

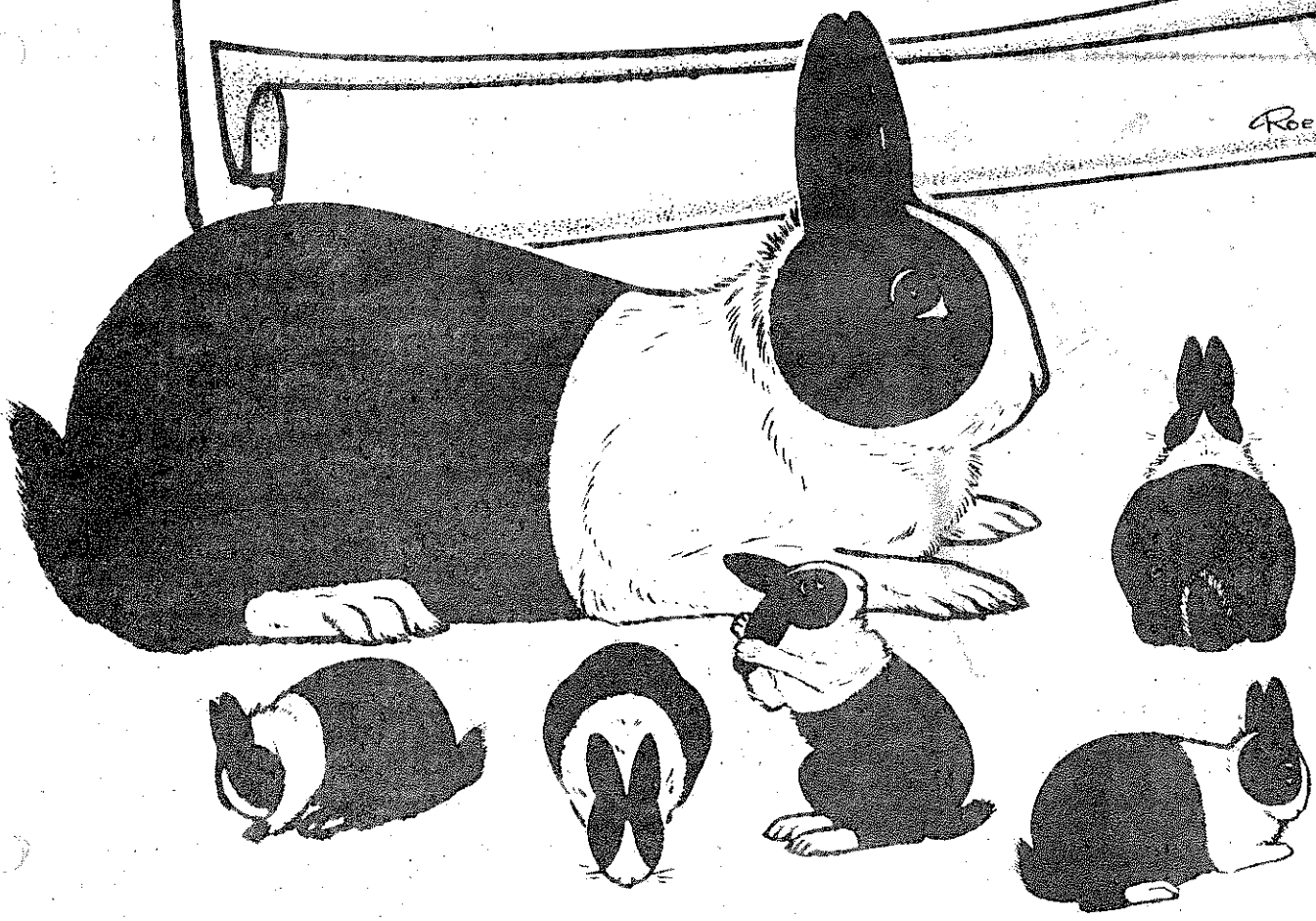
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Material for the September issue of The Dutch Reporter must be in the hands of the Editors by the 20th day of August.

REMEMBER, SPECIALS AND ADS for the 1951 AR&CBA CONVENTION SHOW must be in by August 10, 1951, if they are to appear in the show catalog.

NOTICE!

Breeder's card ads on the inside front cover of The Dutch Reporter expire with this issue. If you desire an ad, kindly get your copy to our Club's Secretary as quickly as possible. These ads are published for one year and cost \$2.00 for one ad for the full year.

HOW ABOUT A LITTLE TOLERANCE?

Charley Pine

I am not an old time breeder of Dutch nor an expert on whether a 3½ pound Dutch is superior to a 5 pounder but I have been around long enough to see some actions that I believe have been harmful to the general morale and advancement of the Club. My expression of opinion is not based upon any desire for personal gain nor the campaign for election to any office -- I want nothing at all -- but I do intend this as an appeal for the injection of more tolerance and reason in our dealings so that some of our controversies can be buried forever. I feel that my remarks are in order because I have seen more discord and unfavorable actions taken on our Convention judging of Dutch than I have seen in any of the other two or three Specialty Clubs that I belong to.

I am referring directly to the fact that generally speaking we have a controversy either over the selection of a Convention judge or the result of the Convention judges. This year has been no exception as

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we now have the Convention Committee wondering just who they are expected to please. I believe we must stop these actions regardless of personal feeling unless we want to shrink to a minor group of undecided fanciers. In addition, these affairs have generally led us to a much smaller than normal Dutch entry at National Convention shows - the very place we should be at our best. I urge that we take action to prevent these things from happening in the future -- I believe it can be done by adopting a few changes in our policies and thinking. I recommend:

a. That we take no future polls to select Convention judges. Experience has shown that very few of our members vote on these polls with the result that generally 8 or 10 votes are sufficient to lead the poll. I feel sure that if the Club sponsoring the Convention has shown enough ability to warrant our AR&CBA Board to award them the Convention surely we can trust them enough to select a couple of judges to place our awards. Remember, they have a great financial stake and are apt to make a good decision on their own initiative. If we adopt this policy, as several other Specialty Clubs have done, we will have good judges and a lot less harmful "rhubarb" among our own members.

b. That we, as members, drop the idea that only three or four judges in the United States can adequately judge Dutch. While we will always have our favorite judges we must abandon the thought of "my judge or no show." It must be buried right along side the thought of "I'm an old timer and entitled to judge." Let's support the shows just as long as a regularly qualified AR&CBA judge places the awards. If he doesn't place them as you see them, why not have a friendly discussion with the judge (after the awards are placed) and explain your views -- and, most important, listen to his. If we follow this method, I believe we will develop a great many highly skilled judges of Dutch. In addition, I believe we will all feel better about the whole thing.

c. That we be sure that we have done enough as a Specialty Club to help our breed at the Convention show. I believe that we should exceed our past performances (the last issue said we had \$8.00 for Convention specials) by budgeting a definite amount of our annual income toward this show and thus assuring at least something. Then, that we have a Convention show committee to do this annual promotion.

Let's forget judging "feuds," Standard squabbles and other controversial issues for a year and devote it to perfecting our organization, making our committees work, and finding ways to breed better Dutch!

NEW MEMBERS

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Gerald Crowell; R. R. 2; Eaton, Ohio.

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1951-1952 SWEEPSTAKE STANDING (10 High)

L. E. Settle 2824; Clipfort Rabbitry 1683; Gerald C. Leisenring 725;

A. W. Hageman 673; Tuttle's Rabbit Ranch 622; Cox-Hurley Rabbitry 569;

Sears Dutchland 494; Lee Bowen 484; C. W. Dugan 430; Charles Nave 379.

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- Lake County Central States Fair--Calumet Rabbit Breeders Club, Inc.;
Crown Point, Indiana, August 18-25, 1951
Mrs. Donald K. Barnett; 4345 Pine Ave.; Hammond, Indiana.
- Colorado State Fair; Pueblo, Colorado; August 19-24, 1951
Mrs. A. L. Stallings; 305 Park Drive; Pueblo, Colorado.
- Humboldt County Fair--Northwest Iowa Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Ass'n.;
Humboldt, Iowa; August 22-24, 1951
John F. Petersen; Palmer, Iowa.
- Jackson County Fair--Jackson Rabbit Breeders Ass'n., Inc.; Jackson,
Michigan; August 27-31, 1951
Mrs. Viola Dewey; RFD #1; Jackson, Michigan.
- Little Valley Fair--Cattaraugus County Rabbit Breeders Ass'n.; Little
Valley, New York; August 28-September 1, 1951
Mrs. Jerry Danner; Little Valley, New York.
- Iowa State Fair--Des Moines Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Ass'n.; Des Moines,
Iowa; August 30-September 3, 1951
Mrs. L. C. Heyer; 609 Hughes Ave.; Des Moines, Iowa.
- The Great Montgomery County Fair; Dayton, Ohio; September 3-6, 1951
Miss Goldie V. Scheible; 709-710 Reibold Bldg.; Dayton 2, Ohio.
- St. Charles County Fair--St. Charles County Rabbit Breeders Ass'n.;
St. Charles, Missouri; September 6-9, 1951
H. L. Stuckemeyer; 1400 N. 3rd St.; St. Charles, Missouri.
- Preble County Fair--Preble County Rabbit Breeders Ass'n.; Eaton, Ohio;
September 11-14, 1951
Charles Nave; R. R. #2; New Paris, Ohio.
- Wyandot County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders' Ass'n.; Upper Sandusky, Ohio;
September 11-15, 1951
Horace Taylor; Melmore, Ohio.
- Northeastern Oklahoma Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Ass'n.--Tulsa State Fair;
Tulsa, Oklahoma; September 15-?, 1951
Mrs. Caroline McGovney; 1012 North Elwood; Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- Four States Fair--Texarkana Rabbit Breeders Ass'n.; Texarkana, Arkansas;
September 14-17, 1951
Dr. W. D. English; 1515 Pecan St.; Texarkana, Arkansas.
- Kansas State Fair--Sunflower Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Ass'n.; Hutchinson,
Kansas; September 16-21, 1951
R. C. Hixson; 2909 N. Clarence; Wichita, Kansas.
- Eastern Wisconsin Rabbit Breeders Ass'n.--Wisconsin State Rabbit Breed-
ers Ass'n. Convention; September 21-23, 1951; Sheboygan, Wisconsin
Kenneth C. Kirchner; 2006 South 23rd St.; Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
- Tippecanoe County Rabbit Breeders Ass'n.--State Rabbit Show; Lafayette,
Indiana; September 21-23, 1951
G. M. Dalrymple; 1221 S. 18th St.; Lafayette, Indiana.
- Kern County Fair--Kern County Rabbit Breeders Ass'n.; Bakersfield,
California; September 25-30, 1951
Mrs. Alta Williamson; P. O. Box 1735; Bakersfield, California.
- Shelby County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders' Ass'n.; Shelbyville, Indiana;
September 28-29, 1951
Mrs. Herbert Wasson; R. R. 5, Meridian St.; Shelbyville, Indiana.
- Waterloo Rabbit Breeders Ass'n., Inc.; Waterloo, Iowa; September 29-
October 6, 1951
Claire C. Barclay; R. R. 3; Waterloo, Iowa.
- Ventura County Fair; Ventura, California; October 3-7, 1951
Elmer Paquette; Route 1, Box 95; Moorpark, California.
- Panhandle South Plains Fair Ass'n.; Lubbock, Texas; October 4-7, 1951
A. B. Davis; P. O. Box 561; Lubbock, Texas.

JACKSON RABBIT BREEDERS ASS'N, INC.

Jackson, Michigan

May 19-20, 1951

Judges Keith Forbush

I. R. Holmes

BLACK DUTCH (12): SR. BUCKS (5) 1st, Best Black and Best Dutch all colors, Madeline Tuttle; 2nd, 3rd, 4th Ray Willey; 5th ----.
 SR. DOES (2) 1st Madeline Tuttle; 2nd Richard Hively. JR. BUCKS (2) 1st Ray Willey; 2nd Madeline Tuttle. JR. DOES (3) 1st Ray Willey; 2nd Lynn Cooper; 3rd Madeline Tuttle.

BLUE DUTCH (9): SR. BUCKS (7) 1st and Best Blue, Sears Dutchland; 2nd, 3rd, 4th Lynn Cooper; 5th Madeline Tuttle. JR. BUCKS (2) 1st Ray Grables; 2nd Lynn Cooper.

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (8): SR. BUCKS (3) 1st and Best Chocolate, Violet Jones; 2nd Madeline Tuttle; 3rd ----. SR. DOES (4) 1st ----; 2nd, 3rd Madeline Tuttle; 4th ----. JR. BUCKS (1) 1st John Nowak.

STEEL DUTCH (3): SR. BUCKS (2) 1st and Best Steel, Sears Dutchland; 2nd Madeline Tuttle. JR. BUCKS (1) 1st Sears Dutchland.

GRAY DUTCH (1): SR. BUCKS (1) 1st and Best Gray, Sears Dutchland.

A.O.C. DUTCH (7): SR. BUCKS (2) 1st and Best A.O.C., W. H. Mead; 2nd Lynn Cooper. JR. BUCKS (1) 1st Lynn Cooper. JR. DOES (4) 1st and Best Opposite; 2nd W. H. Mead; 3rd Lynn Cooper; 4th Richard Hively.

* * * * * SWEEPSTAKE POINTS: Tuttle 126; Hively 16; Sears 79; Grables 12; Nowak 6. * * * * *

GRANT COUNTY RABBIT & CAVY BREEDERS ASS'N.

Marion, Indiana

June 1-3, 1951

Judge Harry Rice

BLACK DUTCH (20): SR. BUCKS (5) 1st, Best Black and Best Opposite Sex, Charles Nave; 2nd Red Arrow Rabbitry (Jeanne Maddox); 3rd, 4th C. C. Keltner; 5th C. D. Huey. SR. DOES (2) 1st R. D. Humbert; 2nd D. R. Pflieger. JR. BUCKS (6) 1st R. D. Humbert; 2nd, 4th Chas. Nave; 3rd, 5th Brenda Johnson. JR. DOES (7) 1st Hebble Bros.; 2nd, 5th Charles Nave; 3rd Sears Dutchland; 4th C. C. Keltner.

BLUE DUTCH (9): SR. BUCKS (2) 1st Sears Dutchland; 2nd John Nelson. SR. DOES (1) 1st Brenda Johnson. JR. BUCKS (1) 1st Charles Nave. JR. DOES (5) 1st, Best Blue and Best of Breed, 2nd, 5th Sears Dutchland; 3rd Everett Lloyd; 4th Brenda Johnson.

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (10): SR. BUCKS (4) 1st and Best Chocolate, A. McKeeman; 2nd C. C. Keltner; 3rd R. D. Humbert; 4th Disq. SR. DOES (1) 2nd, D. R. Pflieger. JR. BUCKS (1) 1st D. R. Pflieger. JR. DOES (4) 1st R. D. Humbert; 2nd Harold Stevens; 3rd Greenlawn Rabbitry; 4th C. D. Huey.

TORTOISE DUTCH (9): SR. BUCKS (4) 1st Mrs. Grace Craig; 2nd Carldon Gaddis; 3rd Red Arrow Rabbitry; 4th C. C. Keltner. SR. DOES (1) 1st Carldon Gaddis. JR. BUCKS (1) 1st Carldon Gaddis. JR. DOES (3) 1st Mrs. Grace Craig; 2nd Greenlawn Rabbitry; 3rd Carldon Gaddis. Carldon Gaddis had Best Tortoise.

STEEL DUTCH (9): SR. BUCKS (3) 1st and Best Steel, Harold Stevens; 2nd, 3rd Sears Dutchland. JR. BUCKS (2) 1st Sears Dutchland; 2nd Disq. JR. DOES (4) 1st, 3rd Sears Dutchland; 2nd Lucile Stevens; 4th Disq.

GRAY DUTCH (3): SR. BUCKS (2) 1st Sears Dutchland; 2nd Harold Stevens. JR. DOES (1) 1st Sears Dutchland. Sears Dutchland had Best Gray.

A.O.C. DUTCH (11): SR. BUCKS (2) 1st C. D. Huey; 2nd C. C. Keltner. SR. DOES (2) 1st C. C. Keltner; 2nd Disq. JR. BUCKS (3) 1st, 3rd Hebble Bros.; 2nd Lucile Stevens. JR. DOES (4) 1st and Best A.O.C., Mrs. Grace Craig; 2nd Harold Stevens; 3rd Carldon Gaddis; 4th C. D. Huey.

GRANT COUNTY RABBIT & CAVY BREEDERS ASS'N., - Con't.

SWEEPSTAKE POINTS: Nave 127; Maddox 32; Keltner 83; Huey 33; Humbert 84; Pflieger 18; B. Johnson 40; Sears 187; Nelson 8; Lloyd 15; Stevens (Harold) 67; Craig 77; Gaddis 58.

SOLANO COUNTY RABBIT BREEDERS ASS'N. & SOLANO COUNTY FAIR

Vallejo, California June 16-23, 1951 Judge George Bayliss

BLACK DUTCH (14): SR. BUCKS (3) 1st, 2nd, 3rd Clipfort Rabbitry.

SR. DOES (3) 1st, 3rd Clipfort Rabbitry; 2nd Don Weldin.

JR. BUCKS 94) 1st, 2nd Clipfort Rabbitry; 3rd Don Weldin; 4th John Merrifield. JR. DOES (4) 1st, 2nd Clipfort Rabbitry; 3rd Don Weldin; 4th John Merrifield. Clipfort Rabbitry had Best Black.

BLUE DUTCH (13): SR. BUCKS (2) 1st, 2nd Clipfort Rabbitry.

SR. DOES (4) 1st David Holland; 2nd, 3rd, 4th Clipfort Rabbitry.

JR. BUCKS (4) 1st David Holland; 2nd, 3rd Clipfort Rabbitry;

4th Don Weldin. JR. DOES (3) 1st Don Weldin; 2nd, 3rd Clipfort Rabbitry. David Holland had Best Blue.

TORTOISE DUTCH (3): SR. BUCKS (1) 1st Clipfort Rabbitry. SR. DOES (2) 1st, 2nd Clipfort Rabbitry. CLIPFORT Rabbitry had Best Tortoise.

A.O.C. DUTCH (12): SR. BUCKS (4) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Clipfort Rabbitry.

SR. DOES (4) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Clipfort Rabbitry. JR. DOES (4)

1st, 3rd Clipfort Rabbitry; 2nd Don Weldin; 4th John Merrifield.

Clipfort Rabbitry had Best A.O.C.

SWEEPSTAKE POINTS: Clipfort Rabbitry 462; David Holland 61.

CALIFORNIA DUTCH CLUB NEWS - Continued

would penalize the person who likes to show a string and would tend to make our shows smaller.

To be counted there would have to be at least three rabbits shown by three different breeders.

To be eligible you would be required to show at least four rabbits in four different classes in at least five sweepstake shows during the year starting Jan. 1st and ending Dec. 31st. Only the four best from each entry to be counted in any one show. To do otherwise would again be penalizing certain individuals."

Under old business, the resolution by Bayliss pertaining to change in Club Constitution was read at the meeting, and, a majority vote taken, it was passed

Here is the resolution that was passed: "Be it resolved that Article 2, Part 2 of the Constitution of the California Dutch Club be changed to read: "The twelve (12) HIGHEST NOMINATED FOR DIRECTOR SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT AND six (6) SELECTED."

New business: Glenn Fidler was appointed by President Cremer to fill in the remaining term of Director for Geo. Sears.

The next regular club meeting will be held August 19th at the Orange County Fair.

No other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Lee Bowen.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR

Del Mar, California July 4-8, 1951 Judges Wesley Dixon and J. C. Lowit

BLACK DUTCH (19): SR. BUCKS (7) 1st and Best Black, Hazel Moore;

2nd Lee Bowen; 3rd Herman Haile; 4th Elmer Paquette; 5th F. A.

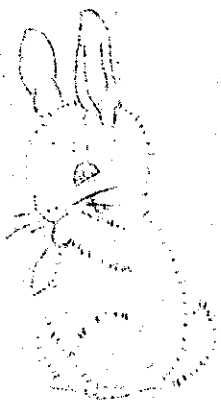
Turner. SR. DOES (4) 1st Lee Denison; 2nd, 4th C. F. Boyle;

3rd Elmer Paquette. JR. BUCKS (4) 1st, 2nd, 4th Elmer Paquette;

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 " Texarkana Rabbit Breeders Ass'n. "
 " with the Four States Fair. "
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 " Judge Charles A. Wade "
 " DUTCH & NEW ZEALAND SWEEPSTAKES "
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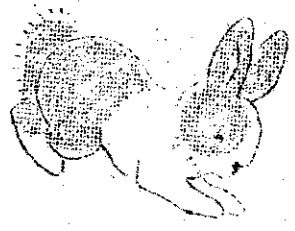
SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR - Con't.

16 BLACK--(Jr. Bucks) 3rd Lee Bowen. JR. DOES (4) 1st Elmer Paquette;
 2nd Lee Bowen; 3rd, 4th No award.
 16 BLUE DUTCH (12): SR. BUCKS (3) 1st and Best Blue, Elmer Paquette;
 2nd Herman Haile; 3rd No award. SR. DOES (4) 1st Lee Denison;
 2nd Herman Haile; 3rd Lee Denison; 4th F. A. Turner. JR. BUCKS (2)
 1st Herman Haile; 2nd F. A. Turner. JR. DOES (3) 1st Herman Haile;
 2nd, 3rd Elmer Paquette.
 CHOCOLATE DUTCH (5): SR. BUCKS (1) 1st Herman Haile. JR. BUCKS (3)
 1st and Best Chocolate, Lee Denison; 2nd Elmer Paquette; 3rd No
 award. JR. DOES (1) 1st Elmer Paquette.
 30 TORTOISE DUTCH (8): SR. BUCKS (5) 1st and Best Tortoise, Lee Bowen;
 2nd Elmer Paquette; 3rd, 4th C. F. Boyle; 5th Herman Haile.
 SR. DOES (3) 1st, 2nd, 3rd Elmer Paquette.
 GRAY DUTCH (1): SR. BUCKS (1) 1st and Best Gray, Elmer Paquette.
 A.O.C. DUTCH (9): SR. BUCKS (3) 1st Herman Haile; 2nd Bob Trego;
 3rd No award. SR. DOES (3) 1st C. F. Boyle; 2nd Herman Haile;
 3rd Elmer Paquette. JR. BUCKS (1) 1st and Best A.O.C., Lee Bowen.
 JR. DOES (2) 1st Lee Bowen; 2nd Hazel Moore.
 SWEEPSTAKE POINTS: Moore 69; Bowen 121; Haile 120; Paquette 242;
 Boyle 67.

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INBREEDING

by Ralph Walborn

Quite often we run across an article in regard to the breeding of animals; when it comes to the question of inbreeding, the writer will say that beginners should not try it.

Now, why all the mystery? Is there a secret formula. If so, let your fellow breeders in on it.

It is my own belief that even breeding brother and sister together has no harmful effect.

I cannot understand why beginners should be advised to out-breed. To my idea, it is a haphazard way of breeding rabbits. I will admit that there is less chance of mating animals with the same bad traits, but this holds true with good traits as well.

I believe that when the beginner is starting with Dutch and has bought some from this breeder and some from that breeder, he should start inbreeding them right away to see how many bad points he has acquired or how many good points. If they are too bad, the breeder should get rid of them right away.

If they are not too bad, by careful selective inbreeding and close culling he can purify his stock to a certain degree. If he has started with stock with good type and color, he can fix this into his strain. By careful breeding, he can put the markings on his Dutch. By doing this, he will know in a few generations what his herd of Dutch has back of them.

And, breeders, a nice herd of Dutch is something for any man to be proud of.

I feel this is the right way for this is nature's way with wild animals.

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Cattaraugus County Rabbit Breeders Association Show

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY FAIR

Little Valley, N. Y.

Dutch Sweepstakes

AUGUST 28 to SEPTEMBER 1

Sanctioned by A.R.&C.B.A. and
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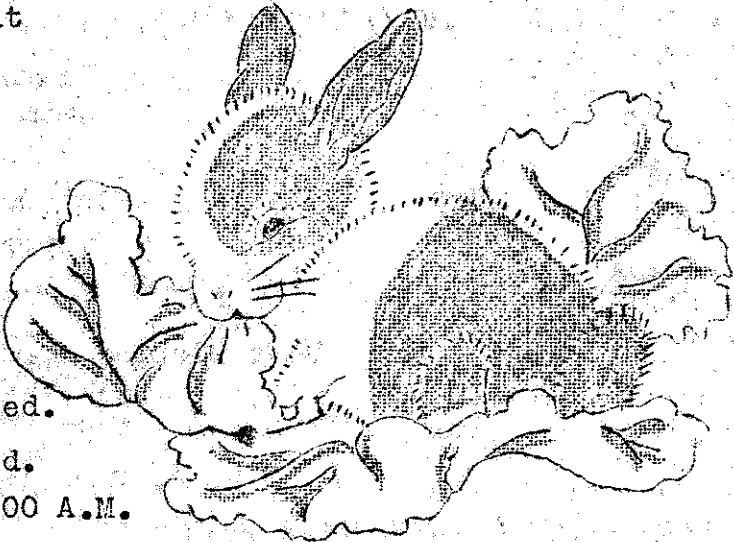
Show Secretary
Mrs. Jerry Danner
Little Valley, N. Y.

Shipments will be accepted.

Entries close August 23rd.

Judging August 29 at 11:00 A.M.

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"As Chas. Lewis wrote in the Dutch Reporter (1948) we should strive to breed our Dutch to meet the ideal, instead of trying to change the ideal to meet our own Dutch. And Jimmy Blyth wrote about the same thing.

"A few years ago I purchased a small buck which was a very nice animal and was called a "toy Dutch." However my larger stock had just as good type as his, and they seemed to produce better too. I'd rather have a doe which produces 5 or 6 than one which only kindles 2 or 3.

"If the judges who handle Dutch go by the standard they can place the entries according to the ones which come closest to the ideal instead of according to someone's opinion of what they think is the best animal. A continual campaign of education of our judges may be the solution in the correction of the varied ideas on our Dutch. At least it should help.

"My culls go for lab. and meat. The lab wants an animal from 4 to 5 lbs. so I have to grow them that large. Most of my meat customers want a 2 lb. (or over) dressed rabbit, also.

"I am in favor of continuing to breed to our present Standard of perfection and trying to produce that ideal Dutch which is still so elusive. Sincerely _____"

I want to comment on this letter a little, but first let me say that just because I cannot agree with this fellow on Dutch size and type doesn't mean that we are not friends. This is the good old U.S.A. and everyone has a right to do his own thinking and I admire one who speaks his own mind.

He states that we voted to lower the min. weight to 3 lbs. I just checked the 1944-1947 guide book and it gives no min. weight... 5½ lbs. as top, 4½ as ideal but not a word about minimum. That would be hard to lower I believe. We did, however, set a min. of 3 lbs., in 1948, for Seniors.

As to production, if my does only kindled 2 or 3 at a time, I would not want them either. My young does usually have only 4 or 5 the litter. (I breed them at 4 to 4½ months.) But, after the first litter, my average is between 6 and 7. My does very seldom have over 8 to a litter, but, if they do, I destroy all but 6 or 7 of the best.

Sometimes the labs have to be educated to the smaller sized rabbits. Some of them seem to think that they must weigh from 4 to 6 lbs. to be old enough. But I have sold hundreds of them for lab work and when you can guarantee the age to be 14 weeks and that they are virgin does, they will be glad to find they do not have to lift all the extra weight around. As for meat, don't let your customers get a taste of the 1½ lb. Dutch if you ever want to sell them 2 lb. ones later. This has been proven several times.

Now, for another N. Y. letter dated June 7th:

"Dear Mr. Dugan: Read your article of a couple of months back in Dutch Reporter and have been wanting to comment to you on it.

"First let me say that I have been raising Dutch for quite some time and have worked with my stock so as to try to get a Dutch that matures at nearly four pounds (4). I do not keep any that weigh over four and one half (4½) pounds. Its rather discouraging to a breeder to have to raise two types of Dutch in order to be able to show them in most of the outstanding shows because of the difference in judges. If our standard was changed to put the top weight limit on them at 4½ pounds, it would eliminate the differences in the judges, I believe.

"If I were raising rabbits for meat alone I would not raise Dutch so

why let the New Zealand type Dutch get by on the show table. If there is any thing that I can do to help get this matter cleared up I will be only to glad to help you out.

"My views on the Dutch rabbit are entirely the same as yours are, so I guess we could work together on this matter. Yours in the fancy,

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This one from Texarkana, Arkansas:

"I agree whole heartedly with your statements in the "Reporter" and shall continue to breed for the smaller type Dutch, even if others don't like them. We enjoy our Dutch, sell the nice ones for breeders and eat the mismarked ones."

The next one is from Huntington, West Virginia:

"I read your article in the "Dutch Reporter" and agree with you 100%. I am an advocate of the small cobby type of Dutch and believe they should have first consideration at all the shows. We do not need both the light and heavy weight type of Dutch."

This one from Tiffin, Ohio:

"I have just finished reading your article in The Dutch Reporter and would like to congratulate you on an article of this type, never have there been truer words spoken in The Reporter, I have been in favor of the small or toy type Dutch for years but unfortunately have never been able to keep the size of my Dutch down where I wanted them, however in my Black's I have been fairly successfull in keeping them down to 3½ to 4 lbs. but occassionaly have a 5 lb. Black, in my Blues I have not been so fortunate, most of them running 4½ to 5 lbs. In Gray's I have had very good success since I have some of your stock.

"I have many visitors at my rabbitry from many states especially in the summer when they are on vacation and 99 out of 100 want the small toy type, Its needless to say The Dutch is not a commercial rabbit and I cannot see why some breeders are trying to make a commercial breed out of them, if they desire to raise rabbits for meat why not let them stick with New Zelands or some other medium weight rabbit, every time I get inquiries for Dutch I try and explain to the prospect that The Dutch is strictly FANCY and not meant for commercial purposes. I think it would be a very good idea to try and get this thru some of the younger breeders and have the size decreased from 3 to 4 lbs. as you suggested, anyone who will take a good look at a 5 lb. Dutch and then at a 3½ lb. will agree the smaller one is the best looking of the two, will be more than willing to try and help you put this across."

Number six is from Massachusetts:

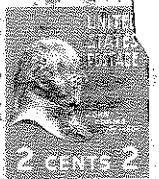
"Dear Mr. Dugan:- I think most of us are with you 100-per cent, in wanting the most, attractive, fancy Rabbit in the world, to improve. It's just as tough here, in the East, to educate the Judges to the improved type. Just so long as our Standard reads, most points for markings, the 5½ lb. animals are liable to win. Just why we have had a 2½ lb. weight gap all these years is beyond comprehension, with the heavy breeds having only 2 lbs.? Surely this is a rediculas situation, for a toy Breed. Let's follow the Leader, and do something about it. Fraternally yours,

Then I have a letter from E. Detroit, Michigan, a very nice letter but much too long for this month -- (7 pages). This party has a lot of good ideas but some that could never be incorporated in our guide book for they refer to measurement in inches to belt lines, stops and the like.

This is getting pretty long but I would like to mention the All-Dutch show down Texas way. I'm sure this will be one of the outstand-

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