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MEN, WOMEN AND EVENTS

A SUCCESSFUL meeting of the Central London F.S. was held on Sept. 16th at the John Harvard L.C.C. Institute, Union Street, Southwark. The following officials were elected: President, H. B. Evans; chairman, Major Thewlis; vice-presidents, Mrs. Vipond, Mrs. Bareham, Mrs. G. A. V. Andrews and Mr. G. A. V. Andrews; committee, Messrs. R. Blake and G. Vipond for rabbits, Miss Radeglia for cavies and hamsters, and Mr. R. Cape for mice; secretary, Mr. Sherwood, jun., and treasurer, Mr. Sherwood, sen. The subscription of 4/- per annum entitles members to the amenities of the institute. The advertisement of the first show of the session appears in the advertisement columns of this issue. Mrs. Vipond will act as show secretary on this occasion in order to help the new secretary to get into his stride. Now, fanciers, please give the event a grand send-off.

The newly formed Ellesmere Port R.C. will hold its first show on Oct. 26th. Messrs. R. Shepherd and F. Halliday will judge. Two cups will be up for competition. Miss E. Breckon, Secretary, 35, Pooltown Road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, will be pleased to enrol new members. The annual subscription is 2/6; 1/6 juveniles.

The judges for East Grinstead show tomorrow are Messrs. A. J. Power, R. Blake and J. W. Copping. The special list includes B.R.C. challenge certificates and specials, S.R.R.A. Ribbons and Star, and Fur and Feather 10 Guinea Chaser Diplomas.

Prize money and award lists have been sent to exhibitors at the Aug. 31st show of Coventry F. and F.S. The cup winners were: Best Fancy, Mr. J. Sharpe; best Fur, Mr. J. Nicklin; best Harlequin, Mr. L. Bond; and best cavy, Mr. J. Bloor. The society's next open pen show will be held in conjunction with the Midland Counties Silver R.C. on Oct. 19th, and not Oct. 12th. This alteration in dates is to avoid clashing with another event in Coventry.

There will be a splendid exhibition of small live-stock in the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, on Nov. 7th, 8th and 9th. Rabbits, cavies and pigeons are well catered for. Mr. C. Stabler will judge Fancy and Messrs. C. Goodchild and J. Morgan Fur. The Adult Stock Shows of the Scottish Chinchilla Club, the English Rabbit Club (Scottish area) and the Scottish Dutch and English Clubs will be held in conjunction. Displays of fur garments will be provided by Mr. D. Fairfoul and the Ladies' Section of the Glasgow Rabbit Club. The latter will be assisted by Messrs. Porteous. It is hoped that the Scottish Mouse Club will arrange a display of Fancy mice, as it is anticipated that many thousands of people will visit the exhibition.

Mr. K. E. Fowell, Bevis Way, Gaywood, King's Lynn, writes: "It is with regret that owing to unavoidable circumstances the inaugural meeting of the Eastern Counties Federation has had to be postponed to Sept. 28th, at 6.30 p.m. It will be held at St. James House, County Court Road, King's Lynn. Will as many clubs as possible either send representatives or let me know if they are willing to join the federation, and send in any propositions they wish to make."

Mr. Geo. Collins, Castleford, has been made the first life member of the Castleford Fur Fanciers. Mr. Coburn has been connected with the club, of which he is a vice-president and the treasurer, for 48 years.

The North Midlands Federation will hold a special meeting on Oct. 5th at 3 p.m. at the Adult, Schools, Friar Lane, Nottingham, to arrange show dates for 1947. Will clubs who are unable to send representatives please advise Mr. A. W. Harvey, 7, Fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, of their proposed dates?

Mr. George Curry wishes to thank all members of the National English Rabbit Club for their support during the past 12 years. In 1934 he was elected a vice-president, in 1945 president, and has been a vice-president from 1936 to 1946. He does not wish to be nominated for any position in the club for 1947, as his health is not too good and on Oct. 1st he will attain the age of 75.

Owing to the show which is to be held at Sh. Mary's Hall, High Street, Hornsey, tomorrow having changed its date from Sept. 14th Mrs. I. M. Bingham will be unable to judge as she is booked to judge at East Willesden show.

THE VOICE OF THE FANCY

A QUESTIONNAIRE FOR BEGINNERS IN RABBITS

HERE are a few suggestions to the beginner with rabbits.

Decide on one breed and then stick to it. When choosing a variety, care should be exercised, so I suggest you ask yourself the following questions about any breed you may consider suitable. If you do not get at least a 75 per cent. satisfaction, leave the breed well alone. You will be glad in the long run.

Allow ten points for each of the following questions. Take ten if the question does not concern you, or if you can give an emphatic "yes" and only take some of the points if you are not so sure.

- 1 Will the cost be within your range?
- 2 Has the variety much show value?
- 3 Do you really like the breed?
- 4 Will you be able to feed well?
- 5 Have you and your family the necessary time and the right interest?
- 7 Will you be able to obtain what you want fairly easily?
- 8 Will you have a market for surplus stock?
- 9 Is your variety suitable for utility purposes?
- 10 Is it a breed of good mothers, or can you provide satisfactory foster mothers?

When I worked this out some time ago I found that the most suitable varieties for me were: 1st Chinchilla; 2nd Ermine-rex, Silver Fox or Argente Creme; 3rd English, Siberian or Argente Bleu. B. G. SAMMES.

The Sable

AFTER reading Mr. Tom Leaver's article (Sept. 6th) on "Sorry mess of Sables" I endorse what he says. What are we breeding for—one standard or a dozen? I have been in Sables for a few years. I have had cards for a rabbit at some shows and at others judges have passed the same rabbit. Let us have a set standard. Don't spoil a good thing as we are doing. It is now up to those in control to get together and save a lovely variety. H. P. MITCHELL.

A Tall Order

FOR some years I have had the notion to reverse the patterns in Dutch and English. Dutch to have the colour where the white should now be and white where the colour should be, or to have a two coloured rabbit with the markings of a Dutch.

English would then become an all coloured blue, black, grey, chocolate, etc. with the markings in white, or in some other colour. I know this is a very tall order, but are we not the world's best live-stock breeders, and when one looks at all our fur and fancy rabbits brought forward to the highest point of perfection by British rabbit breeders, we can rap ourselves on the back and say there is nothing we can't do.

I hope to hear the views and also the criticisms (which I expect) from breeders. JAS. WHITELAW.

Dutch Judging

I WAS glad to see Mr. C. Wood's reply to my letter re Aren Dutch Clubs and to know that he agrees with me on some points at any rate. I am quite prepared to accept his statement that the Midland Dutch Club is loyal to the U.K.D.R.C. I had never thought otherwise.

He queries my statement: "The further a judge comes from, the fairer are his awards likely to be." I still hold to this and although I do not propose to answer Mr. Wood's question regarding my own awards, I will go one step further and say this: The fact that a judge knows the show record or ownership of any exhibit on the table is a handicap to a good judge, but of considerable assistance to a bad one.

I hope this will clarify my original statement. W. A. DANECOURT.

Coventry's Shows

HAVING noticed Mr. Evan's letter in FUR AND FEATHER, dated 6th inst., I ask whether the Coventry Smallstock Federation would like the whole of the facts publicised through the press as to our reason for withholding our support and co-operation with the Federation.—The Coventry and District Fur and Feather Society, Hon. Secs., Mr. and Mrs. R. Parker.

Undershot Rump in Rex

I WOULD like to bring to the notice of Mr. A. Wood (Wood Bros.) that the exhibit belonging to me which he commented on in his report of Watford show on Aug. 5th as developing an undershot rump has since then won numerous firsts at open pen shows under such prominent S.R.R.A. panel judges as Mr. Mortlock, Capt. H. F. Smith, Miss G. Garrod, Mr. B. W. Rawlins, Mr. R. A. Thompson and Mr. H. Charles. Amazing! (Mrs.) M. DUMPLETON.

Suggested East Anglian Cat Club

I READ with interest the article "Why not not a Flemish Club in Norfolk?" If "Steel Grey" could call a meeting in this part of the country he would have excellent support.

Although I am not one of the Rabbit Fancy I cannot help but think that clubs for cats are sadly neglected in East Anglia. Could not a Norfolk and Norwich Cat Club be formed? I, for one, would give same my support.

As "Steel Grey" pointed out the top class shows entail long distance travelling, which makes it expensive for the working man. It is time Norfolk was not the forgotten county as it has been in the past. S. G. MOORE.

(Continued from previous column) and fine breeding deteriorating stock! Not the Golden Hamster.

In inviting people to take up the Hamster I do not ask for just a corner in the rabbitry, mousery or the cavy cabin, for to do so would be inviting disaster. It should be borne in mind that the Hamster is a "lab" animal, which has not as yet any known disease of its own. Hence he is a subject, a highly inflammable one, for those various ills that beset our small stock. Give him his chance isolated away from the other stock. Several may even be kept right in home for the Hamster is a cleanly fellow and carries no scent, and he will repay with interest for his simple needs in attention and feed.

So, to every fellow of the small stock Fancy, I make my challenge. I invite you to come in and practise your pet theories on controlled breeding, with a view to putting an A.O.V. class in the Hamster schedule.

The honour will be worthy of the effort. Our friends across the Atlantic hold big stocks of Hamsters. Let us in Great Britain, as we have done in the past, show them how to exploit all the possibilities of the breeding pens. EDMUND BATTERSBY.

THE NEWEST GENETIC PROBE

A Challenge To All Small Livestock Breeders

By EDWARD BATTERSBY.

THIS is a challenge, a friendly challenge to all small-stock keepers, an invitation to come in and "have a go" with what is undoubtedly the most intriguing animal that has come in the realm of small-stock in the living memory of man.

That animal is the Golden Hamster, a charming creature, new to science and the zoologist, a "research" animal, whose story in that direction is not fully told, but whose potentialities seem to surpass even those of the guinea-pig. And finally (now that the British Hamster Club is getting on its feet) a new-comer to the exhibition bench, where so far, he steals the lion's share of interest of the visitors.

My challenge means nothing to the zoologist just a little to the scientist, nothing to the "research" people, but a world of interest to the Fancy—that great body of enthusiasts who have never been far behind in such matters. We want a split in the colour scheme of the Hamster, and we want a change of colour pattern, indeed our present show standard demands an alteration in the latter. This is where you, and you, all fellows of the fancy, come in. This is an opportunity for all, and to the successful must inevitably go the laurels. As far as can be seen to-day no one is a jump ahead of the nearest tyro. No one yet has produced anything in any degree away from the natural variations in the Hamster. There must be variations, as in any wild animal.

The writer remembers the advent of the blue budgerigar. In 1911, at the "Mecca" of the aviculturist, the great Crystal Palace cage-bird show, it took a Belgian millionaire to stage, for the first time, the blue budgerigar. Hitherto, the Fancy had the natural wild green, and had already produced the yellow, the green had been split. Everyone knows now that the production of the blue meant: it opened up such possibilities that to-day the range of colours in the budgerigar is too big to attempt to detail here. So is the interest. What was done with the budgerigar is waiting to be done with our new Fancy animal, the Golden Hamster.

Let us lightly sketch the possibilities. In this wild creature's colour scheme there is colour enough, but we have not, as yet, the microscope's revelations on pigmentations. The Hamster has that beautiful gold colour which gives him his name. The under fur of the gold mantle is very dark. This colour suggests, and almost undoubtedly is, blue. This blue also reveals itself in the fine hair on the ears of juveniles. Running up the side of the neck is a dark streak varying in intensity which pigment may prove to be black. This dark colour shows also on the hair tips of the crown and on the mantle of certain juveniles.

The underparts are light, and in the main a very washout buff. The under fur of this buff is also dark like the mantle. An interesting detail of the belly colour is a pure white spot of no mean size in the region of the navel. This spot is white to the hair roots. On the chest is more pure white hair.

These are the colour potentialities visible to the naked eye. They are surely enough to satisfy the most ardent student of colour genetics. That these colours can be split, there is no doubt, and in days to come somebody is going to find a world of interest in the process.

All our fancy rabbits originate from a "self" Agouti pattern. The same applies to the cavy and to rats and mice. The colour genetics of these animals are just about worked out nowadays, but the fellows of the Fancy still delve and probe. How much more interesting is the Golden Hamster and how much greater is his colour scheme?

Practically all our multi-coloured domesticated animals originate from "selves," exceptions being the cat, poultry, canaries and budgerigars. In the Hamster we have an animal with a colour pattern making him all the more interesting. We can visualise the production of "selves" apart from the albino (a mutation which has yet to make its appearance in the Hamster). We can visualise a "self golden," a "self buff" and

even a "black-eyedwhite," for there is pure white in the make up of our subject, and when the blue dilution is segregated we can really get going. All these things are not just fanciful, they are possible. Hence the challenge to all who love to exercise their wits in fighting nature in her persistence.

That the Golden Hamster has come to stay there is no doubt. The demands of research alone ensure his position in the "sun" of the Fancy. He is no passing phase, though he has been described as such by men who just didn't bother to think on the matter. The writer has overheard this "How can anyone judge them? They are all alike, wild animals." That has been said more as a statement than a query. The speaker hadn't considered the highly specialised Belgian Hare. In a class of "hares" the tyro sees little variation, but they require some knowledgeable judging! In the world of the cage-bird Fancy there persists a deep interest in the exhibition of wild birds—linnets, goldfinches, bullfinches, and a host of others. Truly, without any addition to his interest, the Hamster has now a sure position as a Fancy animal. Thus he is worthy of the efforts of anyone who cares to take him up. But to the fancier who has pet ideas of genetics, who knows a trick or two in selective breeding, and who likes to try them out, then the Hamster is unique. It is something new in this modern world of ours, an animal just begging to be worked upon.

When we read and learn that the Golden Hamster was obtained from the wild only a mere sixteen years ago, one is inclined to ask, whereas has this creature been putting itself. This leads to conjectures, and may finally lead to the belief that it may be a new specie. Indeed this thought already has been advanced, and explained. The theory being that it is the result of a cross, in nature, of various other species of Hamster. The writer can by no means accept this. Although this thing may be possible we have to realise how very reluctant nature is to allow such crosses.

This subject is big and just a little outside the scope of this article. So apart from all the arguments of the way nature shalls at "crosses" let us clinch our contention that the Golden Hamster is no new model. Were he the result of some very recent combination of various Hamsters, then, and undoubtedly, his genetic build up would be somewhat mixed. Hidden though it be, his genetics would carry the "blood" of the mixed ancestry. That this "blood" will persist, every student of genetics is well aware, even to thousands of years. Modern science, through the person of Mendel, has found a method by which the "blood" and the hidden characteristics of a living thing, can be split to reveal the build up. Mendel's method worked on our Golden Hamster reveals that it is no new cross, that there seems to be in his genetic make up only the slight variations, which may be found in any wild animal, mere phases of pigmentation density.

The Golden Hamster is of "himself." The writer, after a season's experimental breeding with the method of Mendel, has advanced so far as to conclude that in every way this little fellow from Aleppo is "stuck tight," in preserving his own charming wild appearance. This detail is advanced, not as a decisive conclusion, but a mere statement after a season's breeding. Persistence is the highway to success. The Hamster Fancy invites all fellows to join in the grand probe of colour splitting—a most intriguing pastime with a delightful subject.

As a subject for inbreeding or line breeding no one need have any qualms about the Golden Hamster. Take a look at him to-day. He is a sturdy little chap full of life and vigour. Visit a Hamster and then think back sixteen brief years to the origin of all the world's stock of Golden Hamsters—a mother and her twelve young in the Hebrew University of Palestine. From such a frail start and without new blood from the wild, the Hamster has arisen to the pinnacle of being a "lab" and Fancy animal. Inbreeding (Continued at foot of next column)

NATIONAL MOUSE CLUB NOTES AND NEWS

Conducted by the Hon. Sec., R. Ward, 57, Chantry Road, Sheffield.

How To Send Stock

Oct. 5th—Calder Valley.
Oct. 5th—Ayrshire.
Oct. 12th—Nottingham.
Oct. 12th—Wolverhampton.
Nov 15th and 16th—Annual London.

THERE have been a good number of agricultural shows lately which have catered for our section, and Mr. Horton, our cup secretary, sends me a few notes on exhibiting at these events.

While these notes are intended primarily for novices there is a good deal that some older fanciers can take to heart. In common with most show secretaries, I have experienced the fanciers who fail to put a list of contents on their travelling box, and in some cases even omit their own name and address, and we have all seen from time to time the box that needs Houdini plus a kit of tools to get the show cages in or out.

Mr. Horton writes: "After a recent experience of mine at a show, I thought it might be of some help to the more recent members of our section if I gave a little advice to those exhibitors."

"It so happens at shows where the secretary is not quite versed with all our requirements, that the necessary labels, etc., are not sent to exhibitors. Please understand, I am not grumbling at agricultural show executives. We are very thankful that they will go to the trouble to put on a classification for us at big shows. This saves us the cost of a hall, etc. At these shows, too, a large number of people attend who have not been interested in our section before, and indeed, who have never seen exhibition mice. It is here that we have a chance to make new members. So, if it does happen when you enter your stock at an agricultural event that you only get box labels, and no pen labels please, don't grouch, but just carry out the following procedure. If you have box labels and no cage labels, well, just make your own (fig. 1). You know the classes you entered in, and you have the pen numbers on the box label, so there you are. It should so happen that you have neither, just put your class number on the cage label and a note inside to the secretary, and he will fix it up.

| Class | Pen |
|-------|-----|
| 1 | 12 |

"Pin the cage labels on the inside of the cage hut. If you pin them on the outside as some have done, the judge must keep shutting the cage to see the pen label. Pin it on the left-hand side.

"Write your name and address clearly on your travelling box label in the space under the show address flap. Make a list of your class and pen numbers (fig. 2) and pin that inside the lid of your travelling box. This helps the hard-worked steward when packing up after all the sight-seers have gone home.

| This box contains | Pen |
|-------------------|-----|
| Class | |
| 2 | 16 |
| 4 | 25 |
| 7 | 44 |
| 24 | 127 |

"Before dispatching your mice put ample food in the cage to last them while they are away. It is best to supply oats or dry food as wet food is likely to get stale. Make sure your hay is dry. Damp hay will put stock out of coat. It is easy to dry. Put a little in a sack and hang it up in the kitchen or wherever it is warm. Put enough hay in each cage to keep the mice warm, but don't overdo it or they will sweat."

"FERN-END" ON FOSTERING

THE discussion of the last few weeks on type and fostering has been very full and interesting. Here are a few words from our old friend, "Fern-End."

"There is food for thought regarding the question of fostering animals, and mice in particular. The average fancier either fosters or reduces size of litters. Not always does the breeder foster with the one aim in view of enabling his females to become 'incubators' of youngsters. The idea generally is to retain a complete litter from a special mating and cull the youngsters at a later date. For fostering to be of any service or value in rearing, one should know the capabilities of the foster dams from the standpoint of feeders. They must be givers of milk in large quantities of right fat content, thus enabling the rearing of youngsters of vigour and size.

"Fostering assists type from the point of view of size. This is elementary to keen students of feeding as in all probability half a litter is getting the rations of a natural full litter.

"In the wild state seldom does a dam rear a full litter to maturity; cats, dogs, rats, stoats and owls do nature's culling.

"I don't see how fostering affects type to any extent. I agree that size is a vital factor in type, and that a youngster getting a better diet would be of greater size. Type in mice, however, is a formation brought about by selected mating of specimens, all near to the N.M.C. standards.

"I much prefer rearing youngsters on their own dams and culling at an early stage. I have tried both ways but have yet to see foster reared youngsters that excelled those reared on their own dams. My opinion is that we have only one variety of mouse that fills the bill as a foster-mother, and that is the P.E. white.

"For rearing capabilities I put the P.E. white in the same class as the large white pig or the Great Dane dog—animals of sub-

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stance and producers of milk rich in fat. "If fostering was the secret of type, breeding winners would be the work of children. There is no quick way to the top of the exhibition world.

"Select, in-breed, feed well and cull drastically, and in time the Gold Cup winner is sure to arrive."

How Size is Maintained

A week or two ago I commented on Appleyard and Downs' winning P.E.W. at Barnsley, and suggested that a few words from Fred Appleyard on how he gets size in his mice were repeated. Like the good fancier he is Fred has taken me at my word, and here is what he has to say:

"In response to our secretary's request I will try to give our method of obtaining and maintaining size in our P.E. Whites.

"Size is the most difficult part of a P.E. White to produce, and the easiest to lose. I find outcrossing the only way to obtain and keep size. If it can be done by in-breeding then I am afraid I have not yet found the way.

"A certain sign that the time has come for an outcross is when the young appear with thin, bony tails. The cure is an outcross to the best P.E. White buck obtainable, which will put life back into the stock producing big litters. These must be reduced to four at the most. Three is better.

"There will be odd youngsters much bigger than the rest. These are the ones to breed from, always selecting the biggest, strongest and heaviest for future breeders. Sometimes an improvement will show in the first generation, but usually it takes longer. I have not taken particular notice, but should say that it is about three generations after a complete outcross that the best stock is produced.

"I have found it at times impossible to obtain an outcross in P.E. White, so have at

different times, over a number of years, used Self Silvers, Chinchillas, Blues and Chococinas, and found them successful in about the same named. This is a much more difficult cross, and should only be tried on a part of the stud at a time. Such an outcross has to be built in gradually as size is more easily lost than gained by this cross. One big advantage of this outcrossing is a gain in condition. It produces short coated, sleek mice.

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News About Clubs and Members

Tom Fitzwates has changed his address to 28, Roland Avenue, Wilford, Notts. The advert. for the Nottingham show appears in this issue.

The League match at Huddersfield went off well, with 73 entries in eight classes. We were fortunate in getting Mr. Milnes as a neutral judge to take these classes. Results were: Calder Valley, 103 points; Sheffield, 60; Lancs., Cheshire, 20; W.R.M.C., 14; Nottingham, 12; Wolverhampton, 7.

At an informal meeting in the afternoon it was decided to run further matches at Calder Valley on Oct. 5th, and at Nottingham on Oct. 12th. There will be four classes, Self, Tan, Marked and A.O.V., and it is not necessary to duplicate from the ordinary classification unless desired. One important point is that each club is limited to two entries per class. It was considered that this was the fairest method. Entry fees for these classes will be 6d., and all entry fees will be given in prize money.

My offer of half a dozen spoons to the winning club holds good for both these matches.

The time for the "annual" is fast approaching, and I am sorry to hear that Mr. Fred Plucknett, who is secretary for this event, has been ill lately. Any offers of specials for this event will be gratefully received, and Mr. Plucknett makes the useful suggestion that any money given for this purpose should go to a central fund to be shared out to the best advantage. More later about this show.

The Fancy in Scotland seems to be doing well, and I have been glad to welcome several new members from over the border in the last week or two

Clarke's Glenroy Timothy, best cat in show, lovely massive boned cat, carrying a profuse, pale, flowing coat, good round copper eye, grand head, neat ears, very hard to fault, a cat that should go far; 2 Mrs. Hillyer's Har-mour of Hillgarth, neat ears, lovely eye colour, nice, short, full brush but rather dark in colour, a little more show preparation would have helped this exhibit a lot. FEMALE, 8: 1 Mrs. Bradley's Oxley's Blue Poppy, (reserve best in show), lovely quality queen of excellent type, with short nose, copper eyes, neat, well-placed ears, heavy, sound, pale coat of exquisite texture; 2 Mrs. Clarke's Blue Desire, very small queen of good type, sweet short face, neat well-tufted ears, lovely wide-open eyes and pale coat; 3 Mrs. Le Marinell's La Corbiere Perfection, a lovely big-boned queen, profuse pale coat, good strong muzzle, nice eyes for shape and colour, would like a little more width between the ears; ex 3 Mrs. Blythe's Priory Keepsake, glorious eyes, sound coat, good type, rather fails in ears; r Miss Sherburn's Ronada Daydream, rather dark in colour, nice type, with good strong chin; vhc and hc Mrs. Gardner; abs. Mrs. Carbert. M. KITTEN, 3: 1 Miss Sherburn's Blue Jeepers, a very even pale-coated kitten, with good width between the ears and grand head and eyes; 2 Mrs. Gardner's Roy of Laburnum, a most attractive kitten, I was sorry to have to place him 2nd, but his eyes are not yet determined and his coat was a little too pale; this kitten excelled in type, head and ears, and I predict a great future for him—I wanted to steal him! 3 Mrs. Rainbow's Robin of Laburnum, little too snipy, good even coat and nice eyes. FEMALE, 7: 1 Mrs. Gardner, Shy Lady of Laburnum, a little gem, glorious, large copper eyes, neat well-tufted ears, very good head, in lovely coat and condition; I remarked while judging this kitten that I thought she was a "Pensford," and I find she owns Joy of Pensford as her grandmother; I made Shy Lady my best Blue kitten; 2 Mrs. Jones, Lucky Dawn, another very good kitten, good top to head, very nice type, short nose with a good stop, lovely eyes; 3 Mrs. Walker's Blue Girl, very neat ears, good type and eyes; r Miss Sherburn, Dainty Girlie, fails in head, good eyes, even coat, well presented; vhc Mrs. Gardner; abs. Mrs. Gallini, Mrs. Crickmore. BREEDERS, 11: 1 Glenroy Timothy; 2 La Corbiere Perfection; 3 Shy Lady of Laburnum; ex 3 Blue Jeepers; r Har-mour of Hillgarth; vhc Mrs. Jones; hc, c Mrs. Gardner. CREAMS AND SIAMESE.—4: 1 Mrs. Blythe's Karulino Nickie, best kitten in show, beautiful, pale, unmarked Cream, glorious type and head, good bone and eyes, neat, well-placed ears, this kitten should be heard of again; 2 Mrs. Sims, King of Trevor (Cream), little too hot in colour, winner of special for best eyes in show, a little more show preparation would have helped this exhibit a lot; 3 Mrs. Walker's Cream Boy, a lovely baby, pale coat, good head and ears, hard luck to come up against the winners; abs. Mrs. Carbert. Many thanks to my steward, Mr. Barker, who was most helpful and very patient.—DORIS BRICE-WEBB.

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CATS AND CATDOM

BROWN TABBIES PROVE USEFUL IN THE BREEDING OF TORTOISESHELLS

GLEN Cottage, Holt Pound, Surrey, is the picturesque abode of Mrs. Neate and her daughter Joy. On my promised visit I found the purple clematis in full flower, and the cottage, which dates back 300 years, very spick and span in new paint after having suffered severely in the spring gales when the lattice windows were blown in. Both Red Tabby L.H. studs, Hendon Hotspur, and Ruddy of Drumblair, have sired some lovely kittens this season, but what delighted my heart most was to see three quality L.H. Tortoiseshells, Section Leader (whose sire was Mrs. Neate's winner), Line of Fire (which I already knew), and her daughter Jeep (new to me), and there is promising kitten by Hendon Hotspur, Section Leader, born Lady Sheila, a female she bought from Mrs. Benbow, and has made Champagne a champion at three consecutive shows. This helps to fill the vacancy caused by the rather untimely death of Champagne's sire, Tweedledum of Dunesk.

That grand veteran (Born 1934), Tabitha of Hadley, is no more, though she bequeathed to Miss Fisher, her owner and breeder, a son born in the spring of this year. She was too busy breeding winning Brown Tabbies to be found herself on the show bench, but she was wonderfully striped, and was the dam of Ch. Warrior, Vixen and Dandy of Hadley and many other noted Brownies.

I much regretted having to leave Sandy so early on show day owing to our protracted journey home, but I did have the pleasure of seeing the waiting crowds at the admission gates. The fine old trees of Sandye Park never looked more lovely, and the marquee were particularly well placed. The management ran "on greased wheels," and although I should have liked to have seen more cat exhibits the quality of the 217 entries was distinctly good.

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Little Primrose, Godalming, Surrey.

THE BLUES AND THEIR BREEDERS

THE new edition of the stud list, which should be ready in December, has attracted 162 entries, 59 being Blue Long-hairs. Over 700 copies of the last list were dispatched, and it is now out of print. Several lists were sent abroad.

Mrs. Kent, who has removed to the country near Reading, sends me news of two fine families. She writes: "Lady Jane is the proud owner of seven tremendous babies. They were born in August, all in three hours, and without any bother. I always stay with the mother and take each baby out of the basket when the next one makes an appearance. "Lady Jane was given me originally to re-

place a very loved Persian neuter, which has been my pet for over ten years. She came from a pet shop. I knew less than nothing in those days, but she was only five weeks old and in a very sad plight. I had not the heart to take her back. She was far too young to leave her mother. I had the veterinary surgeon immediately, and in the end she was worth all the trouble, as she has grown into such a strong cat. Jane had two kittens in the spring, and you will remember seeing her eight kittens last autumn. Her last three families have been by Miss Campbell's Adrian of Pensford, Jane's daughter, Candi Countess Katinka, which was awarded three 1sts at the B.P.C.S. show in January, also decided to have a family the same day by Mrs. Chappell's Gathorne Gremlin, and she had six pale kittens. Five are living and very strong. You can guess my hands are full—12 kittens, two queens, and a pet Blue boy who wanders the countryside and thinks he owns the world. I am never depressed or sad when with my pets. Soon, I shall be busier than ever, as I never send a kitten away until ten weeks old. I am convinced that many breeders send away their kittens much too early.

"I admired Deebank Michael and Glenroy Timothy tremendously at the B.P.C.S. show in January; the latter was such a fine kitten. We are in the heart of the country, eight miles from a station, and later on I hope to invest in a goat, chickens and bees, and, of course, keep my beloved cats and a dog."

We recently visited Miss Lanning at Wilmington Court, Kent; she owns Wilmcort Victor, by 1l of Henley. He came into her possession in unusual circumstances 18 months ago. Miss Lanning saw him when five months of age at Dartford Market, looking very forlorn, and took compassion on him and bought him for an absurdly small price. He had a very good pedigree but the breeder's name had been deleted, so it was sent to Mrs. Campbell Fraser, who identified the writing which enabled Miss Lanning to get in touch with the breeder, but the mystery of what happened to the kitten from the time it was originally sold to being found in Dartford Market has never been solved. Victor has certainly found a loving home now and enjoys hours of liberty in a lovely, secluded garden.

Miss Lanning has one Blue queen, Glenelg Ruby, bred by Mrs. Baker, and three farm cats, which prevent her launching out with more pedigree cats at present. We admired her lovely Dachshunds and eight robust puppies. It is a tremendous advantage to have gained experience with breeding other domestic pets, and Miss Lanning is keenly looking forward to the cat shows to make acquaintance with the varieties she has not yet seen.—Mrs. F. H. THOMPSON, 130, Wickham Way, Beckenham.

COVENTRY CAT SHOW

The cat section of the Coventry F. and P.S. show, on Aug. 31st, was held under the management of Mrs. Phil Gardner, who worked very hard. There were 24 exhibits, with 35 entries, and the quality of the Blue female adults was very high. Some of the kittens were also outstanding. They all carried long, even coats and the eye colour was amazing in kittens so young. BLUE.—M., 2: 1 Mrs.

Mrs. Cyril Tomlinson to Leave London

MRS. CYRIL TOMLINSON is leaving London at the end of October to take up permanent residence in Sussex, and she would be glad if clubs on whose committees she serves would herewith accept her resignation as it will be impossible for her to attend meetings. After Oct. 29th her address will be: Brydes, Willington, Sussex.

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(Continued from previous page.) variety is renowned. Orange at this show were well represented, and there were a few really good ones among them. Colour was good generally, but apart from the three leaders coats were not so good. White hairs are still common in most. Type is none too good. Mout, without doubt, is a greater handicap with Non-Selfs than Selfs, affecting as it does the colour to such an extent that it is virtually impossible at times to decide whether the colour is good or not. This factor has a decided disadvantage when comparison with Self is necessary. I don't think this fact is taken into account sufficiently by judges in the duplicate classes, especially where young stock is concerned, when mout is present in some form or another with every Non-Self variety, or at least is more noticeable than in Selfs.

Another disadvantage of the Non-Selfs—the Agouti in particular—the barred forefeet. This fault is so badly penalised at times as to consider that some judges make it a basis for disqualification. I have seen so many splendid Castors and Chinchillas with this fault sent off cardless. We need a much better ruling as regards the seriousness or otherwise of this fault. It is a fault in breeding, but does not detract from the value of points awarded for fur. It is a fault only, and as such should not be heavily penalised.—F. H. SMITH.

ERMINE.—5 MTHS.: 1 Dumpleton; 2 Swire; 3 Noble; r Thorne; vhc Miles; hc Baker; c Sharp. '46: 1 Wood Bros.; 2 Pike; 3 Swire; r G. K. Stud; vhc Lowe; hc Miles; c Parkins. BLUE.—5 MTHS.: 1 Wood Bros.; 2 MacCreedy; 3 Redman; r Copeland; vhc Reeve; hc Swire. '46: 1 Reeve; 2 Willingham; r Skiliter; vhc Dukes. LILAC.—5 MTHS.: 1 Goddard; 2 Neilson; 3 Corbin; vhc Turner; hc Mitchell. '46: 1 Neilson; 2 Corbin; r Turner. HAV.—5 MTHS.: 1 Weston; 2 Reeve. '46: 1 Hinchcliffe and Sons; 2 Bilcock; 3 Swire; r Reeve. CASTOR.—5 MTHS.: 1 Cox; 2 Walker; 3 Chaitan Stud; r Bean. '46: 1 Reeve; 2 Walker; 3 Cox; r Walker; vhc Chaitan Stud; hc Natrass; c Case. CHIN.—5 MTHS.: 1 Mitchell; r MacCreedy. '46: 1 Flynn; 2 Dukes; 3 Mitchell. ORANGE.—5 MTHS.: 1 White; 2 Marrable; 3 Morris; r hc Telford Britton; vhc Eurlan. '46: 1 White; 2 Marrable; 3 Burton; r Morriss; vhc hc Telford Britton. HIM.—5 MTHS.: 1 Huddart; 2 Hewitt; 3 r Balchin. '46: 1

Huddart; 2 r Hewitt; 3 Huddart. SABLE.—'46: 1 Baker. SEAL.—'46: 2 Fryatt. LYNX.—'46: 1 vhc Lunnion; 2 Hone and Creasey; 3 r Mold; hc Turner. SMOKE PEARL.—1, 2 Turner. SILVER SEAL.—1, 2, 3 Bates; r Williams. ASTREX.—1, 2 Fearom. A.O.V.—'46: 1 Gowan; 2 Gillard; 3 G. K. Stud; r Telford Britton. 5 MTHS.: 1 Baker; 2, hc Chaitan Stud; 3 Bean; r Gowan; vhc, c Dickens. SELF.—14 WKS.: 1 Wood Bros.; 2 Stansbury; 3, hc Evans; r Copeland; vhc Reeve; Jolley. NON-SELF.—14 WKS.: 1 Hinchcliffe and Son; 2 Mitchell; 3 Bates; r Walker; vhc Bean; hc Dickens; c Bean. PAIRS, 14 WKS.: 1 Jolley; 2 Copeland; 3 Fryatt; r Evans; vhc Hassell. CHALL.—14 WKS.: 1 Wood Bros.; 2 Mitchell; 3 Walker; r Hinchcliffe and Son; vhc Bates; hc Stansbury; c Evans. BREEDERS. '46: 1, r Reeve; 2 Lowe; 3 Hinchcliffe and Son; vhc Bilcock; hc Wood Bros.; c Walker. BREEDERS, 5 MTHS.: 1 Dumpleton; 2 Wood Bros.; 3 MacCreedy; r Noble; vhc Swire; hc Bean; c Weston. NOVICE EXHIBIT: 1 Lowe; 2 Dukes; 3 Weston; r hc Chas. Dukes; vhc Walker; c Baker. NOVICE EX. AND EX.: 1 Law; 2 Mitchell; 3 B. Winter-Taylor. CUP FUND: 1, r Reeve; 2 Lowe; 3 Wood Bros.; vhc Dukes; hc Williams; c Walker. CHALL. D.: 1 Reeve; 2 Dumpleton; 3 Wood Bros.; r Swire; vhc Turner; hc Miles; c Redman. CHALL. BUCK: 1 Lowe; 2 Hinchcliffe and Son; 3 Goddard; r White; vhc Reeve; hc Pike; c Willingham. SELF: 1, r Reeve; 2 Lowe; 3 Wood Bros.; vhc Pike; hc Noble; c Goddard. NON-SELF: 1 Reeve; 2 Flynn; 3 Marrable; r Gillard; vhc Cox; hc Baker; c Walker. 5 MTHS.: 1 Dumpleton; 2 Wood Bros.; 3 Chaitan Stud; r Marrable; vhc Reeve; hc Cox; c Walker. GRAND CHALL.: 1, vhc Reeve; 2 Dumpleton; 3 Lowe; r Reeve; hc Hinchcliffe and Son; c Wood Bros. Result of Inter-Club Match: SELF FINAL: 1 Reeve; 2 Dumpleton; 3 Lowe; r hc Wood Bros.; hc Reeve; c Willingham. NON-SELF FINAL: 1 Reeve; 2 Flynn; 3 Gillard; r Turner; vhc White; hc Baker; c Walker. Number of points scored: Bucks, 43, Northants 8, Middlesex 5. Specials: Mrs. L. A. Reeve's Blue doe, ring No. 5854, was awarded Blue Ribbon for best Self, S.R.R.A. Gold Star, B.R.C. Diploma B.S., and Breeder's Young Stock Cup. Other Blue Ribbons awarded were: best shaded, J. W. Turner's Smoke Pearl, No. 5769; best Agouti, Mrs. Reeve's Castor No. 6071; and best A.O.V., J. E. Huddart's Himalayan.

WINNERS AT RECENT CAVY SHOWS

ILKLEY BLK., 13: 1 Overton, won on all-round quality; 2 Hannam, beaten coat colour; 3 Ellershaw, broken in coat a little. 4 MTHS.: 9: 1 Schofield, a grand youngster, fit; 2 Ellershaw, just beaten condition; 3 beaten coat; r Firth. A.O.C. SELF: 7: 1 Yates and Waterhouse, won on colour type, also best cavy in show; 2 Craven, beige, lovely colour and type; 3 Orange, cream, grand pig, little dark; r Thompson. 4 MTHS.: 1 Yates and Waterhouse, white; 2 Waterhouse, red, good shape and condition, colour; 3 Shaw, white; r Brett. HIM.—7: 1, 2 Critchley, winner best points, denser colour; 3 Harvey, not as dark; r Mallinson. T.-&W.—7: 1 Brooke, best placed patches; 2 Mallinson, bad brick; 3 Mallinson, colour short one side; r Clarke. 4 MTHS.: 6: 1 Hannam; 2 Mallinson; 3 Wilkins; r Shaw. DUTCH.—6: 1 Bell, red; 2 Mallinson, black; 3 Mallinson; r Schofield, change places; r Smith. AGOUTI: 1 Anycock; 2 Murray; 3 Brooke; r Thompson. ABYSS.—7: 1 no name; 2 Pateman; 3 Orange; r Pateman. 4 MTHS.: 7: 1 Ashley and Kenyon; 2 Mallinson; 3 Foster; r Martin. A.V.—BREEDERS, 9: 1 Orange, cream; 2 Ovelton res. black; 3 vhc black; hc Francis; c Ellershaw. 4 MTHS.: 17: 1 Schofield, winning black; 2 Yates and Waterhouse, 1st white; 3 Ellershaw, 2nd young black; r 2nd agouti; vhc red; hc 1st T.-and-W.; c 2nd T.-and-W. CHALL., 28: 1 Yates and Waterhouse, rd. white; 2 Orange, cream; 3 E. Firth, black; r Orange, black; hc 1st Abyss.; hc Brooke, 1st T.-and-W.; c res. Abyss. Many thanks to my stewards.—MILTON BAXTER.

LONDON

The Southern Cavy Club open table show was held in London on Tuesday, Sept. 10th. Judge was Mr. Bareham. This first attempt at a table show with rail stock drew a total entry of over 80. Best in show was won by Miss Radeglia's Self Black show. Best A.V. (bar Self) was won by Master Armes. WHITE OR CREAM: 1, 3 Brown; 2 Bown; r Mrs. Tipton; vhc Master Glover. BLACK B.: 1 Brown; 2 Miss Radeglia; 3 Simpson; r Master Glover. SOW: 1, 2 Miss Radeglia; 3 Brown; r Hardee; vhc Mrs. Danecourt. 4 MTHS.: 1 Simpson; 2, 3 r Sayers. (A.O.C.) 5 MTHS.: 1, 3 Mrs. Tipton; 2 Bamber; r Bown. A.O.V.—Master Armes; 2, 3 Mrs. Tipton. PAIRS A.V., 4 MTHS.: 1 Sayers; 2 Mrs. Tipton; 3 Master Wilson; r Bown. NOVICE EX. AND EX.: 1, 2 Simpson; 3 Master Armes; r Bamber; vhc Master Wilson. LADY EX., A.V., A.A.: 1, 2, 3 Miss Radeglia; r, vhc Mrs. Tipton; hc Mrs. Danecourt. BREEDERS, SELF: 1, r hc Miss Radeglia; 2, 3 c Brown; vhc Bown. 5 MTHS.: 1 Simpson; 2 Bamber; 3, r hc Sayers; vhc Bown. CHALL., SELF: 1, 2, vhc Brown; 3, r Miss Radeglia; hc Simpson; c Hardee. CHALL. BAR SELF AD.: 1 Master Armes; 2, 3 Mrs. Tipton. CHALL., 5 MTHS.: 1 Simpson; 2 Bamber; 3, r hc Sayers. GRAND CHALL.: 1, 3 Miss Radeglia; 2, r c Brown; vhc hc Simpson.—JOAN RADEGLIA, Sec. and Treas., 7, Dorking Road, Epsom, Surrey.

SILSDEN

WHITE, 10: 1 Yates and Waterhouse, lovely sow, best colour; 2 Whitaker, boar, good head; 3 Orange, sow, long in coat, not colour of winner; r Cook; vhc Whitaker; hc c Thornton. 4 MTHS.: 1 Yates and Waterhouse, best head and colour; 2 Short, close up; 3 Yates and Waterhouse, boar; r Yates and Waterhouse; vhc Platt. CREAM 6: 1 Thompson, won on colour, just lucky; 2 Short, lovely sow, grand colour; 3 Orange, little dark; r Thompson; vhc Ormond; hc Waterhouse. 4 MTHS.: 1 Thompson, nice colour; 2 Thompson; 3 Ormond, little dark; r Short. BLACK, 11: Grand class, most fit to win; 1 Kent, well

shown, coat, colour and condition; 2, 3 Ellershaw and Redhead, sows, beaten coat colour; r Mather; vhc Orange; hc Ellershaw; c Crabtree. 5 MTHS.: 7: 1 Kent, grand pig, well up to age, just lucky to get through; 2 Schofield, a baby, Ilkley winner; 3 Bentley, beaten condition; r Wilson; vhc Platt; hc Crabtree; c Ormond. A.O.C.: 8: 1 chocolate, grand colour, fit; 2 Bentley, beige, nice colour; 3 Cook, not condition of leaders; r Waterhouse. AGOUTI: 1 Trigger, golden, lovely colour, condition and shape, four good feet; 2 Black, silver; 3 Gilbert and Sons, not good feet; r no name; vhc Schofield; hc Curtis; c Black. A.O.V.—1 Gilbert and Sons, Abyss.; 2, 3 Mallinson; r Mather. DUTCH.—Good class; among first

TORTOISE-AND-WHITE CAVY CLUB NOTES

MY recent notes on record cavy litters brought a very interesting reply from one of our members, Mrs. Mather, Urmsion, who says, "I have had eight in a litter quite a few times with Tortoise and Whites, but have only reared them if I have had another sow which has had only one or two herself, to help to feed them. Eight is too many for one sow to feed."

Mrs. Mather also asks, "Can anyone beat this? One T. and W. sow gave birth to twelve young four or five days before her time. All were fair sized, but all were dead. The sow is now herself again." I shall be glad to hear of other fanciers' experiences with large litters.

I am sorry I cannot give a further up-to-date statement on the position in our "Points" competitions. I have no more results in since the last list I gave. Several secretaries have only sent me the 4th place winners. For the competitions I require all the placings, so that all the points can be credited. Some secretaries have not sent any results. I appeal to all show secretaries to send me the results as soon as they possibly can. I know the show secretary has plenty to do, but some time has elapsed since some of the shows at which we offered help by our "Points" competitions. I know these competitions have created interest and have helped to swell entries, so it is up to secretaries to help themselves by helping our club to keep up the interest. This comment will answer those who have written me inquiring about their "points."

three any could win: 1, 2 Mallinson, red and black; 3 Belloum, not in condition as at Ilkley; r Foord Bros., out saddle; vhc Belloum; hc Kent; c Thompson. BREEDERS, 15: 1 Kent; 2 Orange, 3rd white; 3 Ellershaw, 2nd black; 4 Orange, hc Trigger; hc Ellershaw; r Thornton. 5 MTHS.: 12: 1 Kent; 2 Schofield; 3 Yates and Waterhouse; r Drange; vhc Wilson; hc Yates and Waterhouse; 3 Crabtree. CHALL., 21: 1 Kent; 2 Ellershaw; 3 Yates and Waterhouse; r Thompson; vhc Mallinson; hc Trigger; c Orange. 5 MTHS.: 1 Kent; 2 Schofield; 3 Yates and Waterhouse; r Orange; vhc Mallinson; hc Crabtree; c Waterhouse. Many thanks to my stewards.—MILTON BAXTER.

THORNTON-CLEVELEYS

Entries came up wonderfully well at this first venture. The club can be made much stronger I'm sure as there are some good local fanciers with a wide experience. BLACK—8: 1 Mather, nice sow, sound colour; 2 Reynolds, sound colour, falls head to winner; 3 159a, nice young sow; r Parkinson; vhc

Atherton; hc Reynolds; c Taylor. U/4, 4: 1 Mayor, very promising and old enough sow; 2 162a, nice boar, sound; 3 Eaves, falls colour; r Reynolds. WHITE OR CREAM.—8: 1 Smith, wins on condition, nice type; 2 168b, a grand sow spotted by large bare patch; 3 Nutt, lacks condition; r Reynolds (only Cream fair); vhc 108a; hc Reynolds; c Yarsley. U/4 MTHS.: 2: 2 169a, 3 Furness. DUTCH.—5: 1 Mallinson; vhc black sow, falls stops only but wins; r Atherton; r sow, falls check and condition; 3 Taylor. T. AND W.—11: 1, r Smith, well-known sow, wins; 2, 3 Thompson, clean in patches, former down in condition; vhc Mallinson; hc 181a; c 181b. 4 MTHS.: 11: 1 Mallinson, nice and square in patches, short or black one side; 2 Smith, white runs over loins; 3 Mather, clean patched nice short one colour; r hc Wright; vhc hc nothing; several white banded and nothing very striking. A.O.V.—5: 1 Thompson, Agouti boar, strong feet and chest nice, but dark enough; 2 Yarsley, G. Agouti sow, similar to winner, falls head; 3 Eaves, Abyss. boar, nice pig, but double ros.; r, vhc Thompson. A.V.—NOV. EX., 12: 1 Mallinson, 1st Dutch class; 2 Parkinson, black boar; 3 Mallinson, 1st u/4 T. & W.; r 159a; vhc Taylor; hc Nutt; c Reynolds. BREEDERS, 6: 1 Mallinson, 1st T. & W.; u/4; 2 168b, white boar, lacks condition; 3 181c; vhc Nutt; hc Reynolds; c Curtis. JUVENILE 5: 1 Reynolds, blk. sow; 2 Smith; vhc Furness. CHALL.: 8: 1 Mather, winning black; 2 168b, 2nd white sow; 3 Nutt, 3rd white sow; r, hc Reynolds; vhc 194a; c Curtis.—R. J. METCALFE.

RABBY

THIS show was run by the Kirby Muxloe Infirmary in aid of the Leicestershire Royal Infirmary. Best in show under all judges went to Mr. Robinson's white cavy.

WHITE OR CREAM: 1, 2, 3 Robinson; r Harris-Sayers; vhc Hardy; hc c Underwood, 1st good all round, 2nd beaten coat, 3rd falls head and eye. WHITE OR CREAM U/5: 1, 2, vhc Harris-Sayers; 3 W. Hardy; r Robinson, 1st good head, falls coat, 2nd beaten head and eye. BLK.: 1 Miss O'Connor; 2 Pearson, fair; U/5: 1 Harris; 2 Sayers; 3 Bird. AGOUTI: 1 Gilbert and Son; 2 Robinson; 3, vhc Hill; r hc Wardy, 1st good ticking, belly and feet; 2nd will do well when older; 3rd broken back, falls belly. ABYSS.: 1 Hardy; 2 Blackburn; 3 Gilbert and Son; r vhc hc Fowkes; c Boulstridge, 1st good rosettes and ridges; 2nd beaten back ridge; 3rd extra rosette one side, soft on coat. 4 MTHS.: 1 Blackburn; 2, 3 Gilbert and Son; r Boulstridge, 1st best formation, 2nd just beaten, back ridge; 3rd again ridges. T. & W.: 1 Kendall, short one side, white run under. DUTCH: 1 Foord Bros.; 2 Hobbs; 3 Robinson; r Harris-Sayers, 1st, 2nd two well known pigs; 2nd just beaten condition; 3rd out under, odd stops. BRDRS.: 1, 2, c Robinson; 3 Gilbert and Son; r Hobbs; vhc Gilbert; hc Harris-Sayers; c Bird. Chall.: Repeat.—C. THOMPSON (Judge).

MICE AT SANDY

THERE was an entry of some 227 in the mouse section at Sandy show—rather a poor response to such a big classification, guaranteed by the N.M.C. There were classes without a single entry, and others had to be amalgamated. In my classes quality was good.

CAVY CLUB NOTES

I hope all will support the Lincolnshire Cavy Club show on Oct. 5th, when Mr. Elkington, one of our club judges, will judge. This show will rank for all our "Points" competitions and also the usual specials. Other shows supported by the club are Kirby-Muxloe on Nov. 23rd (Judge, C. J. Harrison) and Kirbymoorside, Oct. 31st (Judge, W. H. Wright). The "Parkes" challenge cup and the "Liskerret" bowl competitions will be "on points" at both these shows, and also the usual specials. Also, please remember the London ch. show on Nov. 12th, where our president will officiate. All three competitions are offered here.

I am still open to receive invitations to stage our annual show in early December, or a date near that. We will guarantee all T. and W. class and also find the judge, and, if necessary, help with the other arrangements.

We are also ready to help other shows to put on T. and W. classes. Secretaries please write giving full particulars in first letter. New members are welcome and also subscriptions that are still unpaid for this year will be welcome. I much regret that I have not yet been able to send out the new handbook to members. I have seen the printers several times, and they are still held up for material. I will send it as soon as I get it. One good thing is that it is not a Year Book and dated. It is intended to last several years, as it will also be a book containing instruction and advice.—F. F. Rogers, Hon. Sec. and Treas., 55, Station Road, Featherstone, Pontefract.

but with only a few exhibits which stood out from the rest.

I liked the two leading self silvers. Pity a cream had to go in the same class. It was one of the best I have seen for belly colour, and makes one think it will not be long before they are as good under as on top. Dutch were mostly good in saddle, but markings are not so clean cut, and white, and light, ears are a definite fault. Broken were more typical than I have seen them for a long time. Spots are more solid, and distribution is better. Possibly this is because there has been more concentration on the medium number of spots. We are not seeing many with a dozen spots neither are they exhibited with five or six. Apparently the happy medium has been struck and they are most eight or nine. Better a solid eight spot than a bridled eleven. A really grand medium silver grey won the mixed class. It beat a good cinnamon, which I liked very much. There was a good chocolate fox with excellent top colour, and falling only on feet, as they all do. The leading chinchilla shows improvement in the

variety, but not quite the depth of colour in the pearling. I noticed two stone coloured Dutch. They were the nearest to champagne colour and were judged as champagne Dutch. They had to go down in the cards owing to poor colour, but at least one was well enough marked to have been much higher if colour did not count.

Very many thanks to my steward, Jack Nott who stuck to me throughout the judging, and later until we had all the stock boxed up ready for rail by 7 p.m. I see he is the owner of the champagne Dutch, but he kept a poker face while I judged and criticised them.

B.I.S. and best tan, Fern End's cham. tan, 2nd B.I.S. and best self, Erswell's silver. Best marked Slack Bros. Dutch. Best A.O.V. Erswell's silver grey.

SIL., BLUE & A.O.C. AD. (Amal.) 4: 1 Erswell, sil.; 3 Tunncliffe, cream; r G. Parkinson, sil. DUTCH: 11: 1 r Slack Bros.; 2 Wormald; 3 Morley; vhc c Nott; hc Platten. 8 WKS. 15: 1 vhc Wormald; 2, 3 Hignell; r Swain; hc Morley; c Nott. BKN., EVEN OR VAR. 8: 1 Dawson; 2, 3 Keers; r J. B. Robinson; vhc Tucker; hc Morley; c Mr. and Mrs. Ford. AG. CINN. OR SIL. 10: 1, hc Erswell; 2 Hignell; 3 Tunncliffe; r Moorhouse; vhc Tucker; 995, 996, 997, 999 abs. at time of judging. CHIN. OR FOX 10: 1 hc Stevens; 2 Moorhouse; 3, r Wormald; vhc Cape; c Deakin. JUV. 6: 1 vhc Platten. Dutch: 2 Parkinson, cham.; 3 Todd, P.E.W.; r Parkinson, sil. NOV. EX. 6: 1, r Parkinson, cham. and Fox; 2 Deakin, blue tan, chin. CHALL. 30: 1 Fern End, cham. tan; 2 Erswell, sil.; 3 no name. P.E.W.; vhc Slack Bros. Dutch; hc Taylor. P.E.W.; c Hignell, blk. tan, 8 WKS. 21: 1 Erswell, sil.; 2, 3 r c Fern End, P.W.S. and Dove-tans; vhc Hignell Dutch; hc Taylor, cham. tan.—B. H. DU BOISSON.

"FUR AND FEATHER" 100-GUINEA "CHASER" DIPLOMAS

JULY 20th.—NORTHERN COUNTIES SILVER: 240 entries. Best in show, Bucket (518). AUGUST 3rd.—LEEDS CITY: 89 entries. Fancy (and best in show), Dixon, 10250. Fur, Beer, 25953.

AUGUST 4th.—STOCKTON: 760 entries. Fancy (and best in show), Forster's Angora 4975. Fur, Harrison's Blue-fox (14844).

AUGUST 10th.—CHESHIRE COUNTY: 202 entries. Fancy (and best in show), Bell & Heaton's Silver, 402. Fur, Burton's Argentine, 5887. DORSET AND WEST HANTS. FUR CLUB: 385 entries. Best in show, Laurie's Seal, 27175.

AUGUST 11th.—SOUTHALL: 229 entries. Fancy, Potts, 25827. Fur (and best in show), Milson's Sable-fox, 4675.

AUGUST 17th.—THORNER: 100 entries. Fancy (and best in show), Riddsall's Tan, 11753. Fur, Whittaker's Sable, 19830.

ECLES: 308 entries. Fancy (and best in show), Dootson, 30202. Fur, Reynolds's, 16675. Best cavy, Smith. Best mouse, Hussey. LOWERHOUSES AND LONLEY: 140 entries. Fancy, Firth's Dutch (2446). Fur, Tredale (6876).

NORTHERN COUNTIES HAVANA Y.S.S.: Best in show, Curckson's buck (15221). BUCKS. REX CLUB: 494 entries. Best in show, Reeve's Blue-fox doe, (8854). FARNBOROUGH: 604 entries. Fancy, Brake's Flemish (2124). Fur, Harding's Chinchilla (1863).

AUGUST 17th and 18th.—NUNEATON: 233 entries. Fancy, A. Smith's Tan (997). Fur, Harrison's Chin-fox (13974).

AUGUST 18th.—SURREY REX: 120 entries. Best in show, Coaks' Ermine, 7784. NORTH-EAST KENT: 119 entries. Fancy, Lettington's Dutch, 549. Fur (and best in show), Seagull's Beveren 18254. WALLINGTON: 305 entries. Fancy (and best in show), Brand's English, 10929. Fur, Edward's Blue Beveren, 872. WEST LONDON: 160 entries. Fancy, Swift's Tan, 863. Fur (and best in show), Alderman's Smoke Pearl, 16523. SOUTH MET. F.C.: 85 entries. Fancy (and best in show), Holland's Tan (112). Fur, Makings Blue Bev. (12413).

DORKING: 198 entries. Fancy, Coward's Dutch (1169). Fur (and best in show), Milson's Sable-fox (4876).

AUGUST 21st.—ENLO AND CHESHUNT: 125 entries. Fancy, Risk's Dutch (2090). Fur (and best in show), Saville's Beveren (2199).

SLEIGHTS: 701 entries. Fancy (and best in show), Lawson's Tan (9809). Fur, Allan's Blue Fox (22210); best Cavy, Webster's Smooth adult.

AUGUST 22nd.—COWBRIDGE: 129 entries. Fancy (and best in show), Fearn's Silver Brown (1860). Fur, Hemming's Ermine-fox (652).

AUGUST 24th.—WEST HERTS.: 241 entries. Fancy, Cadman's Flem. (3804). Fur (and best in show), Wilkins' Blue Beveren (1106).

KIRK: 295 entries. Fancy (and best in show), Milburn's Himalayan (7569). Fur, Brown Bros. Chin. (6154). MIDDLESBROUGH: 427 entries. Fancy, Harris and Forth's black Eng. Fur, Dent's Sable-fox. BRITISH LEGION (MAIDSTONE): 100 entries. Fancy, Watts (12477). Fur (best in show), Austen 975. HARROGATE: 143 entries. Fancy, Cullen's Silver Grey (225). Fur, Buller's Lynx-fox (18602).

NORWICH AND ALL ENGLAND: 272 entries. Fancy, Minns's Eng. (8393). Fur (and best in show), Granville-Stutley's Ermine-fox (3408); best cavy, Northward. BURTON-ON-TRENT: 620 entries. Fancy (and best in show), Bateman's Eng. (13737). Fur, Higginbottom's Chin. (16694). WEST SURREY: 592 entries. Fancy, McCaffrey's Tan (6818). Fur, Corn's Fox (15251). SHOTTON: Fancy, Wickstead's Tan (9511). Fur, Bibby's Chin. (16981). NEWBIGGIN-BY-SEA: 83 entries. Fancy, Fur (and best in show), Callan and Pover's Belg. Hare (15340) and Silver Fox (22202). C.O.D. SOCIAL CLUB: 79 entries. Fancy (and best in show), Potter and Son's Polish (315). Fur, Archer's Rex (9408). WALTON-LE-DALE: 240 entries. Fancy, Warburton's Dutch (49696). Fur, Barron's Chin. (3000). MIDLAND CHINCHILLA: 182 entries. Best in show, Wright's Chin. (13671). LINSLEDE: 356 entries. Fancy (and best in show), Whitney's Tan (5658). Fur, Reeve's Blue-fox (5834).

PURLEY AND DISTRICT
PURLEY POULTRY AND RABBIT CLUB grand OPEN PEN SHOW in aid of Reedham Orphanage, on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th**, at the Scouts' Hut, Coudson (adjacent to Coudson South S.R. station, and bus stop). Entries to be penned by 10 a.m. Judging 11 a.m. Open to public at 3 p.m. Rail stock accepted Friday evening to Coudson South S.R. station. Judges: Mr. W. McMillan, Fancier; Mr. J. Moulder, Fur; Mr. W. Leat, Rex; Mr. A. G. Banks, Poultry and Eggs. Entry fee 2/-; prize money 75 per cent., except classes 52, 53, 54, 1/- entry fee. Prize money of 10/-, 6/-, 4/- guaranteed where C.C. is offered. Prize money in grand challenge 20/-, 10/-, 5/-, 4/-, 3/-, 2/-, 1/-. Amalgamation rights reserved. Specials: Rabbits; 10/- best Fancy 10/- best Fur 10/- best Rex. The B.R.C. offers 2 diplomas for best Fancy and best Fur. The B.R.C. (per Mr. T. S. Willis) offers four C.C.s for best Dutch, English, Rex Self, Rex non-Self. The B.R.C. (per Dr. J. N. Pickard, 36, Storeys Way, Cambridge), offers, through its agents, "Fur and Feather," for open competition the following cash prizes to exhibitors wearing B.R.C. or F.F.M.C. markings: 2/6 best Fancy, 2/6 best Fur; 2/- fourth Fur; 2/- fourth Fur. S.R.R.A. Blue Ribbons applied for. The London English Club (hon. sec., Mr. H. Worboys), offers a Bronze Medal of Supremacy for best English exhibited by a member of that Club. Poultry Specials: £2 best bird in show, £1 best Heavy breed; £1 best Light breed. **CLASSES, RABBITS:** 1-Dutch Black or Blue Ad. 2-Dutch A.O.C. Ad. 3-Dutch A.C. Ad. 4-English A.C. Ad. 5-English u/5 mths. 6-Silver A.C. Ad. 7-Tan A.A. 8-Belgian A.A. 9-Flemish Ad. 10-Fancy A.O.V. Ad. 11-Breeders Fancy. 12-Novice Exhibit Fancy. 13-Fancy Chall. Ad. 14-Fancy Chall. u/5 mths. 15-Argente A.C. Ad. 16-Argente A.C. u/5 mths. 17-Beveren A.C. Ad. 18-Beveren A.C. u/5 mths. 19-Chinchilla Ad. 20-Chinchilla u/5 mths. 21-Fox A.C. Ad. 22-Fox A.C. u/5 mths. 23-Sable A.C. Ad. 24-Sable A.C. u/5 mths. 25-Siberian A.C. Ad. 26-Siberian A.C. u/5 mths. 27-Chin. Gig. Ad. 28-Chin. Gig. u/5 mths. 29-Nor. Hav. A.A. 30-A.O.V. Nor. Fur Ad. 31-A.O.V. Nor. Fur u/5 mths. 32-Members Nor. Fur A.A. 33-Breeders Nor. Fur A.A. 34-Novice Exhibit Fur. 35-Nor. Fur Chall. Ad. 36-Ermine-rex Ad. 37-Ermine-rex u/5 mths. 38-Ermine-rex u/5 mths. 39-Lilac-rex Ad. 40-Lilac-rex u/5 mths. 41-Blue-rex Ad. 42-Blue-rex u/5 mths. 43-Havana-rex Ad. 44-Havana-rex u/5 mths. 45-A.O.C. Rex A.A. 46-Members Rex A.A. 47-Novice Exhibit Rex. 48-Breeders Rex A.A. 49-Rex Chall. Ad. 50-Rex Chall. u/5 mths. 51-Stud Buck. 52-Members Points Cup A.V. A.A. (no entry fee). 53-Juvenile. 54-Utility Pure Bred. 55-Utility Crossbred. 56-Ladies Exhibit A.V. A.A. 57-Grand Challenge. 58-Grand Challenge u/5 mths. All classes marked with an x must be duplicated. **POULTRY CLASSES:** 1-R.I.R. Female. 2-A.V. Sussex F. 3-A.O.V. Heavy F. 4-A.V. Light F. 5-A.V. Cross F. 6-A.V. Light Members. 7-A.V. Heavy members. 8-A.V. Male. 9-Most Likely Layer. 10-Duck M. or F. 11-Bantam Hard Feather M. or F. 12-Bantam Soft Feather M. or F. EGGS: 13-Hens White. 14-Hens Brown. 15-A.O. Colour. 16-Ducks A. Colour. Entries close **Tuesday October 8th**. Rabbit entries to Mr. MASLIN, 46, Green Lane, Purley.

BARKING P. AND R. SOCIETY OPEN PEN Y.S.S. at the Ripple Schools, Barking (under B.R.C. rules) on **SAT., OCT. 12th**, at 11 a.m. Rail stock accepted per L.M.S. to arrive Friday evening or Saturday, by 10 a.m. Entries close **Tuesday 8th**. Judges: Frank Maynard, Fur and Hares; W. Symonds, Fancy and Cavies. All stock 1946 bred, u/5 m. and u/14 weeks, pairs and singles. Entry fee 2/-. Prize money 10/-, 6/-, 4/-. Mem. classes 1/-, prize money 5/-, 3/-. 2/- on 8 entries, under 75 per cent. Grand Challenge. E.F. 2/-. P.M. 10/-, 8/-, 6/-, 4/-, 3/-, 2/-. guar. Rights reserved to cancel or amalgamate unsupported classes. The B.R.C. offers C.C. for Argente, Beveren, Chinchilla, Sable, Havana, Siberian, Chin, Giganta, Rex, Dutch, English, Tan, Silver and Belgian, and money specials for best Fur and Fancy and Reserves. Blue ribbon, S.R.R.A. Specials and A. of M., G.L.O.C. Specials G.L.D.R.C. All the usual duplicate classes. Schedule and rail labels from FRED J. BULL, 7, Norfolk Road, Barking, Essex. 1d. stamp please. Courtesy is our motto, come and test it.

LEATHERHEAD AND DIST. F.S. OPEN TABLE SHOW, **OCTOBER 6th**, at the Scouts Hall, Linden Road, Leatherhead, at 2.30 p.m. Judging 3.15 p.m. Judge: Mr. A. J. Power. Classes all breeds. Five of one breed to constitute a class. Entry fee 1/3 non-members, 1/- members. F.M. 75 per cent. Special members' class F.M. 10/-, 6/-, 4/- guaranteed. Hon. Secretary: Miss RADEGLIA, 7, Dorking Road, Epsom, Surrey. Tel.: Epsom 9203.

PEEBLESHIRE FUR CLUB. Scotland's premier TWO DAY SHOW (open to all and under B.R.C. rules), **FRIDAY and SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th and 26th**, in Burgh Hall, Peebles. All prize money guaranteed, no amalgamation nor cancellation of classes. Judges: Fancy Rabbits, F. G. Woodgate, Esq.; Normal Fur Rabbits, A. Curwen, Esq.; Rex Rabbits, T. S. Willis, Esq. Entry fees 2/- per entry. Prize money: 10/-, 6/-, 3/-. Excellent rail service L.M.S. and L.N.E.R. Owners and staging. Stock may be cleared at 4 p.m. on Saturday. **Closing date, October 21st.** All entries to hon. sec., DANIEL BELL, Northgate House, Peebles. Prize money in all classes except grand challenge class. 1st, 10/-; 2nd, 6/-; 3rd, 3/-; entry fee, 2/-. **FANCY CLASSES:** 1-English B. or B. Ad. 2-English A.O.C. Ad. 3-English A.C. u/5 mths. 4-Dutch B. or B. Ad. 5-Dutch A.O.C. Ad. 6-Dutch B. or B. u/4 mths. 7-Dutch A.O.C. u/5 mths. 8-Tan A.C. Ad. 9-Tan A.C. u/5 mths. 10-A.O.V. Fancy A.A. 11-Challenge Fancy A.A. 12-Breeders Fancy A.A. 13-1946 rung, Fancy. **NORMAL FUR CLASSES:** 14-Fox Silver Ad. 15-Fox Blue Ad. 16-Fox A.C. u/5 mths. 17-Fox Breeders A.A. 18-Fox 1946 rung. 19-Fox A.C. A.A. Points Class Northern Members S.F.R.C. 20-Beveren A.C. Ad. 21-Beveren A.C. u/5 mths. 22-Chinchilla Ad. 23-Chinchilla u/5 mths. 24-Havana Ad. 25-Sable Marten Ad. 26-Sable Siamese Ad. 27-A.O.V. Normal Fur A.A. 28-Challenge Normal Fur A.A. 29-Breeders Normal Fur A.A. other than Fox. 30-1946 rung Normal Fur. **REX CLASSES:** 31-Ermine-rex Ad. 32-Havana-rex Ad. 33-Blue-rex Ad. 34-Lilac-rex Ad. 35-Chinchilla-rex Ad. 36-Seal-rex Ad. 37-Sable-rex Ad. 38-Lynx-rex Ad. 39-A.O.C. Rex Ad. 40-Self Rex u/5 mths. 41-Self or Sable u/5 mths. 42-A.O.V. Rex u/5 mths. 43-Seal or Sable A.V. N.S. and S.R.C. (members only). 44-A.V. Rex N.R.A. members only, points competition. 45-Challenge Rex A.A. 46-Breeders Rex A.A. 47-1946 rung Rex. **DUPLICATE MIXED CLASSES:** To be judged by all three judges. 48-Novice Exhibit A.V. A.A. 49-Pairs one colour A.V. 50-Team one colour A.V. 51-A.V. Buck. 52-A.V. Doe. 53-Grand Challenge. No entry fee, all 1st prize winners will compete. Prize money: 1st, £1; 2nd, 10/-; 3rd, 5/-; 4th, 2/6. Under patronage of the following specialist clubs. Specials confined to members only. Scottish, Dutch and English Rabbit Club offers 5/- best English, 5/- best Dutch, United Kingdom Dutch Rabbit Club offers 5/- best Dutch, National Tan Rabbit Club offers Diploma best Tan, National English Rabbit Club offers 5/- best English in show, British Rex Rabbit Society offers 5/- best Rex also 2/6 res. 2/- v.h.c., 1/6 h.c. in Rex challenge. Northern Rex Rabbit Association offers class 41, to count in points competition, 5/- best in points class. Silver Fox Rabbit Club (Northern section) offers Class 19 to count in points competition, 5/- best in class 19. Certificate of merit for best Fox in show, 2/- adult Black, reserve, 2/5 adult Blue, reserve, 2/-. Blue u/5 mths, reserve, 2/- 1946 rung, reserve. National Seal and Sable Rex Club offers certificate of merit best Seal. Certificate of merit best Sable. The British Rabbit Council (hon. sec., Dr. J. N. Pickard, 36, Storeys Way, Cambridge) offers through its agents, "Fur and Feather" for open competition, the following cash prizes to exhibitors wearing a B.R.C. or F.F.M.C. marking ring: 2/6 best Fancy, 2/6 best Normal Fur, 2/6 best Rex, 2/6 best 4th Dutch, English or Tan, 2/- best 4th Fox, Chinchilla or Beveren. B.R.C. diploma best Normal Fur Breed. B.R.C. diploma best Rex. B.R.C. challenge certificates best Dutch, English, Tan, Fox, Beveren, Chinchilla, Sable, Rex Self, Rex non-Self. Open cash specials. 5/- per Jimmy Anderson for most points in Fox classes, 5/- per Kerr Meikle for winner of class 48.

NORWICH DUTCH CIRCLE ANNUAL OPEN SHOW, **SAT., OCT. 12th**, in St. James' Hall, Silver Road, Norwich. B.R.C. dip. and C.C. U.K.D.R.C. Members' Specials, 10/- best buck, 10/- best doe. For open competition, Silver Challenge Cup and numerous Cash Specials. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-. guaranteed. Entry Fee 2/-. Entries close **October 5th** to Mrs. D. C. LOVELAND, 27, Meadowbrook Close, Norwich. U.K.D.R.C. Judges, Messrs. G. A. Hodde, H. Phillips, G. A. Twiddy. Classes: 1-Black Buck Ad. 2-Black doe Ad. 3-Blue buck or doe Ad. 4-Tortoise buck Ad. 5-Tortoise doe Ad. 6-Steel buck or doe Ad. 7-Chocolate buck or doe Ad. 8-Yellow buck or doe Ad. 9-Pale or Brown Grey buck or doe Ad. 10-Black or Blue under 4 months 11-A.O.C. Rex under 4 months. 12-Black or Blue Breeders A.A. (dup.). 13-A.O.C. Breeders A.A. (dup.). 14-Lady's Exhibit A.A. (dup.). 15-Members E.C.D.R.C. Black or Blue Adult (dup.). 16-Members E.C.D.R.C. A.C. Adult (dup.). 17-Members B.R.C. A.C. Ad. under 4 months (dup.). 18-Selling Class £3 Limit A.A. (dup.). 19-Selling Class £10 Limit A.A. (dup.). 20-Gift Class no entry fee. Cash only. Stock to arrive Friday, Oct. 11th. Stewards welcomed. Show Manager: Mr. W. W. Atwell.

LOUTH AND LINDSEY FANCIERS ASSOC. OPEN PEN SHOW of Rabbits, Poultry and Pigeons, Corn Exchange, Louth, **OCT. 12th**, under B.R.C. rules. The B.R.C. offers the following specials: Diploma best Fur and Fancy, C.C.s Bev., Chin., Fox, Sable, Rex, English, Flemish, Silver, Ring specials. Judges: Rabbits, Fur, Mr. H. D. H. Dowle, Canterbury; Fancy, Mr. J. Gaunt, Mirfield; Pigeons, Mr. Beebe, Horncastle; Poultry, Mr. S. Newton, Mansfield; Woodhouse, G. Challenge class, both sexes, P.M. 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, guaranteed over 7 entries. Under 8 entries 75 per cent. Entry fee 2/- per class. Class 36, E.F. 1/-, P.M.: 5/-, 2/6, 1/6. **CLASSIFICATION:** gA-Belgian Ad. gB-Belgian u/5 mths. m1-Members A.V. Fur Ad. m2-Members A.V. Fancy Ad. 3-Beveren A.C. Ad. 4-Beveren A.C. u/5 mths. 5-Chinchilla Ad. 6-Chinchilla u/5 mths. 7-Fox A.C. Ad. 8-Fox A.C. u/5 mths. 9-Havana A.A. u/5 mths. gA Ad. 11-Sable A.C. u/5 mths. gB Ad. 12-Rex A.C. Ad. 13-Rex A.O.C. Ad. 14-Rex A.O.C. u/5 mths. 15-Dutch A.C. Ad. 17-Dutch A.C. u/4 mths. 18-English A.C. Ad. 19-English A.C. u/5 mths. 20-Flemish Ad. 21-Flemish u/5 mths. 22-Silver A.C. Ad. 23-Silver A.C. u/5 mths. 24-Tan A.C. A.A. 25-A.O.V. F. or F. A.A. m26-Members Fur A.V. Ad. m27-Members Fur A.V. u/5 mths. 28-Novice Ex. A.V. A.A. m29-Novice Breeders Ex. A.V. A.A. d30-Breeders A.V. u/5 mths. m32-A.V. Fur or Fancy u/13 wks. m33-A.V. Pairs u/13 wks. d34-A.V. Utility Fur P.B. A.A. g35-A.V. Utility Fancy P.B. A.A. g36-Juvenile A.V. A.A. d37-Stud buck A.V. d38-Brood doe. d39-Chall. Fur A.V. Ad. d40-Chall. Fur A.V. u/5 mths. d41-Chall. Fancy A.V. Ad. d42-Chall. Fancy A.V. u/5 mths. d43-Chall. G. Challenge A.V. A.A. Classes marked g guaranteed. Classes m may be duplicated. Classes 1, 2, 26, 27, 29, 36, members cup classes. Classes 12 and 13 guaranteed by Mr. and Mrs. Edwards. Classes A and B, Mr. Bohn. Eleven classes Poultry and Bantams. Eight classes Pigeons. Send for schedules. Rail labels sent on receipt of entries. Stock will be railed immediately after judging and will be well cared for. Please enter early and often. Entries close **Monday Oct. 7th**, and must be sent to BEN. ROOKE, sec., 77, Ugate, Louth.

MORLEY FUR FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION (under B.R.C. rules) **GRAND OPEN PEN SHOW** will be held **SATURDAY, OCT. 5th**, Show Room, Chapel Hill. Judging at 2.30 p.m. Judges applied for, H. Royston and Mr. Meek. Sweepstake on all entries in classes except 8, 7, 21, 22, on eight entries 10/-, 5/-, 3/-. Entry fee 2/-; other classes entry fee 1/6. Rail stock appreciated. **SCHEDULE:** 1-Dutch A.C. Adult. 2-Dutch A.C. u/4 mths. 3-Dutch A.C. 1946 Ring. 4-English A.C. Adult. 5-English A.C. u/5 mths. 6-English A.C. 1946 Ring. 7-A.V. Fancy Adult (10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 8 entries; 2/- entry fee). 8-A.V. Fancy u/5 mths. (10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 8 entries; 2/- entry fee). 9-A.O.V. Fancy A.A. not classed. 10-Breeders Adult. 11-Breeders u/5 mths. 12-Challenge Adult. 13-Challenge u/5 mths. 14-Grand Challenge A.A. Fancy (prize 10/-; fee 1/-). 15-Chinchilla Adult. 16-Chinchilla u/5 mths. 17-Rex A.C. Ad. 18-Rex A.C. u/5 mths. 19-Sable A.C. Ad. 20-Sable A.C. u/5 mths. 21-A.V. Fur Adult (10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 8 entries; fee 2/-). 22-A.V. Fur u/5 mths. 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 8 entries; fee 2/-). 23-A.O.V. Fur A.A. 24-Breeders Adult. 25-Breeders u/5 mths. 26-Chall. Adult. 27-Chall. u/5 mths. 28-Grand Chall. A.A. Fur (prize 10/-; fee 1/-). Refreshments at moderate charges). Sec. H. BENN, 42a, Station Road, Morley.

ALTRINCHAM & DIST. FUR SOCIETY ALL FUR OPEN SHOW to be held in the Club Rooms, Downs Hotel Yard, Railway Street, Altrincham, on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th**, 1946. Judging 1.0 p.m. Entry Fee: Guaranteed Classes 2/-, Sweepstake Classes 1/3; Members only Sweepstake Classes 1/-. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Sweepstake Classes 75 per cent. Judge, Mr. Sedgewick (Burnley). **Guaranteed Classes:** 1-Chinchilla Adult. 2-Marten Sable Adult. 3-Siamese Sable Adult. 4-Ermine-rex Adult. 5-A.O.C. Rex Adult. 6-Juvenile Fur A.V. 7-A.O.V. Fur Adult. 8-Fur Challenge Adult. 9-Havana Adult. 10-A.V. Juvenile 1946 Rung. **Sweepstake Classes:** 11-Chinchilla under 5 months. 12-Marten Sable under 5 months. 13-Siamese Sable under 5 months. 14-Ermine-rex under 5 months. 15-A.O.C. Rex under 5 months. 16-Fox A.C. Adult. 17-Breeders Adult. 18-Breeders under 5 months. 19-Pairs A.V. under 5 months. 20-Novice A.V. A.A. 21-Fox A.C. under 5 months. 22-Havana under 5 months. 23-Siberian Adult. 24-Siberian under 5 months. 25-Ladies Fur A.V. A.A. 26-A.O.V. Fur under 5 months. 27-President's Points. 28-Domestic. 29-Hospital class (cards only). Entries close Oct. 1st to R. E. DAVIES, "Corona" Vale Avenue, Woodlands Park, Altrincham, Ches.

BIRMINGHAM RUBY RABBIT CLUB OPEN TABLE SHOW, Congregational Church Hall, Whetly Lane, Rubery, **SATURDAY, OCT. 12th**. Judging 3 p.m. prompt. Judges: Fancy, G. Jones; Fur and Rex, S. G. Lowe. Entry fee 1/6 per class. Prize money 8/-, 4/-, 2/- guaranteed over 8 entries; 75 per cent. under. No amalgamation. "Fur and Feather" Diplomas. Rail stock to Longridge, L.M.S. Please note 1946 and Adult classes are not duplicate, but separate breed classes as far as entry fees go. 1-Bev. A.C. Ad. 2-Bev. A.C. 1946. 3-Bev. A.C. u/5 mths. 4-Chin. Ad. 5-Chin. 1946. 6-Chin. u/5 mths. 7-A.V. Sable Ad. 8-A.V. Sable 1946. 9-A.V. Sable u/5 mths. 10-Siberian Ad. 11-Siberian u/5 mths. 12-Siberian 1946. 13-Fox A.C. Ad. 14-Fox A.C. 1946. 15-Fox A.C. u/5 mths. 16-Argente A.A. 17-A.O.V. Fur Ad. 18-A.O.V. Fur 1946. 19-A.O.V. Fur u/5 mths. 20-Fur Breeders Ad. or 1946. 21-Fur Breeders u/5 mths. 22-Fur Chall. 1946 or Ad. 23-Fur Chall. u/5 mths. 24-Angora 1946. 25-Angora u/5 mths. 26-Dutch A.C. Ad. 27-Dutch 1946. 28-Dutch u/5 mths. 29-English Ad. 30-English 1946. 31-English u/5 mths. 32-Silver A.A. 33-A.O.V. Fancy Ad. 34-A.O.V. Fancy 1946. 35-A.O.V. Fancy u/5 mths. 36-Fancy Breeders 1946 or Ad. 37-Fancy Breeders u/5 mths. 38-Fancy Chall. 1946 or Ad. 39-Fancy Chall. u/5 mths. 40-Ermine-rex 1946 or Ad. 41-Lilac or Blue 1946 or Ad. 42-A.V. Rex Self A.A. 43-A.V. Rex Non-Self A.A. 44-Stud Buck Fur. 45-Stud Buck Fancy. 46-Supporters. 47-Juvenile (condition only). Rex may enter any suitable classes on this schedule. Entries not later than **Wednesday, October 9th** to SECRETARY, 21, St. Chads Road, Rubery, Rednal.

MIDDLESEX (SOUTH WEST) FUR FANCIERS OPEN PEN SHOW (under B.R.C. Rules) at Murray Park Hall, Whittin, Middlesex, on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th**, 1946. (Bus 27 to Whittin Church). Rail Stock welcome to Hounslow S.R. (T.C.F.). Judges: J. Jarrett (Eristol), Rex; W. Mortlock, Normal Fur; W. Mortlock, Normal Fur; W. Mortlock, Normal Fur; W. Mortlock, Normal Fur. Classes for all breeds, Adult and u/5 mths. Entry Fee: Members 1/6, Non-Members 2/-. Prize Money 5/-, 3/-, 2/- under 8 entries 75 per cent. Bonus paid on all classes of 12 entries or over. B.R.C. Challenge Certificates for Argente, Beveren, Chinchilla, Fox, Chin, Giganta, Havana, N.Z. Red, Smoke Pearl, Sable, Rex Self, Rex non-Self, Dutch, Belgian, English, Tan, Polish, Himalayan, Silver, Three Ribbons, S.R.R.A., two Blue Ribbons. Judging commences 2.30 p.m. Entries close 2 p.m. (sharp) or by post to PIKE AND LYSTER, 96, Thornbury Rd., Isleworth, Middlesex.

DOLLIS HILL P. AND R. CLUB ANNUAL OPEN PEN SHOW FOR POULTRY AND RABBITS on **SAT., OCT. 5th**, at Braincroft School, Warren Road, N.W.2. Rabbit Section. Judge: Mr. A. Robinson. Entries from 2 o'clock on day. Judging starts 3.30 p.m. All the usual classes. Entry fee, Members 1/-, Non-Members 1/3. Prize money 75 per cent. Grand Challenges for 8 entries guaranteed at 6/-, 4/- and 3/-. Don't forget the "Chaser" competition. Poultry Section. Judge: Mr. G. G. May. Closing date for entries, Oct. 2nd. Stock accepted on day up to 1.30 p.m. the latest. Prizes 75 per cent. and numerous specials. Entries: Poultry to Mrs. KEMPSON (GLA 1023), "Avenel", North Circular Road, near Staples Corner, N.W.2; rabbits to Mr. H. WARD (GLA 7077), 39, Alder Grove, N.W.2. Sorry no Rail Stock. Schedules for both sections to Mrs. Lewellen (GLA 2739), 85, Crest Road, N.W.2.

PERTSHIRE RABBIT CLUB OPEN ANNUAL PEN SHOW (under B.R.C. rules), on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th**, of Rabbits, Cages and Mice, in Drill Hall, Tan Street, Perth. Mouse Judge: J. Wormald, Esq. (Halifax). Rail stock accepted and specially catered for. Gavy section in conjunction with Scottish Gavy Club. All the judges are well known and the classification is super. Prize money 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, on 8 or more entries. Entry fee 2/-. Mice (judge: J. Wormald, Esq., Halifax) 1/-, Prize money: 6/-, 3/-, 2/- on 8 or more entries. Usual cups and traps of open specials. Supported by B.R.C. United Kingdom Dutch Rabbit Club, Scottish Chinchilla Club, Scottish Mouse Club, and National Mouse Club support. There is also other clubs' support (applied for). Entries closing date is **October 5th**. All fuller particulars from D. McGilvray, Main Street, Bankfoot, Perthshire, Scotland.

HORNSEY AND WOOD GREEN OPEN, **SAT., OCT. 5th**, at St. Mary's Hall, High Street, Hornsey, N.3, two minutes Turnpike Lane Tube. Judging 3.30 p.m., members; 4.30 p.m. open by Johnson Wells. Refreshments. Entries time of judging, Fees 1/3 and 1/-; 75 per cent. prize money. DICK VAUGHAN, 42, Granville Road, Wood Green, N.22. Future shows Nov. 30th and Dec. 21st. Subs. now due, 2/6 per annum. First M.O.M. Institute Club. Classes twice weekly. Monthly shows and meetings. Whist drives and dances.

BANBURY FANCIERS SOCIETY OPEN PEN SHOW (under B.R.C. rules), in the Unicorn Hotel Showrooms, Banbury, Oxon, on **SATURDAY, OCT. 12th**. Mr. G. Fricker, Bristol, Fancier; Mr. W. E. Lowe, Oxford, Rex and Normal Fur. Entry fee 2/- per class. Members classes 1/6. Prize money: 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, on guaranteed classes. Other classes where less than 8 entries, 75 per cent. Rail stock accepted Friday night. Closing date, Monday, Oct. 7th. Entries to J. E. WILSON, hon. sec., 16 Boxhedge Road, Banbury, Oxon. S.A.E. for rail labels appreciated. Specials: £1 best English, £1 best Dutch. The B.R.C. offers diploma best in show, also C.C.s for Belgian, English, Dutch, Silver, Rex (Self), Rex (non-Self), also 2/6 best in show, 2/- best fourth Fancy, and 2/- best fourth Fur. "Fur and Feather" Chaser diplomas. Two S.R.R.A. Blue Ribbons, Self and non-Self. National Ermine certificate. National Chaser certificate. National Lynx-rex diploma. Two Mid-rex diplomas and specials. Two National English specials. London English, Bronze medalion of supremacy. **CLASSIFICATION:** g1-Belgian Hare Ad. g2-Belgian Hare u/5 mths. g3-Dutch Ad. Black. g4-Dutch Ad. A.O.C. g5-Dutch A.C. u/4 mths. g6-English Ad. A.C. g7-English A.O. u/5 mths. g8-Tan A.C. A.A. 9-Flemish A.A. g10-Silver Grey A.A. g11-Silver A.C. A.A. g12-A.O.V. Fancy Ad. g13-A.O.V. Fancy u/5 mths. g14-Fancy Breeders A.A. g15-Fancy Challenge A.A. g16-Fancy Members A.A. g17-Ermine-rex Ad. g18-Ermine-rex u/5 mths. g19-Blue-rex Ad. g20-Blue-rex u/5 mths. g21-Lilac-rex Ad. g22-Lynx-rex Ad. g23-Castor Rex Ad. g24-Castor-rex u/5 mths. g25-Chin-rex A.A. 26-A.O.C. Rex Ad. 27-A.O.C. Rex u/5 mths. g28-Rex Breeders A.A. g29-S.R.R.A. g30-Mid-rex. g31-Oxon. and Berks. g32-Rex Challenge Ad. g33-Rex Challenge u/5 mths. g34-Rex Members. 35-Beveren A.C. A.A. 36-Chinchilla A.A. 37-A.O.V. Nor Fur A.A. 38-A.V. Nor Fur u/5 mths. g39-Nor. Fur Challenge. d40-Nor Fur Members. d41-A.V. Challenge u/5 mths. d42-Grand Challenge. Classes marked g-guaranteed, x-may be duplicated; d-must be duplicated.

HASTINGS AND DIS. F.A. OPEN (PEN) ADULT STOCK SHOW to be held on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th**, at the Church Hall, Mercatoria, St. Leonards-on-Sea. Judging at 10.30 a.m. prompt by A. G. Atkins, Fancier; T. Leaver, Normal Fur; and W. Mortlock, Rex. Please send S.A.E. for schedule of 104 classes. All classes for adult and 1946 bred exhibits. Prize money 12/-, 6/-, 3/- on all guaranteed classes and those over eight entries. Grand Challenge 20/-, 12/6, 7/6. B.R.C. offers three Diplomas and C.C.s for Dutch, English, Tan, Flemish, Polish, Beveren, Chinchilla, Fox, Sable, Argente, Havana, New Zealand Red, Smoke Pearl, Rex Self, and Rex Non-Self, also a number of cash prizes. S.R.R.A. offers Gold Star and three Blue Ribbons. Mr. T. W. Carr offers 1 guinea each to best Fancy, best Normal Fur and best Rex exhibits. There are numerous Certificates of Merit, cash specials, etc., offered by the specialist clubs. "Fur and Feather" offer two "Chaser" Diplomas. Show Secretary, Mr. R. O'HARA, 42, Kenilworth Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

NATIONAL MOUSE CLUB SHOW at the Adult Schools, Friar Lane, Nottingham, **OCT. 12th**. Judges: Mr. H. Booth, Mr. E. Skinner. Prize money: 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/- under 7 entries amalgamated. Entry fees 1/-. League match 6d. 1-White Ad. 2-White 8 wks. 3-Black or Blue Ad. 4-Black or Blue 8 wks. 5-Red or Choc. Ad. 6-Cham. or Fawn Ad. 7-Cham. or Fawn 8 wks. 8-A.O.C. Self Ad. 9-A.O.C. Self 8 wks. g10-Cream Any Age. 11-Black or Blue Tan Ad. 12-Black or Blue Tan 8 wks. 13-Cham. Tan Ad. 14-Cham. Tan 8 wks. 15-Silver Tan Ad. 16-Silver Tan 8 wks. 17-A.O.C. Tan Ad. 18-A.O.C. Tan 8 wks. 19-Dutch A.A. 20-Variigated Ad. 21-Broken or Even Ad. 22-Broken or Even 8 wks. 23-A.O.V. Adult. 24-A.O.V. 6 weeks. 25-Buck A.V. Ad. d28-Challenge Ad. d27-Challenge 8 weeks. x20-Supporters A.V. x29-Juvenile A.V. A.A. xA-League match Self A.A. xB-League match Tan A.A. xC-League match A.O.V. A.A. xD-League match A.O.V. A.A. Classes marked x may be duplicated. Entries close Oct. 9th to Mr. T. FITZWATER, 28, Roland Avenue, Wilford, Notts.

BIRMINGHAM FUR FANCIERS OPEN PEN SHOW (Adult Stock) will be held at Rea Street South Council Schools, on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th**. Judging to commence at 12 midday. Stock to be penned by 11.30 a.m. Two good judges. Entries from the standard schedule. Four of any breed or colour to make a class. Silver Spoons and Club Specials. Club Certificate of Merit for best Fancy and one for best Fur. "Fur and Feather" Chasers. Entry fee 1/3; Juvenile 9d. All entries with fee to Mrs. H. M. HAYNES, Assist. Sec., 318, Church Road, Birmingham 25.