Monday, and Messrs. Parrish, Fray and Dunn judged the rabbits, and George Pascoe the cavies and poultry. Best in show was a lovely Ermine-rex, exhibited by Mr. & Mrs. Cridland, Wellington.

It was a treat to meet Bill Bristow again. He is one of the keenest fanciers in the west, and a very generous supporter of shows. Unfortunately he has been in bed for nine months, and Tiverton show was his first outing. Bill keeps 200 rabbits of several breeds, including Tans, English and Silvers.

Mr. Inseigent, Yeovil, won best fancy with a Polish, and Percy Alford won best normal with a lovely white Beveren. Secretary Chilcott had a busy day, but was ably supported by Messrs. Passmore, Westcott, Disney, Salisbury and Radford.

On April 12th Percy, the wife, and myself, visited Yealton, where there was a good gathering of fans and some very nice stock for the Sable show. It was a beautiful day, and South Devon was at its best in that sleepy old-world village. Mr. Gillson was kept busy all the afternoon judging, and I think he enjoyed doing it. There seemed to me much enthusiasm locally, and plenty of stewards, including Jack Gayton, sec. of Devon and Cornwall Dutch Club, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hockedy, secretaries of Plymouth Fanciers, Yealton Y.S. show has been fixed for August 5th.

On the 19th we visited Bockhampton in Dorsetshire, and were welcomed by several old friends. Judges were Charlie Fricker and A. Kellaway. Mrs. Bascomb, secretary of Dorchester Club, was giving a very willing hand to sec. Wakely. Mr. Lye, the well-known Chinchilla breeder, won B.I.S. Other fanciers there included Mr. and Mrs. Florence, Miss Dibsall, and Messrs. Pouncey, Haldood and Harrison.

Exeter Club staged a small A.A. pen show on April 26th, when Walter Davis and Claude Gilliard were the judges. This was confined mainly to members, but over 200 entries were received. Considering the time of year, etc., I think that this was a good effort. As the new show secretary, Freddie Throbbrook, only got his "demob" ticket from the R.A.F. three days before the show, Miss Doris Wright, Exeter Club's general secretary, was running this show and although a comparatively newcomer, made a very good job of it.

Mr. Luffman won B.I.S. with a lovely blue Rex, shown to the minute. Cups were presented by Harry Eakers, the genial chairman of the Exeter Club, who is probably better known in "doggy" circles as a breeder and judge of Cocker Spaniels. Recently he made a trip to Dublin to judge there, and he is shortly going to Scotland for the same purpose. Arrangements are well in hand for the Exeter and Devon Agricultural show on July 23rd, and the following judges have been appointed: A. J. Power, P. J. Hanglin, C. Bond and W. Gillson.

The B.R.C. regional meeting for Devon and Cornwall will be held on Whit-Monday, in conjunction with the Penzance Agricultural show, when I hope to renew acquaintance with many old Cornish friends. A further meeting has been arranged for July 19th at Plymouth show.

On May 31st Marnhull show will be staged and I hope most fanciers will find something to support this effort by Kathleen Dibsall. On June 7th Frank Maynard and George Freese will judge at Dorchester. Dorchester club will be entertaining the southern section of the Silver Fox Club on that date. Mr. Bascomb is arranging for all stock for the West of England to be dispatched early to avoid any possible delay in changing over at Yeovil.

I hear that Hadley Harvey Launceston, has been very ill this winter. We all hope that the brighter weather will soon put him on his feet again. Hadley is a keen fancier and a fine sport, favouring Flemish and Belgians, and usually getting into the top cards with both.

Cullompton's reformed club is going ahead with its show for October. The members are very keen, and the committee meetings are well attended. Membership is open to fan-

ciers in Honiton, Wellington, Exeter and Tiverton.

Mrs. de Winton Carr, Penzance, has some most promising English coming along, and is looking forward to the summer shows. Redruth F.F.A. will hold an open show on Sept. 6th (judges, R. Blake and Mrs. Bareham, and there will be a strong rabbit section at the Redruth Agricultural show on June 14th.

Frank Rogers has been very fortunate with his early litters, both for quality and quantity. Frank has again taken on the show secretaryship for Newton fanciers, and is staging a big show on July 12th, with six first-class judges.—F. Hammond, Pinhoe, nr Exeter.

YORKSHIRE, LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

ON MAY 3rd the Yorkshire Cavy Club held a show at Batley. The hall and penning were very good indeed. There was a very good entry and everything went off well. Secretary Jackson, assisted by Mr. Asquith and Mrs. Gates, did a great day's work. Mr. Craven, Mr. Hinchcliffe and myself judged. There was a good attendance of fanciers. In my section Himalayans were a splendid class. Tortoise and whites were also good and were closely followed by Dutch. The Abyssinians were a poor lot.

Chorley Club is to stage shows on the second Saturday in every month and will cater for rabbits, cavies and mice. The venue is to be the Parish Institute.

Eccles will hold during August a show and gymkhana. In the past four years, Eccles has raised the sum of £1,700 at these annual events, and all has been given to charity. York Ebor F.F.S. will hold an open show on Saturday, June 28th.

Mr. Bennett, sec. of Sheffield Club, points out that from a city of half a million inhabitants, one would expect the shows to be well supported, but unfortunately up to the present this has not been the case. Undaunted, the club will hold table shows on the third Tuesday in each month and an open show on Saturday, July 19th.

Mr. Wadsworth says that the Merseyside Federation of Clubs is progressing well. It is trying to avoid clashing of shows. He points out that it was not unusual to find three shows on one day within a radius of 10 miles. Any society interested can get in touch with Mr. Wadsworth, 10, Court Hey Avenue, Roby, Liverpool.

I have had a good reply to my appeal for items for these columns. Items of personal advertisement however, cannot be inserted. They must be of general or local interest to fanciers. The proper place for enlarged adverts is the respective advert columns in this paper.

I will be pleased to have any item of interest for these columns. If correspondents desire a reply when sending by post, they should include stamp, as in future, no stamp, no reply. I have no stock of any kind for sale nor can I say who has.—Percy Ashley, 102, Gt. Jackson St., Hulme, Manchester 15.

Watmoughs Annual Outing

LAST Saturday, Watmoughs Limited showed that not only could it work hard, but also play hard. At eight in the morning, in lovely spring-like weather, a fleet of motor coaches left Town Gate, Idle, for the firm's annual outing. The route was via the tree-lined roads of Harewood and Wetherby to ancient York and then through Malton and Pickering and across the incomparable Goathland Moors to the red-roofed harbour town of Whitby. After lunch at the Royal Hotel the party took the coast route to Scarborough, arriving at the Spa Restaurant for tea at 5 p.m. The day was one of unclouded sunshine. During the journey, amidst general jollity, new-comers to the staff went through the Watmoughian tradition of "initiating" themselves by singing a song, telling a tale, or reciting a poem. Mr. Jack Watmough, home on leave from India, was a very welcome addition to the party, which was also accompanied by Mr. W. Watmough (the "Guvnor"), the directors and the secretary, Miss Alice Baxter. The first stars were peeping out when, tired, a little hoarse, but still in high spirits, the party arrived back in Idle, with one more happy day added to a long score of predecessors. The outing had been organised by the social committee, and arrangements made by Miss Winnie Kerr.

It is hoped to form a Suffolk Fur and Feather Club in the near future and fanciers in the district who would be interested in joining should send their names to Mr. O. Gunston, 8, Euston Road, Ipswich, Suffolk. The club will cater for all fur and feather fanciers and will hold shows, where possible, in each town in Suffolk. Meetings will be held at different venues to enable all Suffolk fanciers to attend. The annual general meeting will be held in the town in which most fanciers reside.

The secretary of Paddington F.F.S. is Mr. N. Clark, 3, St. Mary's Square, Paddington, London, W.2. The club's monthly shows will be staged on the third Wednesday in the month.

HAMSTERS

FORTHCOMING SHOWS

Watford	May 26th.
Lunesdale	June 7th.
Chippenham	June 28th.
Hednesford	July 5th.
Welling	July 19th.
Hatfield	Aug. 23rd.
West Bromwich	Aug. 30th.

In view of recent correspondence I am publishing below a typical letter. I am grateful to these correspondents, for it is essential that the position should be clearly understood by all. The writer, Mr. D. L. French, says:

"I am one of those novices who had intended showing Hamsters for the first time at Watford, but after reading the report of Bollington show I am not so sure. How are we, who have never seen an exhibition animal and are not able to attend shows to know what is a rich golden or a light golden? Must we, like the eight unfortunates at Bollington, send stock to shows and have them wrong-classed until we find the right one? Hardly encouraging to the novice, is it?"

"No, if we are to have three shades of colour classes we must have a better scheme than that. Would it not be possible to send stock to shows and have them classified by some competent person on arrival? It should not be a big job, as a single glance from an expert would be sufficient."

"Some such scheme will have to be devised or future shows will suffer."

The present standard is that of the normal golden Hamster. A copy of this will gladly be sent to any new member on application until the year book is in circulation. Until the Council decides on any alteration all B.H.C. club show will base Hamster classification on that standard, and all club secretaries applying to me for a classification will be sent one based on the present official standard. Out of 52 questionnaires returned at least two-thirds declared a preference for the present standard, though about 28 would support two or three shade classes were they to be included. It is the majority that matters in this club, not the individual, so, until the standard is officially changed, you can enter at all shows mentioned in this column with out fear.

Since, as one member points out, the B.H.C. has no patent rights to the Hamster, other shows will no doubt be arranged and guaranteed privately, based on one or both of these, as yet, unofficial standards. It is up to members whether they enter at these or not, but they will not be officially recognised as B.H.C. shows, and will, therefore, be entitled neither to B.H.C. publicity nor B.H.C. specials. Bollington, March 29th, was an exception, since we hoped it would help in deciding the standard, but in view of the preference of the majority no further exceptions will be made until the Council makes some change.

When staging Hamster classes, the usual procedure is to apply to me for a classification. This will be sent, together with full instructions for stewarding, feeding, and a list of judges' and members' names and addresses. This helps to prevent a clashing of dates, and also ensures that the stock is correctly handled.

The summer club show will be run in conjunction with the rabbit section of the West Bromwich Horticultural show. This should give us an entirely new section of the public.

ON Saturday, May 24th, and Monday, May 26th, Watford will hold high holiday at Cassicbury Park in aid of the Watford Peace Memorial. To us of the B.H.C. the most important part is, naturally, the spring cup show, but the fur and feather section is only a very small part of a programme which will comprise athletic sports, cycle-racing, a fun fair, concerts, a horse show, and even a football match!

For garden enthusiasts and flower-lovers there will be the horticultural show. Since 30,000 people usually attend this fete, it is obvious that visitors will have to make their own arrangements as regards food, so come prepared.

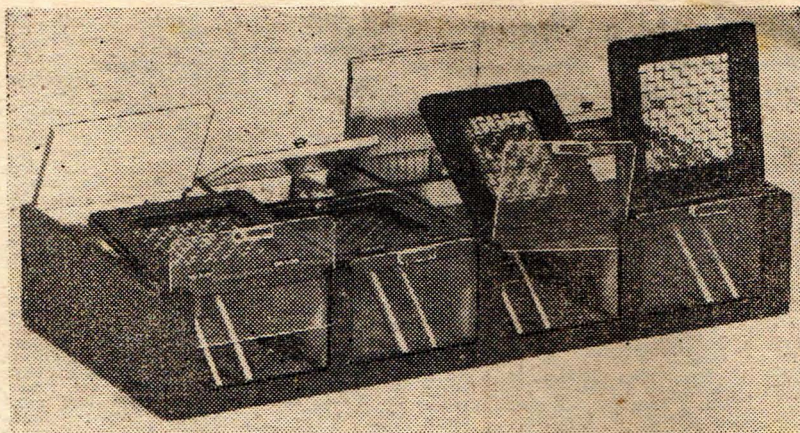
Messrs. Spratt's Patent Ltd. have given the B.H.C. a silver rose bowl. This is a generous gesture on their part, since, under present conditions, their products are very scarce. They have also promised free food for hamsters such as they gave for the winter show. Almost every class has been catered for, but if members don't agree with the specials, the remedy is obvious; they can put more donations in the prize fund. The club owes many of the present specials to new members. In fact, one sent me 2/- for a special and didn't know what it meant! She knew it would help the club and that was all that mattered. That's the sort of spirit we want and there's much of it in the present membership.

The stand will also be at Watford and I hope to renew the acquaintance of some of my "National" friends and to meet many I did not manage to meet in November. Come and see our new "unit" pen, which has been designed specially for those in flats or with small space and which like everything we use, is capable of being made by any member clever with his hands. I never advertise anything members can't make for themselves.

Messrs. Kasts have permission to market the "Glenside" breeding pen on condition that they help the club from time to time, and Mr. C. G. Kast, M.B.H.C., has won the coveted inside front cover of the year book with an offer of two guineas.

I would like to put on record the help and co-operation given to us by Mr. S. F. Judge, general sec. of Watford F.F.A. His club is indeed lucky in its secretary, and from early 1946 it has proved a good friend to the B.H.C.

Mr. G. R. Davies will be unable to fulfil his judging engagement at Watford, and Mr. S. Firth has agreed to replace him.—JEAN E. COOK, Hon. Sec., B.H.C.



THE NEW HAMSTER UNIT PEN.—Designed by Mr. G. J. Cook for breeders who live in flats or have only small accommodation.

HOW CATS ARE JUDGED IN DENMARK

CRITIQUE POSTED ON EVERY SHOW PEN

THE Racekatten Club of Copenhagen held its show on April 25th, 26th and 27th at which I had the pleasure of judging the 106 exhibits. There was a fine array of nearly 40 Siamese, which appear to be the most popular variety in Denmark. I was impressed by the lovely texture and quality of their coats, which also conformed to the standard of our Siamese Cat Club by being short, fine and close-lying. In such a large entry, quality naturally varied, but I noticed a few faults which are prevalent in England. They were, a tendency to round heads, and eyes set in such a way that they looked round. A few cats had really short tails, some of which were speckled near the root, but I only felt one with a kink and that was very slight and towards the tip.

In many cases, eye colour would have been better if it had extended all over the iris, but a number of cats had brilliant blue round the pupil which faded towards the extremity. A notable exception was Zimlong of Menam, a cat which had travelled from Oslo. I liked him very much and awarded him a special prize, as there is no award equivalent to our reserve in Denmark. Zimlong also had a coat of exquisite texture and lovely seal points. His round head and the fact that he looked as though he had dined, "Not wisely, but too well" put him down on the day, but I was not surprised to hear he had won many prizes.

My selection for the best male was Fru Hamann's Phya Thakl El Haman by Fuk of Chittagan ex Ch. Tull of Menam, the latter a famous cat also owned by Fru Hamann. Phya had a lovely wedge shaped head, a svelte body, a pale coat of lovely texture and colour. His points were rather pale and his long whip tail was speckled near the root, but he was a nice cat.

The first in a very good class of 22 females was Fru Jensen's Sitti Sherang El Haman, litter sister to the winning male. She was closely followed by Fru Poulsen's Chira of Manipur and Fru Hansen's very lovely queen Fudsig, also a former big winner. I awarded a special prize in this class to Fru Sitze's attractive Thailand Zoiaevka.

Much to my regret several very good queens which deserved prizes had to be left cardless in this large class.

The only blue pointed Siamese, Fru Martha Hansen's Gitte of Hazan, had a lovely head and eyes. Her coat was palest cream and long on body and tail, but she was an excellent b.p. I was astonished that she could be so good when I learned she was the result of mating a Russian blue to a seal pointed Siamese male.

Some of the blue longhairs were good, but their lack of eye colour was startling after the brilliant eyes we expect in this variety nowadays. A few had pale gold eyes, but the majority were pale yellow and some of them failed in chin. The winning male, Callo Cerneville, had a very good coat for the time of the year and lovely tufted toes. His type and head were excellent and his ears small and well placed.

The winning female, Ch. Gayette of Granville, another cat similar to the above, was also attractive. Her coat was very sound and a very pleasing shade. She had a good head and her small ears had plenty of width between. She failed slightly in chin and eye colour.

The best blue kitten, Miska of Bollemosen, excelled in type. Her head, muzzle, short, broad nose and small ears were lovely, but she also failed in eye colour.

The Chinchillas were very attractive and on the whole their physique was more robust and their eye colour much better than their British contemporaries, but they were more heavily ticked than ours and had a tendency to bars on paws and slight tabby markings on the face. Nearly all the Chinchillas were in good coat.

The winning male, Julius Caesar v Ketting, was a fine cat in lovely condition, with a good broad head, neat ears and a wonderful coat for the time of the year. The winning female, Natascha of Gyldenlund, was a similar cat, her eyes were lovely for shape, size and colour.

The two first prize winners in the kitten classes were an exceptionally nice pair. The female was exhibited by Fru Rhoiff from Oslo, and the male, litter brother, by his breeder Fru Ekelund.

The creams were dark the winner Macbeth of Mosebakken, in every other respect was a very fine cat in good coat and condition. His head, eyes and ears were excellent. The winning red cats and kittens were excep-

tionally lovely and had there been any award equivalent to our best in show, my choice would have been Fru Martha Hansen's Red Queen of Tigris. She is one of the loveliest red females I have ever seen; her massive broad head, short nose, very good eyes, small, well placed ears, sweet expression and depth of colour were a joy to behold. Her falling was that the colour on her back was solid and her markings not quite defined enough.

The winning male, Herr Jepson's Gyldenlund Starckodder, sire of the above queen, was a similar cat.

The first prize red kitten, Fru Horby's Red Princess of Tigris, excelled in type and depth of colour and was in lovely condition. All the winners were good in this class.

The winning white male, Fru Ekelund's Birkedals Habakuk, was in very good coat. His type, head, eyes, ears and physique were excellent. The winning female, Fru Mundt's Nina Von Walden, also excelled in these qualities and her coat was pure and of lovely texture. Her eyes, however, were yellow and green, so I withheld the Grand Prix, which is the equivalent to our Challenge Certificates. There was only one black longhair, Fru Raussell's Sjolund Carina. She is a nice cat but had green eyes.

The first Siamese litter was a nice level quartette with excellent eye colour. These were in a pen about six feet long with their mother and another Siamese with a slightly younger litter. We had to sort these out as no exhibits have fallen on. First prize longhair litter went to two red Tabbies, and two very attractive Tortoiseshells. A jet-black shorthair, nursing a litter of blacks, was the result of mating a Siamese to a black. She was a fine cat and her only fault was green eyes. Shorthairs numbered only three, but they were all good and in fine condition.

The method of judging was exacting, as all the 106 exhibits have a written report in triplicate, one copy of which is hung on the pen. The judging book is marked Type, Head, Eyes, (shape and colour), Ears, Pelt, Tail. One is expected to comment on each point in every cat and at the same time the exhibitors are allowed to crowd round the judge and stewards.

To me it seems a debatable point as to whether it is to the advantage of the exhibitor to give such publicity to the non-winner, which one is bound to criticise.

First in the stud class was awarded to Herr Jepson's Gyldenlund Staerhadder, sire of the lovely red adult female, the winning red kitten, and four other red and tortoiseshells. First in the brood queen was Fru Ekelund's Gyldenlund Lillemar, dam of three excellent Chinchillas, two of them first prize winners.

I had two excellent stewards in Fru Rhoiff of Oslo, and Fru Carlsson. They were thoughtful and attentive, and handled the exhibits well. I appreciated their services very much and I thank them sincerely.

The hall was very light and the pens varied from about 2 feet to 6 feet. All the litters were romping about in big pens.

The president and chairman of the Racekatten Club, Mr. Hamann, had a tiring time, as some cats arrived by air from Oslo on April 24th and did not leave until the 28th. He spent each night at the show guarding the exhibits and trophies, but whenever I saw him he was calm and unruffled and doing his utmost to make the show a success. Fru Boyens, the secretary, and the committee, all worked hard and are to be congratulated.

Their hospitality and kindness to me was wonderful, and they did everything to make my visit a pleasant one.

I hope the Danish Cat Fancy has a very successful future, as there is great enthusiasm.

Mrs. Williams, the secretary of the Southern Counties Cat Club, flew out on April 24th, and we shared the pleasure of dining with Herr Knud Hansen, president of Darak, the oldest Danish cat club, and other well-known cat fanciers.

Mr. Hansen owns Topothelot, a winning blue male kitten of our 1945-1946 shows. He has grown into a most attractive cat, and has the good eye colour so essential for a blue stud.

We had a very enjoyable evening, and I returned to England on May 4th with very happy recollections of all the friendliness and kindness which I enjoyed during my visit.—Mrs. Joan Thompson, 130, Wickham Way, Beckenham, Kent.

MICE

Coming Events:

May 17th	Spring Cup Show, Sheffield.
May 31st	Hebden Bridge.
June 7th	Lunesdale Fanciers.
June 21st	Nottigham.
June 28th	London.

I BEGIN my notes this week by appealing for support for two shows which are well worthy of the best we can do. The first is Hebden Bridge on May 31st, which will be under the patronage of the Calder Valley Club with our old friend, Jack Wormald, placing the cards. Mr. A. Whitworth, 64, Rochdale Road, Greeland, Halifax, will be receiving the entries, and any information can be obtained from him. This is one of those shows at which we are hoping to obtain mouse classes every year, so it is up to us to do our best.

The next one is Lunesdale fanciers' show at Bentham, on June 7th. There is a good classification of 27 classes, and two good judges in Mr. Holley and Mr. Joe Wood.

This society holds shows every three months, and if mice classes are successful there is no doubt that it would be a good thing for the club, as it would bring our hobby before a much wider public.

Mr. Edmondson, 321, Marine Road, Morecambe, is acting as secretary for the mouse section, and would be glad to answer any queries.

THE recent remarks about moths have brought me a speedy reply from Stan Taylor, who tells me he has found a remedy. Stan goes on to say: "I will give you my cure for moths now, and that is simply to paint the inside and outside of boxes with paraffin. Be sure to allow the boxes to dry thoroughly before putting the stock in. I found that stock kept in boxes so treated were never attacked, while stock kept in untreated boxes were."

"The paraffin has no ill-effects on the mice, as most old fanciers will know, but should any novice care to try it out he could do so on stock of no value, just to prove it."

"The paraffin wash is a better insecticide for boxes than creosote as it will not stain the lightest animal, and can be used even if the stock is not troubled by moths. I am sure it would be death to any mites, etc., besides acting as a deterrent to any stock of that heinous offence of box gnawing."

Stan had a rough time during the bad weather, living as he does in an isolated place and unfortunately had to dispose of all his stock. He tells me that they were absolutely cut off by drifts 30 or 40 yards long and up to nine feet deep. As his feeding stuffs ran out he had reluctantly to kill off the stock. Like the good fancier he is he closes by telling me he will be coming to Sheffield to steward for us, but as he says it will not have the same thrill being just a spectator.

TOM FITZWATER sends me an interesting letter in which he tells me that a meeting of the Nottingham Mouse Club has been held with the object of reviving the mouse Fancy in the Midlands. It has been decided to hold two shows this year on June 21st and Sept. 20th. These shows will be advertised in FUR AND FEATHER, and schedules will also be sent out.

Tom goes on to say:—"I was very lucky with my stock during the floods. I had them in a box room upstairs. The water came up to the top bedroom stair, and we had a little more than we needed for wash day, or any other day."

"A pal and myself were kept busy taking rations to people marooned in their bedrooms by boat. It's a good job I am at home when rowing a boat about, being an ex-ferryman. I rather enjoyed the novelty of boating in other people's back gardens. We had the chance to evacuate, but as my mice wanted feeding I refused to go."

"I was rather interested in the notes about big litters, and it reminds me of one weekend when Ezra came to see me. Two does (cham, and fans) had littered down. I got them out to thin them out, and we counted 34 young ones, all healthy and of uniform size. Twenty were bucks, which I killed on the spot, leaving 14 does for thinning out later. Give me small litters every time. I prefer four or five in a litter; I have proved they make the best mice when adults."

In reply to Mr. Johnson's letter about sliding scale prize money, I must say it has been rather abused during the last few years by show secretaries. They have paid out prize money on small classes by the sliding scale, but they have forgotten to pay out the larger classes by the same methods. I have known classes of over 50 entries with first prize 6/-, at a show that was supposed to be run on a sliding scale.

"Give me fixed prize money with the option of amalgamating small classes. Then we know where we stand. I think the reason for the mouse Fancy's decline is the uncertainty of the sliding scale system."

ANOTHER letter comes from Mr. Worrall, Preston. One point which he raises is a problem that has caused me to think many times. He says that in a town of 200,000 inhabitants, he is, as far as he knows, the only breeder of mice, despite the fact that Preston F.S. often stages shows catering for mice. It is a peculiar thing how the Fancy ebbs and flows in a particular locality. A district that is noted as a hotbed of fanciers at one time seems to decline gradually and be represented by just one or two of the die-hards.

Mr. Worrall raises the question of rail charges for mice to shows, and if any members are in a position to enlighten us as to the true position we shall be grateful. I have never had any difficulty in having my stock accepted at owner's risk.

Here is what Mr. Worrall has to say:—"I have been exhibiting for a number of years and I have always sent rail stock and had it accepted by the railway company at owner's risk rates. When my stock arrived

WHO'S WON?--Reports of the Shows

LEICESTERSHIRE CAVY CLUB

The entry was only fair at Leicester on April 26th, due, no doubt, to the lateness of the season and the losses many fanciers had sustained. Mr. H. Gullick, assisted by a band of willing workers, had things well in hand. His suggestion regarding competitive shows, given in Mr. Walker's recent notes, came under discussion, and an effort is to be made to bring them into operation. To my stewards I tender my thanks. My co-judge was Mr. A. Gilbert.

Mr. Norman Orange's Classes

SELF WHITE.—10: 1 sp. best Self and sp. best cavy in show Tipper, sow, excels purity of colour, grand shape, well put down; 2 Harris and Sayer, White sow, lacks firmness; 3 r Wood and Aitchinson, boar, grand, good shape and colour, hard lines to meet two really good sows; vhc Robinson, h. Boar; c Eggington, h. White or Cream.—4 MTHS.: 6: 1 Tipper, sow, nicely shaped youngster, good head and eye; 2 r Harris and Sayer, the boar leading, not far behind, a nice pair; r Gullick; vhc Bartholomew, h. Hardy. BLACK.—12: 1 Ellershaw and Redhead, boar, nice pig but not as firm as I've seen him; 2 Statham, boar, good, a few white hairs; 3 Francis, boar, falls condition; r vhc c Overton; hc Devon. 4 MTHS.: 8: 1 Tipper, Sp. Best young Black, sow, nice youngster, lovely short coat, colour good; 2 Statham, boar, nice head, not far behind; 3 Tarren, sow, needs time; r Wainwright; vhc Maunsel; hc Arnot; c Devon. CHOC.—7: 1 Lark, sow, nice shape, good level colour; 2 Platt; 3, hc J. Wainwright, nice trio of this colour; r and vhc Hill; pen 54 empty. BEIGE.—9: 1 sow; 2 boar; 3 sow, vhc, 1st excels levelness of colour, good shape, head and eye, nice trio; r Turner; hc Ingram; c Robinson. DUTCH.—RED: 12: 1 sp., vhc Bell, sow leading, cheeks rather high, other points good; 2 Food Bros., one cheek rather heavy; r Mallinson, hc Eggington; c Overton. A.O.C.: 6: 2 Bell, A.O.C.; sow leading; 2 Black sow, matter of choice; r Mallinson, 3rd Black boar; vhc Gretton, A.C., 4 MTHS.: 5: 1 Tipper, Black boar; 2 Foster, Red sow; 3 r Bell. BREEDERS: 29: 1 Tipper, 1st White; 2 Cheshire, 1st Peruvian; 3 Billing, 1st Abyssinian; r Mallinson; vhc Brooke and Craven; hc Taylor; c Trigger. CHALL.: 25: 1 Tipper; 2 Cheshire; 3, c Ashley and Kenyon, 2nd Peruvian; r Lark, 1st Chocolate; vhc Brooke and Craven; hc Harris and Craven. GRAND CHALL.: 17: 1 Tipper; 2 Cheshire; 3 Ashley and Kenyon; r Trigger; hc Harris and Sayer. CUP FUND: 16: 1 Tipper; 2 Billing; 3 Lark; r Eggington; vhc Ellis; hc Harris and Sayers; c Hill.—N. ORANGE.

Mr. A. Gilbert's Classes

Owing to such a grand entry in my classes Mr. Orange obliged by taking the Dutch classes. With this effort, after the weather conditions of the past four months, the Cavy Fancy has nothing to fear.

AGOUTI.—1 Trigger, nice and even, with shape and size, would like to see richer belly colour; 2 vhc Gullick, equal, lacks shape and size; 3 Food Bros., just beaten on feet; r Farren; hc Eggington. 5 MTHS.: 1 Ellershaw and Redhead, grand colour, evenly ticked feet and chest, grand condition; 2 Turner, not as bright; 3, c Gullick, good colour, falls shape; r Gowland; vhc hc Lane. A.B.S.S.—1 Billing, Tort., good formation and ridges, harsh coat; 2, vhc Taylor, T. and W., equal, just a little open in coat; 3, r Simpson, B., my ideal but for double size rosette; hc Tipper; c Bartholomew. 5 MTHS.: 1 Foster, Tort., good formation, main and condition, would like to see a shade more upright on back ridge; 2 Taylor, just beaten placement of rosettes; 3 Ellis, T. and W., plain shoulders and falls back ridge; r Brooke and Craven; vhc Beverly; hc Billing; c Bartholomew. T. AND W.—1, 3, r Mallinson, clean, good placing and condition; 2, hc, c Smith, grand colour, falls cheek, 3 very distinct on top and sides, falls under; vhc Brooke and Craven. 4 MTHS.: 1, 2 Brookes and Craven, clear cut on top and under; 2 very close but only two colours one side; 3 Mallinson, very clean and distinct; r Francis; vhc Burrell; hc Mathors. PERUVIAN.—Good class, 1, 3, r Cheshire, lovely texture and sweep, good sides and shoulders, 3 younger pig will be heard of later; c Ives. 5 MTHS.: 1, 2 Cheshire, good, hard to separate, winner had better fringe; 3, r Ashley and Kenyon, beaten on sides with age, three very nice pigs; vhc Bartholomew; hc Ledger.—A. GILBERT.

BACUP

I was asked at the last minute to take all the Fancy classes in place of Mr. T. Halliday, who was elsewhere engaged. The error in the show advertisement was purely one on the part of the late Bacup secretary. The quality of the exhibits was of a high standard, the Fancy diploma winner being a particularly fine exhibit, very well shown.—S.B.H.

Mr. S. B. Hoyle's Classes

DUTCH.—B. OR B.: 1, C.C. Dip., Berry (3375); 2 Wilson; 3 Daneourt Stud. A.O.C.: 1 Handford; 2 Daneourt Stud; 3 Ridley. A.O. 4 MTHS.: 1 Simmons; 2 Cuthbert and Son; 3 Cowen. ENG.—A.O.: 1 C.C. Matthews (1944); 2 Footill; 3 Handford. 5 MTHS.: 1 Smethurst. SILVER.—1 C.C. Firth (2718); 2 Rowan; 3 Newland. TAN.—1 C.C. Wickstead (3980); 2 Carstairs; 3 Walter. 5 MTHS.: 1 Clayton; 2 Dugdale; 3 Wickstead. H.M.—1 C.C. Clayton (11890); 2 Wilson; 3 Tong Rabbitory. A.O.V.—1 Stansfield, Polish; 2 Sanderson, Bel. Hare; 3 Wickstead. A.V. FANCY.—1 Berry, Dutch; 2 Stansfield, Polish; 3 Firth, 1st Silver. 5 MTHS.: 1 Sanderson, Bel. Hare; 2 Clayton, Tan; 3 Simmons, Dutch. BREEDERS: 1 Stansfield; 2 Firth; 3 Matthews. 5 MTHS.: 1 Clayton; 2 Simmons; 3 Stansfield. CHALL.: 1 Berry; 2 Stansfield; 3 Firth. 5 MTHS.: 1 Clayton; 2 Simmons; 3 Cowen.

LINCOLN

Lincoln Show on April 20th was a grand show and some wonderful exhibits were penned. I never had such a job before as I had separating them. It was really heart-breaking having to send exhibits off without a card exhibits qualified to win almost anywhere. I could have done with another full set of cards in several classes to do justice to the exhibits. The arrangements and everything were carried out in just that usual

Excelsior manner, and everyone seemed to enjoy a very fine day.—J. A.

BEIG.—5: 1, 3 Brown (2710), nice, wins all the way; 2, Callum and Pound. ENG.—B. OR B.: 11: 1 Sharp (3559), lovely condition, best colour; 2 Trickett, very nice Blue, grand spots; 3 Duckett, Black, falls chains. A.O.C.: 1 Harrison (4121), very good balanced Grey, great head, grand colour and coat, will be heard of again; 2 Harrison; 3 Ellis. BREEDERS: 15: 1 Sharp; 2 Harrison; 3 Steele. CHALL.: 18: Repeat. FLEMISH.—1 Davis (974), very promising youngster, will do well; 2 Watson; 3 Duckering, all good rabbits. TAN.—A.A.: 3: Moderate, 1 Hayse; 2 Rossall; 3 Fenwick. FANCY: 15: What a class for quality. Sharp; 2 Fenwick; 3 Harrison. BREEDERS: 4 MTHS.: 1 Fenwick, grand Silver Grey; 2 Sanderson, nice Black Dutch; 3 Harrison. NOVICE: 10: 1 Fenwick; 2 Allardice; 3 Brown. CHALL.: 4 MTHS.: 1 Fenwick; 2 Sanderson; 3 Allardice. CHALL.: 25: A teaser, 1 Vickers; 2 Sharp; 3 Fenwick. STUD BUCK: 17: 1 Vickers; 2 Harrison; 3 Husband. BROOD DOE: 13: 1 Sharp; 2 Fenwick; 3 Steele. UTILITY: 7: 1 Hindley; 2 Hayes; 3 Garside and Sutcliffe. Cavy: East.—JOHN ADAMSON.

MOLESEY

Molesley I.L.A. held a show on April 27th. The judge was Mr. B. Adams. ENGLISH.—5: 1 Allwork; 2 Silence; 3, vhc Athelstan Stud. r Black. A.O.V. FANCY.—4 MTHS.: 2: 1 Silence. PAIRS: 1 Silence. BREEDERS: 3: 1 Allwork; 2 Athelstan Stud. CHALL.: 4: 1 Allwork; 2 Silence; 3, r Athelstan Stud. MEMBERS: 4: 1 Allwork; 2 Silence; 3, r Athelstan Stud. BEV.—1: 1 Ferris. 4 MTHS.: 3: 1 Athelstan Stud; 2, 3 Cucker. CHIN.—4: 1 Giles; 2 Trimbee; 3 Baisey; r Lock. 4 MTHS.: 3: 1 Simmons; 2, 3 Baisey. FOX.—3: 1 Rodwell; 2, 3 Piper; 4 MTHS.: 4: 1, 2, 3, r Rodwell. A.O.V.—FUR: 1 Wilson; 4 MTHS.: 1 Steptoe. PAIRS: 4 MTHS.: 5: 1 Archer; 2 Baisey; 3, vhc Rodwell; 1 Steptoe. BREEDERS: 6: 1 Giles; 2 Trimbee; 3 Ferris; vhc Baisey; hc Lock. CHALL.: 6: 1 Simmons; 2 Trimbee; 3 Ferris; r Piper; vhc Baisey; hc Lock. MEMBERS: 5: 1 Giles; 2 Ferris; 3 Baisey; r Wilson; vhc Lock. REX.—BLUE OR LILAC: 4 MTHS.: 1 Cotton. ERMINE: 2: 1 Lamb; 2 Monk. BREEDERS: 3: 1 Lamb; 2 Cotton; 3 Monk. CHALL.: 3: 1 Lamb; 2 Cotton; 3 Monk. NOV. EX. AND EX.: 3: 1 Lamb; 2 Black; 3 Lock. NOVICE EX.: 1 Athelstan Stud; 2 Wilson; 3 Cucker; 4 Simmons; hc Black. STUD A.V.: 9: 1 Allwork; 2 Lamb; 3 Athelstan Stud; r Baisey; hc Silence; hc Rodwell. CAVY.—A.V.: 2: 1 Kast; 2 G. Kast. FULLWELL CUP: 1 Allwork; 2 c Athelstan Stud; 3 Trimbee; r Ferris; vhc Baisey; hc Rodwell. GRAND CHALL.: 10: 1 Allwork; 2 c Athelstan Stud; 3 Trimbee; r Rodwell; hc Silence; hc Monk. GRAND CHALL.: 4 MTHS.: 8: 1 Simmons; 2 Cotton; 3 Athelstan Stud; r Vasey; vhc Rodwell; hc c Steptoe.

ROSSENDALE VALLEY

Rossendale Valley R.C. held its monthly show on April 26th. The judges were: Fancy: Mr. J. P. Ridley; Fur: Mr. R. B. Ward. There were 128 entries. Best Fancy was Mr. E. Morris's Dutch. Best Fur Mr. Mr. A. G. Statham's Chinilla. DUTCH.—1 Morris; 2 Hayhurst; 3 Cox. 4 MTHS.: 1 Ball; 2 Hamer; 3 Trickett. SILVER.—Bailey. TAN.—O'Hara. Pairs: Hamer. A.V.: 1 Morris; 2 Bailey; 3 Cox. 5 MTHS.: 1 Ball; 2 Hamer; 3 Trickett. MEMBERS: 1 Morris; 2 Bailey; 3 Hayhurst. 5 MTHS.: 1 Ball; 2 Hamer; 3 Trickett. CHALL.: 1 Morris; 2 Bailey; 3 Cox. CHIN.—1 Statham; 2 Oldfield; 3 Jackson Bros. 5 MTHS.: 1 Foster. SABLE.—1 Hutchinson; 2 Hayhurst. 5 MTHS.: 1 Hutchinson; 2 Chattwood. FOX.—Haworth. 5 MTHS.: 1 Whittaker and Chattwood; 2 Cunliffe; 3 Ball. REX.—Earnshaw. A.O.V.: Raymond. 5 MTHS.: Brindle. PAIRS: 1 Cunliffe; 2 Chattwood. UTILITY: 1 Hutchinson; 2 Earnshaw; 3 Livesay. A.V. (Ad.): 1 Hutchinson; 2 Earnshaw; 3 Hayhurst. 5 MTHS.: 1 Foster; 2 Whittaker and Chattwood; 3 Hutchinson. BREEDERS: 1 Statham; 2 Hutchinson; 3 Earnshaw; 5 MTHS.: 1 Foster; 2 Whittaker and Chattwood; 3 Hutchinson. MEMBERS: 1 Hutchinson; 2 Haworth; 3 Raymond. 5 MTHS.: 1 Foster; 2 Whittaker and Chattwood; 3 Hutchinson. CHALL.: 1 Statham; 2 Hutchinson; 3 Earnshaw. 5 MTHS.: 1 Foster; 2 Whittaker and Chattwood; 3 Hutchinson. GRAND CHALL.: 1 Statham; 2 Morris; 3 Haworth. MEMBERS' POINTS: 1 Morris; 2 Hutchinson; 3 Haworth.

CHORLEYWOOD

Chorleywood show was held on April 26th. The judges were: Fur: Capt. H. F. Smith; Fancy: A. J. Power. Entries totalled 142. Best in show and best Fur was Mr. Wilkins' Beverer, and best Fancy Mr. Wilson's Dutch. CHIN.—Naylor; 2 Liddiatt; 3 Tudball. FOX.—1 Halsey; 2 Human; 3 Hoare. 5 MTHS.: 1 Halsey; 2 Human; 3 Hoare. FUR.—A.O.V.: 1 Wilkins; 2 Hearne; 3 Line. MEMS. FUR: 1 Wilkins; 2 Halsey; 3 Naylor. A.V.: 1 Wilkins; 2 Tudball; 3 Human. BREEDERS: 1 Wilkins; 2 Halsey; 3 Hearne. 5 MTHS.: 1 Halsey; 2 Human, I.S.R.R.A. MEMS ONLY: 1 Bean; 2 Churchman; 3 Wright. METRO REX: 1 Bean; 2 Churchman. REX.—A.O.C.: 1 Bean; 2 Churchman. 5 MTHS.: 1 Bean; 2 Churchman. BREEDERS: 1 Bean; 2 Wright. TROPHY: 1 Bean; 2 Churchman. PAIR: 13 WKS.: 1 Puell; 2 Human; 3 Liddiatt. DUTCH.—1 Wilson; 2 Anderson. 4 MTHS.: 1, 2, 3 Goldsmith. BREEDERS 5 MTHS.: 1, 2, 3 Goldsmith. A.O.V. 5 MTHS.: 1, 3 Goldsmith; 2 Carfrae. MEMBERS: 1, 3 Goldsmith; 2 Carfrae. A.O.V. AD.: 1 Greenwell; 2 Ebb; 3 Phillips. DOE: 1 Wilkins; 2 Churchman; 3 Marsh. STUD B.: 1 Greenwell; 2 Tudball; 3 Anderson. PAIRS: 13 WKS.: 1, 2 Goldsmith. JUV. PURE BRED: 1 Marsh; 2 Liddiatt; 3 Burfield. UTILITY: 1 Whittaker and Chattwood; 2 Churchman. CHALL. FANCY: 1 Greenwell; 2 Ebb; 3 Bolton. 5 MTHS.: 1, 3 Goldsmith; 2 Carfrae. FUR: 1 Wilkins; 2 Halsey; 3 Hearne. REX: 1 Bean; 2 Churchman. A.V. 5 MTHS.: 1, 3 Goldsmith; 2 Carfrae. GRAND CHALL. (both judges): 1 Wilkins; 2 Bean; 3 Tudball.—S. TUDBALL.

LINCOLN EXCELSIOR

Some of the best rabbits in the country were sent to Lincoln on April 26th. Quality throughout was outstanding. Judging in

such circumstances is always a pleasure. Mr. Hindley and his helpers are to be congratulated on a first class show.

Mr. E. Smith's Classes

BEV.—BLUE: 1 Kempley (13762); 2 Crowther; 3 Mabley. WHITE: 1 and O.C. Clark; 2 Thorey; 3 Dickens. 5 MTHS.: 1 Llewellyn (14742); 2 Bexam. This was best collection of Beverers I have seen for months. CHIN. BUCK: 1 Walkley (4738), excels type and coat, going at base; 2 Walkley, excels slate and pearl, btn type; 3 Rice, btn. wealth, good under. DOE (grand class): 1 and C.G. Stothard (23477), very sound, slate, clear pearl; 2 Parkin, well-known champion, getting matronly; 3 Walkley, btn. slate base, good type; r Sanderson, lovely, spoilt by brown nose. 5 MTHS.: 1 Walkley (14783), bonny youngster, good length, sound colour; 2 Pleasants, good tex. and density, btn. length and top; 3 Hindley, full of promise, should do well as an adult; r Parkin (9804), best Chin, but for chopped off rump. BREEDERS: 1 Parkin, 2nd doe; 2, 3 Walkley, 1st and 2nd bucks; Sanderson. FOX SILVER: Garside and Scatfield (25391), well ticked, good coat and feet; 2 Stanoxin Stud, good, btn. wealth; 3 Spencely. A.O.C.: 1 Lucas (1971), very nice Choc.; 2 Kirk. Blue: 3 Thursby, Blue. 5 MTHS.: 1 Bosworth, black, sound colour, well ticked; 2 Taylor, smart little blue; 3 Pearson, blue, losing colour, well up to age. HAV.—BUCK: 1 and O.C. Houle (10459), rich even colour; 3 Mainprize. DOE: 1 Brook (32323), grand coat, losses. C.C. on colour; 2 Rice; 3 Summerscales. EDWARD SMITH.

CENTRAL LANGS.—April 12th. Sec. J. Cooper. Judges: Fur, Mr. Cook; Fancy, Mr. Suthurst. Entries 118. "Chaser" winners were: Fancy, HUNT'S English; Fur, LEE'S Rex (E.9498). Dutch, A.C.: 1 Foyle; 2 Davies; 3 Jones. U/4 mths.: 6: 1, 3 Foyle; 2 Davies. Eng. A.C.: 2: 1 Mercer; 2 Hunt. U/5 mths.: 1, 2 Hunt; 3 Mercer. Breeder: 1: 1 Hunt. U/5 mths.: 7: 1 Hunt; 2 Foyle; 3 Christopher. A.V. Fancy Ad.: 5: 1 Foyle; 2 Mercer; 3 Davies. A.V. 5 mths.: 1 Hunt; 2 Foyle; 3 Mercer. Chall. Ad.: 5: 1 Foyle; 2 Mercer; 3 Davies. 5 mths.: 7: 1 Hunt; 2 Foyle; 3 Mercer. Bev. 2: 1 Firth; 2 Williams. Chin.: 2 Cooper; 2 Hall. 5 mths.: 1, 1 Cooper, Rex (Lilac or Blue); 2, 3 Hunt. U/4 mths.: 1, 2 Hunt. 5 mths.: 3 Banks; 2, 3 Hunt. (A.O.C.) Self, ad.: 2: 1 Lees; 2 Ibbotson. Fur (Breeder's) 6: 1 Cooper; 2 Johnson and Son; 3 Hall. 5 mths.: 5: 1 Cooper; 2 Mercer; 3 Banks. (Novice): 5: 1 Lees; 2 Ibbotson; 3 Johnson and Son. 5 mths.: 4: 1 Cooper; 2 Banks; 3 Hunt. (A.V.) 6: 1 Lees; 2 Cooper; 3 Williams. 5 mths.: 3: 1 Cooper; 2 Banks; 3 Mercer. (Chall.) 10: 1 Lees; 2 Cooper; 3 Ibbotson. 5 mths.: 3: 1 Cooper; 2 Mercer; 3 Banks. Stud B.: 5: 1 Lees; 2 Johnson and Son; 3 Williams. Grand Chall. ad.: 10: 1 Lees; 2 Foyle; 3 Mercer. 5 mths.: 1 Hunt; 2 Foyle; 3 Cooper.

BIRMINGHAM.—April 13th. Secretary, W. G. Allwood. 204. The Broadway, Birmingham 26. Judge, Mr. J. Sidaway. Entries 169. "Chaser" winners were: Fancy, TONGE'S black Dutch (8283); Fur, GREATBACH'S Ermine Rex (4416). Dutch Ad.: Tonge. U/4; Hogg. Eng.; Prince. Eng. U/5; Westman. A.O.V. Fancy Ad.; Cull. Breeder's: Townsend. Chall. Ad.: Tonge. U/5; Hogg. Rex (Ermine); Greatbach. (Chin.): Allwood. (A.O.C.): Tonge. (Breeder's): Greatbach. (Chall.): Greatbach. Bev.: Woodbine. Chin.: Masbn. U/5; Haynes. Bev. U/5; Webb. Hav.: Barr. Marten. Sable: Bryant and Son. U/5; Bryant and Son. Siam. Sable: Hill and Stevenson. A.O.V. Fur: Mitchell. Breeder's Ad.: Hill and Stevenson. U/5; Webb. Chall. Ad.: Hill and Stevenson. U/5; Webb. Novice Ex.: Jay. Juvenile: Prince. Supporters: Jay. Grand Chall.: Greatbach.

GRAYS.—April 19th. Secretary: F. Dawkins writes: "The show was in aid of the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children. The exhibits were well up to standard; youngsters were few, owing, no doubt, to the recent severe weather. The committee, Messrs. Peggs, Edwards, Wright, Duffigat, Neale, Roberts and Road, are to be congratulated on a fine show. Refreshments were in the very capable hands of Mesdames Edwards and Wright." Judge: E. P. Disney. Entries: 126. Best Fancy: W. A. Neale (3515). Best Fur: L. Pond (2278). Awards.—Chin.: 1 Watkins; 2 Peggs. Sable: 1 Harden; 2 Robinson. U/5: 1 Gay; 2 Roberts. Rex: 1 Paise; 2 Connolly. Fox: 1 Pond; 2 Weston. Dutch: 1 Mansfield; 2 Roberts. Utility Purebred: 1 Pond; 2 Gay. A.V. Buck: 1 Pond; 2 Gay. Doe: Weston; 2 Neale. Breeder's: 1 Mansfield; 2 Neale. Fur U/5: 1 Peggs; 2 Roberts. Fur Ad.: 1 Gay; 2 Weston. Fan: 1 Neale; 2 Neale. U/5: 1 Neale; 2 Mansfield. Rex Chall.: 1 Paice; 2 Connolly; 3 Duffigat. Fur Chall.: 1 Pond; 2 Gay; 3 Robinson. Fancy Chall.: 1, 2, 3 Neale. A.O.V.: 1 Gay; 2, 3 Neale. Young Chall.: 1 Gay; 2 Peggs; 3 Neale. Grand Chall.: 1 Pond; 2 Gay; 3 Weston. Hospital Class: 1 Pond; 2 Gay; 3 Weston.

RISHTON.—April 19th. Secretary: J. Hargreaves. Judges: E. V. Walsh, H. R. Moore, and Miller. Entries 191. Gavy entries 13. Mouse entries 19. "Chaser" winners, Fancy, PHILLIPS' Silver (894). Fur (and best in show), WOAN'S Sable (38491). Best cavy, Meadowcroft; best mouse, J. Smith; best Hamster, Grimshaw. Awards.—Dutch: 1 Smalley and Hargreaves; 2 Horsefield; 3 Hargreaves. Young: 1 Smalley and Hargreaves; 2 nightingale; 3 Parkinson. English: 1 Jackson; 2 Parkinson; 3 Baldwin. Young: 1 Smith. A.O.V.: 1 Phillips. A.V.: 1 Phillips; 2 Jackson; 3 Smalley and Hargreaves. Young: 1 Smalley and Hargreaves; 2 Eddleston. Member: 1 Smalley and Hargreaves; 2 Horsefield; 3 Grimshaw. Young: 1 Smalley and Hargreaves; 2 Eddleston; 3 Horsefield. Fancy Spoon: 1 Jackson; r Smalley and Hargreaves. Chall.: 1 Jackson; 2 Smalley and Hargreaves; 3 C. Hargreaves. Young: 1 Smalley & Hargreaves. Rex: 1 Woolle; 2 Taylor. Chin.: Dunn. Sable: 1 Woan; 2 Woolle; 3 Waddington. Young: Purseglove, Siberian: Smalley and Hargreaves. Fox: 182 Booth. A.V.: 1 Woan; 2 Woolle; 3 Smalley and Hargreaves. Young: Purseglove. Members: 1 Woan; 2 Smalley and Hargreaves; 3 Taylor. Fur Spoon: 1 Woan; r Smalley and Hargreaves. Chall.: 1 Woan; 2 Taylor. Grand Chall.: 1 Woan; 2 Jackson; 3 Smalley and Hargreaves. Cavies.—Self: 1 Meadowcroft; 2 Parkinson; 3 Horsefield. Young: Harkness. A.O.V. Parkinson. Chall.: 1 Meadowcroft; 2, 3 Parkinson. Mice.—Self: 1 Smith; 2, 3 Dunn. Young: 1, 2, 3 Dunn. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3 Dunn.

Chall.: 1 Smith; 2, 3 Dunn. Hamster: 1, 8 Grimshaw.

HALIFAX.—April 19th. Secretary Bernard Whiteley writes: "The committee thank Mrs. J. Lister and Mr. E. Turner for their gifts for the competition, which realised £1 11s. 6d. for club funds. Judges: Mrs. L. Gladhill, Mr. B. Whitehead. Entries: 136. "Chaser" winners were: Fancy, HILL'S Dutch; Fur (and best in show), THOMAS'S Ermine. Awards.—Fur, Bev. A.C.: Turner. Chin.: 1 Ashworth; 2 Hartley. U/5: 1 Whiteley. Hav.: 1 Summerscales; 2 M. Smith; 3 Mulley; r Jeffs. Sable: 1 Johnson; 2 M. Smith. U/5: 1 Johnson; 2, 3 Hunter. Rex, A.C.: 1 Thomas; 2 Kilner; 3 Tiplady; r Lister. A.O.V.: 1 Lister and Whiteley; 2 Bairrow. A.O.V. U/5: 1 Routledge. Ladies' A.V. Fur of Fancy: 1 Summerscales; 2, r M. Smith; 3 Lister. A.V.: 1 Thomas; 2 Kilner; 3 Ashworth; r Lister and Whiteley. A.V. Fur U/5: 1 Johnson; 2 Routledge; 3, r Hunter. Breeder's Fur: 1 Thomas; 2 Summerscales; 3 Kilner; r Lister and Whiteley. U/5: 1 Johnson; 2, 3 Hunter. Fancy.—Dutch A.C.: 1 Hill; 2 Barker; 3 Laycock; r Bairrow. U/4: 1 Routledge; 2 Hill; 3 Turner. English A.C.: 1 Peal; 2 Jowett; 3 Hennessy; r Bulmer. U/5: A.H.; 2 Crowther and nassy; r Bulmer. U/5: A.H.; 2 Jones; 3 G. Smith; r Hill. U/5: 1 Whiteley. Belgians: 1 Speak. Fancy. A.O.V.: 1 Jowett. A.V.: 1 Hill; 2 Jowett; 3 Uttley; r Barker. U/5: 1 Routledge; 2, 3 Hill; r Crowther and Son. Breeder's: 1 Jowett; 2 Uttley; 3 Barker; r Hartley. U/5: 1 Routledge; 2, 3 Hill; r Crowther and Son. Chall.: 1 Hill; 2 Jowett; 3 Uttley; r Barker. U/5: 1 Crowther and Son; 2 Whiteley. Utility.—Fur of Fancy: 1 Hill; 2 Thomas; 3 Turner; r Mulley. Juvenile: 1 Jeffs; 2 Hennessy. Grand Chall.: 1 Turner; 2 Jowett; 3 Kilner; r Uttley.

BARNOLDSWICK.—April 19th. Secretary A. Firth writes: "The show manager was J. G. Brown and bantam stewards, A. Park. Refreshments were served by the 'Chaser' wives." Judge: R. Ormond. Entries 89. Gavy entries 14. Mouse entries 7. "Chaser" winners: Fancy (and best in show), Firth's Silver Grey (2718); Fur, Wilson (13692); Best Cavy, Smith. Best Mouse, Archer. Awards.—English Ad.: 1 Thompson; 2 Bailey; 3 Brown; r Pomret. Dutch Ad.: 1 Archer; 2 Pringle; 3 Thompson; r Atkinson. Silver Ad.: 1 Firth; 2 Martin. U/5 mths.: 1 Armstrong; 2 Steele. Fringle. U/5 mths.: 1 Armstrong; 2 Steele. Breeder's Ad.: 1 Firth; 2 Archer; 3 Thompson; r Pringle. U/5 mths.: 1 Armstrong; 2 Steele. Chall. Ad.: 1 Firth; 2 Archer; 3 Thompson; r Martin. U/5 mths.: 1 Armstrong; 2 Steele. Beverer: 1 Wilson. Chin.: 1, 2 Pickles; 3 Greenwood. U/5 mths.: 1, 2 Pickles; 3 Petty. A.O.V. Fur: 1 Whittaker and Chatwood; 2 Thompson. U/5 mths.: 1 Whittaker and Chatwood; 3 Wilkinson. Refreshments Ad.: J. Wilson; 2 Whittaker and Chatwood; 3 Greenwood; r Turner. U/5 mths.: 1 Whittaker and Chatwood; 2 Wilkinson. Breeder's Fur Ad.: 1 Wilson; 2 Whittaker and Chatwood; 3 Greenwood; r Turner. U/5 mths.: 1 Whittaker and Chatwood; 2 Wilkinson. Chall. Fur Ad.: 1 Wilson; 2 Whittaker and Chatwood; 3 Greenwood; r Thompson. Grand Chall.: 1 Firth; 2 Wilson; 3 Whittaker and Chatwood; r Martin. Visitors Grand Chall.: 1 Whittaker and Chatwood; 2 Martin; 3 Pringle. Cavies.—Self Ad.: A. Smith; 2 Thompson. Self. A.O.V.: 1 A. Smith; 2 Thompson. Marked Ad.: 1 A. Smith. Cavy Challenge: 1, 2 A. Smith; 3, r Thompson.

SWINTON.—April 19th. Sec. T. Smethurst. Judge: W. J. Oldfield. Entries 120. "Chaser" winners were: Fancy, SCARRATT'S Silver Grey (1701); Fur (and best in show), WYKE'S Chinilla (19590). Dutch: 1 James. 5 Mths.: 1 Archer; 2, 3 Taylor. Eng.: 1 Matthews; 2 Shepherd. 5 Mths.: 1 Smethurst; 2 Shepherd. Tan: Walker. Silver: 1 Scarratt. A.V. Fancy: 1 Scarratt; 2 James; 3 Walker. Breeder's: 1 James; 2 Archer; 3 Matthews. Pairs: Taylor. Members: 1 Scarratt; 2 James; 3 Smethurst. Spoon: 1 Scarratt. Chall.: 1 Scarratt; 2 James; 3 Archer. Juv: 1 Shepherd; 2 Walker. Chin.: 1 Wyke; 2 Rimmer and Ward; 3 Mitchell. 5 Mths.: 1 Langridge; 2 Walsley. Fox: 1 Allman; 2 Parker; 3 Bygott. 5 Mths.: 1 Hutchinson. Sable: 1 Blam; 2 Hay; 1 Wainwright; 2 Walker. Bev. 5 mths.: 1 Bexton. Rex: 1 Pickford; 2 Morecroft; 3 Watton. A.O.V.: 1 Walker. A.V. Fur: 1 Wyke; 2 Wainwright; 3 Pickford. 5 Mths.: 1 Bexton; 2 Langridge; 3 Walsley. Breeder's: 1 Allman; 2 Rimmer and Ward; 3 Langridge. Members' Fur: 1 Allman; 2 Rimmer and Ward; 3 Walker. Spoon: 1 Wyke. Chall.: 1 Allman; 2 Bexton; 3 Langridge. Utility: 1 Bygott; 2 Rimmer and Ward; 3 Parker. Juv.: 1 Shepherd; 2 Bygott; 3 Parker. Grand Chall.: 1 Scarratt; 2 Allman; 3 Mitchell.

RAWMARSH.—April 19th. Secretary, C. W. Hallam. Judges: F. Halliday, F. Harrison. Fancy "Chaser" winners: Fancy, ADAMSON'S English (31308); Fur (and best in show), HATTON'S Beverer (7593). Dutch B. or B. Ad.: 1 Hardy; 2 Ardron; 3 Swift. A.O.C.: 1 Round; 2 Handford; 3 Adamson. 4 Mths.: 1 Belton; 2 Moorhouse; 3 Handford. English: 1 Adamson; 2 Steele; 3 Oldfield. 5 Mths.: 1 Steele; 2 Adamson; 3 Marsden. A.O.V.: 1 Ward. Breeder's: 1 Adamson; 2 Steele; 3 Hardy. 5 Mths.: 1 Steele; 2 Adamson; 3 Belton. Chall.: 1 Adamson; 2 Steele; 3 Hardy. 5 Mths.: 1 Adamson; 2 C. R. Smith; 3 Harris. Chin.: 1 Stothard; 2 Kershaw; 3 Simpson. 5 Mths.: 1 Brammer; 2 Burden; 3 Shaw. Sable, Marten: 1 Hunt; 2 W. Smith; 3 Rosehill School. 5 Mths.: 1 Macdonald; 2 Hunt; 3 Vernam. Siamese: 1 Hunt; 2 Appleyard; 3 Morgan. 5 Mths.: 1 Vernam; 2 Hodder; 3 Macdonald. Bev.: 1 Hatton; 2 Thorley; 3 Goodhall. 5 Mths.: 1 Cowell; Hav.: 1 Home; and Sons 2 Brook; 3 Cuckson. 5 Mths.: 1 Brook; 2, 3 Cuckson. Fur Breeder's: 1 Hatton; 2 Adamson; 3 C. R. Smith. 5 Mths.: 1 Hunt; 2 Vernam; 3 Brook. Chall.: 1 Hatton; 2 Adamson; 3 C. R. Smith. 5 Mths.: 1 Hunt; 2 Vernam; 3 Burden. Grand Chall.: 1 Hatton; 2 Adamson; 3 Steele. Members' Cup, Fancy: 1, 3 Hardy; 2 Ardron. Fur: 1 Harris; 2 Hunt; 3 Cowell. Juvenile: 1 D. Smith; 2 Tyler; 3 Cuckson. N.S.B.G. Specials: Best Marten, C. Macdonald; best Siamese, D. Vernam. B.S.R.C. Specials: Marten, C. Macdonald; opposite, D. Vernam. Chall. Certs.: Dutch, M. Hardy (5539); English, J. Adamson (31308); Sable, C. Macdonald; no ring under 14 weeks; Beverer, J. W. Hatton (7593); Chin., A. E. Stothard (32166); Havana, Holmes and Sons (35120).

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works for nearly two months. It was, however, pointed out that supplies were now improving, but there will still be some inevitable delay in executing orders in certain sizes.

Dairy Show.—The secretary announced that he had heard from the British Dairy Farmers' Association that they were prepared to include a rabbit section at the forthcoming Dairy show to be held at Olympia, London, on Oct. 28th-31st, on somewhat similar lines to that which had been arranged for 1939. It would be necessary for an average guarantee of 18 entries per class, and on the motion of Mr. Mortlock, seconded by Mr. Hodge, it was agreed that details should be left in the hands of Messrs. Holmes, Leaver and the secretary. It was suggested that 80-90 classes should be scheduled and that it was more important that the classification should be thoroughly representative of all breeds than that certain varieties should have a large number of classes. On the motion of Mr. Mortlock, seconded by Mr. Gyle-Thompson, it was formally and unanimously agreed that the B.R.C. should support the rabbit section at the Dairy show with the assistance of specialist clubs. The secretary stated that rabbits would probably be penned on two days only, Oct. 29th and 30th. Entries for the section would close on Sept. 22nd.

Havana Rex Cup.—Correspondence from Mr. A. P. Williams had been circulated to the committee in which Mr. J. E. Austin made inquiries regarding the cup which he had given to the B.R.C. for the best Havana rex. At Mr. Austin's request it was agreed on the motion of Mr. Woodgate, seconded by Mr. Dowle, that in 1947 this cup should be offered for competition at the Welsh National Rabbit Show.

Southern Lilac Club.—A request had been received from the Southern Lilac Club for permission to change its name to the National Lilac Club and to throw open the membership and benefits to all Lilac fanciers in England. On the motion of Mr. Woodgate, seconded by Mr. Hearn, the secretary was instructed to reply that the association could not stand in the way of such a change but urged the club most strongly to endeavour to come to some terms with the Lilac Link in order that there should only be one national club catering for that variety.

Transfer of Prefix.—The secretary reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Foster asking for his prefix "Milvic" to be transferred to Mr. A. Collier, of Southampton. This request was granted.

Veterinary Scheme.—Correspondence with Mr. K. D. Downham, M.R.C.V.S., Hill Farm, Thurington, Nottingham, was placed before the meeting, and on the motion of Mr. Mortlock, seconded by Mr. Gallaher, it was unanimously decided that Mr. Downham should be appointed as veterinary adviser to the association. It is hoped that he will be able, in addition to giving the usual post mortem examination reports, and veterinary advice at the fee of 2/6 each, to develop research work into rabbit diseases. On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Andrews, it was unanimously agreed that a hearty vote of thanks should be sent to Mr. W. D. Bythell, Newport, for his services in recent years as veterinary adviser to the association. These services had proved of great value both to the association itself and to many of its members.

Regional Scheme.—A report of the regional meeting held in Area 5 at Shrewsbury on Jan. 18th was only received by the secretary some time after the previous meeting of the executive. It was therefore not possible to study the recommendations in conjunction with those of other areas. The secretary was instructed to reply to the regional secretary stating that the committee noted with gratification that steps were being taken in the region to avoid the clashing of show dates. The recommendations regarding advisors were received too late for adoption in the present year, but the region would be requested to make fresh recommendation prior to the list being revised.

The question of challenge certificate classes being fully guaranteed was being referred to the annual general meeting for decision. The executive had already decided that rings should be sold at a uniform price regardless of the number purchased, and every endeavour was being made to improve the quality of those supplied.

The committee did not consider that it was practicable for a local representative to see an approved venue for shows prior to their being held, but reports should be submitted of any case where the accommodation was either unsatisfactory or inadequate when future support might be withheld.

The investigation committee of the association has been established with the object of taking note of complaints and of unsatisfactory actions on the part of members and others, and has on numerous occasions taken action in such matters.

Industry Committee.—Mr. Gallaher reported that the industry advisory committee had met previously that evening and made a number of reports on the decisions reached. A draft letter to be sent to the Minister of Agriculture was approved on the motion of Mr. Gyle-Thompson, seconded by Mr. Andrews.

Annual General Meeting.—The committee briefly considered the agenda for the annual general meeting to be held the following morning.

Nomination of Secretaries.—On the motion of Mr. Mortlock, seconded by Mr. Hearn, it was unanimously agreed that Dr. Pickard should be recommended for the office of honorary secretary when the appointments came up for decision by the National Council. It was also agreed on the motion of Mr. Gallaher, seconded by Mr. Dowle, that Mr. T. S. Willis should be recommended for appointment as assistant secretary.

Next Meetings.—It was decided that the next meeting of the executive committee should be held in London at 4 p.m. on June 26th, being continued the following morning, and that the National Council should meet at 2 p.m. on June 27th. J. N. PICKARD.

MOUSE NOTES

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back from Calder Valley Mouse Club show recently the vanman came to collect extra money, saying that the company clerks at Sowerby Bridge had found the rail stamps and return were insufficient. I told the vanman that I would go up to the parcels office and straighten it out as I knew that I had the right stamps on. I also took along with me my box showing the charges. The dispatch clerk had charged right—livestock to show and return at owner's risk. But he said there had been a mistake and he showed me the company's list.

"Any livestock, rabbits, pigeons, cavies, may be accepted at owner's risk rates except mice. I tried to get some explanation why mice should be accepted but was offered none. I was just shown the company's statement that mice are accepted only at company's risk rates.

"When I am sending, say, to an open show my rabbits and cavies are granted a reduced rate (O.R.), but the mice going to the same show are charged full company's risk rates, nearly half a much again. I wonder if the N.M.C. could appeal to the rail companies and try to get uniformity or to get show mice put on the same footing as rabbits, cavies, pigeons and other small livestock going to shows.

"I had a request from a keen mouse fancier recently who wanted to know what variety of mouse I would recommend as a cross to produce a strain of good Reds. I replied Reds, and advised selective breeding. He seemed surprised when I advised this.

"Another case was an older breeder who was crossing Chocolate to improve Black and

Champagnes to improve Creams. We are going to have some queer results and a rare chaos if beginners are advised to cross this variety and that variety before he knows what variety his own are.

"I think selective breeding is still the safest thing to suggest to a beginner. A novice generally purchases a good trio or two from some established breeder. Why should these mice need to be improved at once by another variety? I suggest 'Fern End's' advice—select and cull."

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own pelts. I should be happy to judge such classes if any shows included them, all things being equal. Consider this suggestion and discuss it at your club meetings. It is well worth serious consideration.

Patterns are still available through these articles and here are details: Toy patterns for Duck, Rabbit and Teddy Bear, 2/6 set; Mitten patterns in four sizes, 2/6 set; Fur-lined gloves, Moccasins, sizes 4, 8, 11 child's, 2, 4, and 5 adults, Bootie slippers, 2, 4, and 6 adults, 2/6 set, all post free.

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MEN, WOMEN AND EVENTS

Mr. T. S. Willis, assistant hon. sec. of the British Rabbit Council writes: "Will the person who sent a British Telegraph Money Order for 2s. 6d. to Mr. T. S. Willis, Lancaster Chambers, Lancaster Road, Preston, Lancs., in payment for six D rings, please send his name and address so that his money can be returned to him?"

The address of Mr. S. J. Swetnam is "Woodbury," 111, Wickham Way, Beckenham, Kent.

Mr. S. W. P. Heard, 61, Exmouth Road, Wellington, Kent, has been elected secretary of Woolwich F.S.

Mrs. Middlebrook, 11, Green Avenue, Blackpool, whose husband recently died, wishes to thank all fanciers who wrote to her expressing their sympathy.

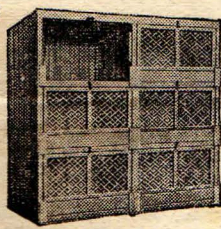
Mr. P. Ashley has been engaged to judge at Lunesdale, June 7th, cavies; Halifax, June 21st, Fancy and cavies; Blackburn, June 28th, cavies; Eccles, July 5th, Fancy; Bradford, Aug. 23rd, cavies; Shipley, Aug. 30th, mice; Chorley, Sept. 30th, mice; Halifax, Oct. 18th, cavies and mice; Kirby Muxiove, Nov. 22nd, cavies; Edge Lane, Liverpool, Dec. 6th, Fancy and cavies.

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