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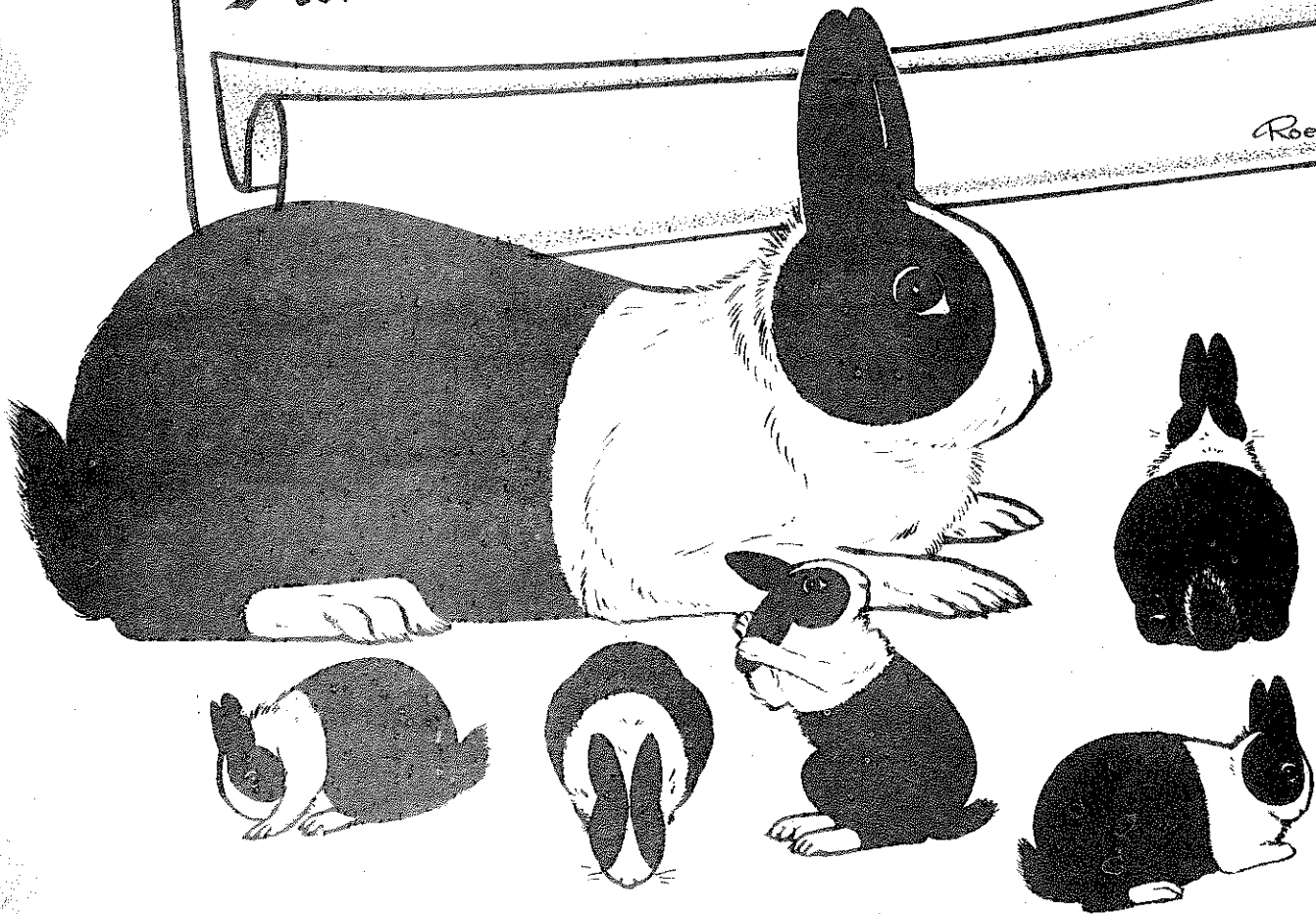
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YOUR NATIONAL DUTCH SHOW

When you read this the entries will have closed for our National Dutch show and we hope that you made an entry. Entries are coming in at this writing and from all indications we will have a fine show with several out of town breeders present from as far away as New York and Texas. We want to extend an invitation to all the members to attend this show, it will be well worth your time and expence. Several questions of great importance to the members and the club will be discussed at the meeting on Saturday evening, action will no doubt be taken on some while others will be refered to the membership, so if it is possible for you to get away, let us know and we will make hotel reservations for you.

At the suggestion of some of our members we have discontinued the publishing of the names and addresses of the members that have let their membership expire and starting next month a notice will be stamped at the top of this page informing you that your membership has expired. While we print the date of your membership on the address label of your Reporter the results of getting you to renew has been anything but gratifying, and we are hoping that the new method will be better.

There are several of the breeders whose ads in the Reporter expire with this issue and we suggest that you check up on yours and if it has run out that you renew it, for it is thorough these ads that we are able to give you your paper each month and I am sure that it is well worth the small amount that you contribute towards its cost. Cost of breeder ads are \$2.00 per year, $\frac{1}{2}$ page ads \$3.00 per issue and $\frac{1}{2}$ page ads \$5.00 per issue. Why not advertise your Dutch Sweepstake Show in the Reporter?

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IOWA DUTCH FANCIERS
 Secretary's Report

On February 13-14-15 the Iowa Dutch Fanciers had their first annual sweepstakes show in the Memorial Coliseum in Cedar Rapids. This show was in conjunction with the 18th annual Cedar Rapids Small Stock Show and was a grand success in every way. We had 122 Dutch entries and Lou Souers did a fine job as usual in placing the awards.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the Iowa Dutch Breeders who so generously contributed cash for the specials. We also wish to thank the exhibitors who help make our show a success with their entries. Elsewhere on these pages you will find a full sweepstake report of this show. The Iowa Dutch Fanciers had their first annual meeting at the show rooms on Sunday, Feb. 15. Lou Souers gave a short talk and offered some helpful and constructive suggestions. Committee and officers' report follows.

We have received applications for membership from breeders out of the state. This was discussed and it was voted to amend our by-laws to permit breeders from bordering states to become members with full membership privileges. Dues are \$1.00 if you are already a member of the American Dutch Rabbit Club. otherwise dues are \$2.00 which will include your membership in the American Dutch Rabbit Club.

It was also voted that the secretary purchase good rosette ribbons to be awarded for Best Dutch at all shows we sanction.

Herman Roerig was the winner of the bronze cup donated by the Iowa Dutch Fanciers for the twelve month period just ended. He has donated this cup back to the club on condition that it become the permanent possession of the exhibitor to win it 3 times, all winners and dates to be engraved on the cup. All members of the I.D.F. in good standing may compete at any shows we sanction.

In the future we will try to have a monthly report of the activities of the Iowa Dutch Fanciers through the medium of these pages. New members for this month are, Claire Barclay of Waterloo, Raymond Morsey of Cedar Rapids and W. H. Blair of Lamoni.

Sincerely,
 Herman Roerig, Secretary.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Well, this is the month of the National Dutch Show. From all indications it is going to be a great show. We should have at least 500 head of Dutch on exhibit and at least 100 members present for the meeting of the Dutch Club.

With reference to the meeting of the Dutch Club, in order to keep everything out in the open where it belongs, let me point out a few of the things of importance that will be before the club. Several things of far-reaching significance will be before the meeting. For example, the report of the standards committee will be of interest with reference to the procedure for admitting new colors. This committee will be recommending a set method of procedure for handling new colors. This is of considerable importance to all and of particular interest to several groups who are now proposing the standardization of additional colors.

Another issue that has been booted about for some time is the matter of our National Dutch show. The constitution and by-laws do not provide for any established rules for putting this show on. In the past the show has been sponsored by various groups. There should be some standard requirements for this show and a committee will present a set of rules governing the National Dutch Show.

Then, there is the matter of our publicity and promotional program. That it is succeeding far beyond our expectations is evidenced by the flood of letters that have come to my desk since the February issue of Small Stock. I have had letters of congratulation from 11 different states and from nearly half a hundred different breeders. Officials of other clubs have written for tips on how they could develop such a program. All credit for this goes, not to any provisions made for it by the club, but to Charles A. Pine, who has done the thing on his own initiative. Charley graciously accepted the office of "Publicity Director" without any official standing other than that he was appointed by the president, and without any official provisions made for financing the program.

Both of the above items, the publicity program and the National Dutch Show have been under consideration by the officers of the club. Your executive committee is convinced that some constructive program for carrying out the publicity program and for standardizing the Dutch Show must be developed. Somebody has to pay for these things. Therefore a poll of the officers revealed a substantial majority of them in favor of asking the members to increase the dues to \$2.00 per year, with the extra dollar divided equally between the National Dutch Show and the Publicity program. This would be a fair means of distributing the cost of both ventures. In the past the same 25 or 30 men have put up the specials for the Dutch Show, have taken ads in the catalogue, and have supported the Publicity program. The other 400 have ridden free of charge. In making out my income tax return for last year I was amazed to discover that it actually cost me \$230 last year to belong to ADRC, and I am sure that this is true of many of the others who support and promote the cause of the club and the Dutch rabbit. Of course, I didn't have to spend that much on the club, and on the work of my office. But, under the present set-up, somebody does have to put up this money.

This matter will be before the meeting of the club in St. Louis this month. If the raise in dues is approved we can have an outstanding Dutch show each year without a few of the breeders having to bear all the cost and without anybody being hurt severely. An extra dollar around from the members will give us enough money to return to the members a program of publicity and a degree of service that will more than double the cost. This should also strengthen our club and help prevent the big turnover we have in membership. A fellow had rather spend \$2.00 and get something for it, than to spend \$1.00 and get only a membership card.

Under the present method of putting on the Dutch show the club can hardly demand anything of the sponsoring group. If they clear any money on the show the club can hardly demand it, because if they lost the club would not be liable for the deficit. The club can hardly require that certain amounts be put up as specials unless the club, as a club, is in a position to see that this money is available. Two judges are used and if the club selects a judge who lives in Vermont and the show is held in Florida the sponsoring club is stuck for at least the expenses of the judge in traveling across the entire country. All of which makes this Dutch Show a rather difficult thing to handle.

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The President's Page, Cont.

But.....suppose the ADRC had a couple of hundred dollars each year to put into this show. Then we could draw up some specifications say, for example, that the ADRC will pay the judge's fee each year, relieving the sponsoring group of that responsibility, but the sponsoring group must put so many dollars up as specials on each color etc., and any money cleared on the show will be turned back to the show fund of ADRC. One of our members has in this issue of the Reporter a very sound suggestion about a class for novice breeders. This is a good idea and the club could demand such a thing if we were in a position to demand anything.

Then, take our publicity program. We either have to take a progressive attitude towards this or simply say "You can have her, I don't want her, she's too fat for me". With \$200 per year to go into this field of activity each breeder will be able to get returns in publicity and promotion that will be worth as much sometimes as \$200 per member. As the matter now stands, if the Publicity Director and executive committee decides that the club membership buttons to wear at shows etc., would be a good plan of promotion, the only way we can proceed is to sell each member a button, for there is no money for such a program. If we raise the dues and set aside \$.50 per year per member for this work we will be able to send each member a button to wear (if such a thing should be the project adopted), and it will cost him nothing. Look at the fine job that Charley did on the February issue of Small Stock. Every breeder of Dutch in the land will profit from that bit of publicity. Therefore every member should share in the cost of it. As it was, the getting of enough ads to make the thing possible was one of the most heart-breaking experience a man ever had, and the same group that pays for everything else paid for it.

I think your directors and officers are on the right track. I think they are trying to give the membership more for their money than they have ever gotten before. I think that it is possible to develop such an aggressive program that every breeder in the land will be anxious to get some Dutch and to get in the ADRC. The brunt of the burden is always going to be carried by the minority - but about the best thing, and about the fairest thing, and, in fact, the only way to permanently insure such a program, is for us to vote a raise in dues. It is understood, of course, that this extra dollar will not be subject to commission for the secretary. His commission will continue to come from the \$1.00 that is now the annual dues. There will be no deductions from the extra dollar. This will more equally distribute the load and will more permanently insure the success of a vital program of promotion and development.

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. K. Tottenham, Chinthurst Lane, Shalford, Surrey, England.
Lt. Col. H. S. Chamness, 210 Union Avenue, Pomona, California.
Dudley C. Palmer, 1000 Pleasant Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.
J. D. Guidry, 500 - 9th Street, Port Arthur, Texas.
Raymond Morey, 907 - D Avenue N.W. Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
Aaron E. Young, 405 East Union Street, Schuylkill Haven, Penna.
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Gordon M. Gayman, 228 Windsor Avenue, Urbana, Ohio.
Floyd C. Madrzykowski, 1621 Indiana Avenue, Toledo 7, Ohio.
Lowell M. Cox, 204 North Dill Street, Muncie, Indiana.
C. L. Hite, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.
Charles Etherton, Bloomfield Road, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.
Fanell R. Fox, 431 South Fraser Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois.
Claud Enslen & Son, Marion, Indiana.
Mary Louise Schieler, 318 West Howard Street, Pontiac, Illinois.
Henry B. Hunt, P. O. Box 80, Cherry Valley, Mass.
Marion R. Henry, Golden, Illinois.

WYOCOLO RABBIT BREEDERS SHOW

Ft. Collins, Colo. Feb. 28, 1948. Requests for the Wyocolo Rabbit Breeders Association show catalog and entry list are reaching the club secretary at an ever-increasing rate and it is logically concluded that all signs indicate the annual show will be a record breaker this year.

Sweepstakes in five classes, New Zealands, Californians, DUTCH, Angoras and Chinchillas has attracted and held the attention of rabbit breeders throughout the United States, and breeders are asking early information regarding the show, the catalog and premium list. Ribbons and rosettes, cups and other awards are a great drawing card this spring. A gold trophy, 24 inches in height will be awarded for the best display, points to count, to an out-of-town resident who is not a member of the Wyocolo Rabbit Breeders Association. This trophy takes the place of the one offered for "best rabbit in the show" since it was found that any such classification as "best rabbit" definitely violates the rules of the AR&CRA.

The G.I. Trophy, a silver bowl, will go to the G.I. rabbit breeder who wins best display in the show, points to count. All entries for this trophy must be marked GI. This cup was offered for the first time last year. The Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce is presenting a large trophy to the winner of best display in the show, points to count, which is open to all breeders, anywhere.

The show dates are March 26, 27 and 28, and the place is Fort Collins, Colorado. The show will be held on the campus of the Colorado A&M College and is sponsored jointly by the Wyocolo club and the college. A rabbit school of instruction, headed by nationally recognized authorities will be held for those who attend the show and a program of interest to all breeders has been planned. Rabbit breeders in every state are invited to participate for both honors and cups. Judges of the show are, P. M. Leeuwenberg of Salt Lake City, Utah and Art Nelson, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Two cups are offered in 4H competition, a gold one for the champion rabbit and a silver for reserve champion.

Mrs. Charles Kelley of Wellington, Colorado, is the club secretary and will accept entry lists until midnight of March 15. In the meantime she will be in a position to forward catalogs as they roll off the press. Fort Collins breeders and the Wyocolo club are challenging the rabbit breeders of every other state to send their best stock to compete with what they believe to be the finest rabbits under the sun.

NEW MEMBERS

Arnold G. Foreman, Alden Extention, Meadville, Penna.
William Borner, 120 North 24th Street, Billings, Montana. (First from this state)
Mrs. Louise J. Hollarbush, 3417 Gatty Street, Bakersfield, California.
Harold Murren, Clarinda, Iowa.
J. L. Burrow, 2420 Marshall Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.
Don McMillin, 2505 North 28th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana.
Mrs. Verda Deneen, P. O. Box 673, Davenport, Iowa.
Mrs. Martin Farrell, RFD # 2, Sandy Lake, Penna.
George T. Marshall, Dewar, Oklahoma.
Jerome J. Healy, P. O. Box 351, Canon City, Colorado.
John W. Larson, c/o Magoon Ranch, Lusk, Wyoming.
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Elsa L. Denison, RFD # 1 Box 450A, Encinitas, California.
John Childreth, P. O. Box 343, Pinehurst, Washington.
Roy DeRolf, 304 West Oakland Avenue, Bloomington, Illinois.
John M. Hastings, 267 Pine Street, Memphis, Tennessee.
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Odie Clark, 922 Flint Street, Fort Worth, Texas.
Mrs. E. Morris, 17 Southerland Grove, Teddington, Middlesex, England.

AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT HAWTHORNE

Dear Bill;

It did me good to receive a letter from you. I think that the article that I sent to you was a good one and, although like myself, age was sneaking up on it, I hope that it will be usable somewhere -- either in the special Dutch issue or the Reporter.

You are really thinking along the same line of thought with me. There are too many entering the Dutch fancy and leaving it within a year. There certainly must be a reason and those of us that are interested in the sprightly little dutchman should try to find it. You asked me to give you some of the reasons why I thought we were losing so many newcomers during their first year, so here are a few of my opinions which you may use in the Reporter, if you wish. It might start something.

You know, Bill, we can go about finding this out much easier than would be the case if the little dutchman were primarily a commercial rabbit and breeders were taking them up for meat and fur purposes. It would be foolish for them to do this. I have been in the Dutch fancy a long time and know the merits of the Dutch as a meat producer (and they are very good). I also know that there will be some in our ranks who will take exception with me on what I am to say. I say that the Dutch rabbit is not the best commercial rabbit to own, from either a meat or fur outlook. I think, therefore, we can safely eliminate it from the commercial standpoint. We have to find out what attracts people to the Dutch in the first place. If we can do that, and I think we can. Then we find out why so many of them drop out in their first year. What does attract a person when they first walk into a show room or a rabbitry? Isn't it their unique markings, color and sprightly behavior? They are not thinking what a nice coat it will make or how nice it would be to have it for dinner. They are thinking what fun it would be to own some of them, and to show them. Let us admit that the Dutch attracts practically all of its recruits from the show angle and that is why they come into the fancy. If they do come in and out of the fancy inside of year, it must be because they did not find things agreeable to them from the breeding and exhibition angle. So, let us look for their desertion from the fancy from this point. Why do they drop out? Where should we look for the reason?

When they come into the fancy they have to acquire stock to start with. Let us stop here and see if that can be the cause. I myself believe that here is where we find the biggest cause for desertion from our ranks. Getting the wrong start. Most of them do just that. They start to look around and do a little shopping -- and here is where we can lay some of the blame at the door of some of us oldtimers. We don't go into detail on the matter of breeding and the background of the stock that we are selling. We forget that we are dealing mostly with the novice who, after he has purchased his stock wants to breed some winners of his own. What happens? he perhaps buys a black buck and a black doe, gets a pedigree with a bunch of names or a series of numbers -- never much detail on the color of the stock or its background. In most cases he thinks that all he has to do is to make the buck and doe acquainted and presto, he has a nest full of winners. Such a conclusion would be just like jumping off the Brooklyn Bridge or out of a plane without a parachute. A good breeder, when he understands that he is dealing with a novice, should do more than just make him a price on the stock and then ship it to him. He should go into every detail of the background of the stock he is selling as far as it is possible. But, this, the most important part of the transaction is generally overlooked. With the results that if there is not a winner or two in the first litter the beginner is ready to call quits. Remember, Bill, the first letter you ever wrote to me for advise when you went into the Dutch fancy? How much time I took and how much detail I went into to explain some of the things that I thought you would like to know to be a successful breeder and stay in the fancy. I imagine that most breeders enter the fancy as enthusiastically as you did, but here you are still in the fancy and fighting hard as a leader of that fancy. I am not trying to say that I am entitled to any credit for your still being a Dutch fancier and the president of our Dutch club. You got a good start and you stayed with it. I believe that almost anyone else would do so!

CEDAR RAPIDS SMALL STOCK ASSOCIATION
Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Feb. 13-15-1948
Judge R. L. Souers

BLACK DUTCH (35)

- Sr. Buck (15) 1st Dr. Gale E. Russum, 2nd Imperial Dutch Rabbitry, 3rd S. M. Thatcher
4th Maynard Fish, 5th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.
Sr. Doe (10) 1st Maynard Fish, 2nd, 3rd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, Balance Disq.
Jr. Buck (4) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, Balance Disq.
Jr. Doe (6) 1st S. M. Thatcher, 2nd Dr. Gale E. Russum, Balance Disq.

BLUE DUTCH (22)

- Sr. Buck (9) 1st Ralph Walborn, 2nd S. M. Thatcher, 3rd S. M. Thatcher, 4th Jerry-Lou
Rabbitry, 5th Tom Shufflebotham.
Sr. Doe (7) 1st Ralph Walborn, 2nd Tom Shufflebotham, 3rd Dr. Gale E. Russum,
4th Bob Robinson, 5th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.
Jr. Buck (3) 1st Circle D Rabbitry, 2nd Maynard Fish, 3rd Disq.
Jr. Doe (3) 1st Clipfort Rabbitry, 2nd Bob Robinson, 3rd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (15)

- Sr. Buck (9) 1st Ralph Walborn, 2nd Dr. Gale E. Russum, 3rd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry,
4th Albert C. Wade, 5th Herman Roerig.
Sr. Doe (3) 1st Herman Roerig, 2nd Bob Robinson, 3rd Disq.
Jr. Doe (3) 1st, 3rd D. M. Burkheiser, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.

TORTOISE DUTCH (17)

- Sr. Buck (8) 1st, 4th Harold Heath, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 3rd, 5th Herman Roerig.
Sr. Doe (5) 1st Herman Roerig, 2nd, 3rd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 4th Robert E. Clark,
5th Cottonwood Rabbitry.
Jr. Buck (2) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd E. A. Lyons
Jr. Doe (2) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd E. A. Lyons

STEEL DUTCH (9)

- Sr. Buck (5) 1st, 5th Herman Roerig, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 3rd Circle D Rabbitry,
4th A. Seeman.
Sr. Doe (2), Disq. Jr. Buck (2) 1st A. Seeman, 2nd Herman Roerig.

GRAY DUTCH (10)

- Sr. Buck (3) 1st Circle D Rabbitry, 2nd Herman Roerig, 3rd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.
Sr. Doe (3) 1st S. M. Thatcher, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 3rd H. Bailey
Jr. Buck (2) 1st Herman Roerig, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry,
Jr. Doe (2) 1st Circle D Rabbitry, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.

A.O.C. DUTCH (15)

- Sr. Buck (6) 1st, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 3rd Robert E. Clark, 4th Harold Heath,
5th Harrison Bailey.
Sr. Doe (5) 1st, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 3rd Circle D Rabbitry, Balance Disq.
Jr. Buck (2) 1st Robert E. Clark, 2nd Maynard Fish.
Jr. Doe (2) 1st, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.

Best Black S. M. Thatcher, Best Blue Ralph Walborn, Best Chocolate Herman Roerig,
Best Tortoise Harold Heath, Best Steel A. Seeman, Best Gray Circle D Rabbitry,
Best ACC Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.

SWEETSTAKE POINTS

Russum 171, Imperial 60, Thatcher 197, Fish 110, Jerry-Lou 466, Walborn 172,
Shufflebotham 37, Robinson 38, Circle D 88, Clipfort 18, Roerig 171, Burkheiser 27,
Heath 93, Seeman 31, Bailey 15, Clark 40.

An Open Letter To President Hawthorne, cont.

On the other hand I went over to Hammond a few weeks ago to register some angoras. This breeder had also take a fancy to the Dutch and had sent away for a bred doe. In its litter it had almost every color we have in our standard. No winners, of course, and right there he was ready to quit. He told me that blacks were his favorite color and that is the kind of a litter he expected. Then you remember the fellow in Illinois who was expecting a litter of Tortoise? He didn't quit the fancy but many would have if they had not been dealing with the right kind of breeder. I think that if we paid a little more attention to the beginner after we had sold him some stock for a year or two, that it would be hard to drive them out.

Now we come to the show room and here is another place where I believe we lose some of our beginners. Again I say that the oldtimers are to blame a great deal. A lot of the beginners send rabbits to the show that should never leave their hutches. I think that we should instruct the beginner as to what is wanted in a show specimen before he sends it out to a show and save him his entry fee and today's high express rates. This should eliminate the very bad taste the beginner gets after sending his rabbit to the show and having it returned with the remark "disqualified". A lot of them do just that. A good illustration of this point is the show report of the Progressive Rabbit Club of America. In this show held in Kansas City, there were 73 head of Dutch entered. According to the show report in last month's Reporter, 20 head were disqualified -- 8 out of 10 in one class and 6 out of 8 in another. Imagine! over 30% of all Dutch entries in one show disqualified. This is typical of many other show reports as published in the Reporter. I know that once in awhile an experienced breeder will overlook a disqualification when shipping his rabbits to a show, but I will venture to say that over 90% of these disqualifications belong to beginners. I myself can't imagine anything that would cool a beginner's enthusiasm faster than having what he thought was a good show specimen come home from the show disqualified. Here again let us blame the oldtimers for not schooling the beginner before he starts shipping out to the shows. Let's just show a little more interest in them before they reach the show room and I am sure that we will be able to hold more of them.

Then again I think we may lay a little of the blame at the door of the show committees. A novice sends out his pride and joy to a show. I know that all the time it is away from home his main thought is "I wonder how my rabbit came out?" He finally gets it back home -- it may have a report card on it or it may not, and very often if it has the card there is a scarcity of information on it -- how many there were in the class and etc. If he happen to win he can wait a few weeks and in some cases, months, and he finally gets his prize money and ribbons. By this time his enthusiasm had taken a decided drop. A good example of this is the recent AM&CA Convention show where prize money and specials are still outstanding. Everyone that comes into the fancy are not millionaires and need their money, for even if we win at a show we still lose for it is very seldom that winnings cover exhibition expences. Here in Valparaiso we have an ex-GI attending the local university on \$90 a month. He took up rabbits as a hobby and you can imagine what damage it did to his pocketbook and budget to take \$4 out of this to send his entries to Milwaukee and then pay express charges on them. This novice was fortunate and was listed among the winners. Now just imagine how badly this fellow could use the \$4 that he has coming and has been anxiously looking for since the close of the show. Brother, if you don't think this drives the beginner out you have another thought coming! Again I say don't let's blame the beginner for dropping out -- rather let us blame some of us that are in and have been in for a number of years for not keeping them in.

One other thing that I think might aid to keep their interest would be to sponsor a Novice Class at some of our shows. This would give him a good chance to pick up a little experience and a winning once in awhile. The judge would also realize that he was judging a novice class and would also be a little more liberal with his remarks in these classes, making it an inducement for the novice to show his rabbits in a class where he would perhaps stand a little more chance. I feel sure that a

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Judges are indicated following each class as follows; Elyth (E) Robinson (R) Furrer (F)

BLACK DUTCH (66)

- Sr. Buck (26) (F) 1st Sunnyside Rabbitry, 2nd Ralph Walborn, 3rd George Emling Jr.
4th S. M. Thatcher, 5th L. G. Brown.
- Sr. Doe (20) (F) 1st Tom Shufflebotham, 2nd S. T. Wheelus Sr. 3rd R. J. Bernhardt,
4th A. Seeman, 5th R. L. Souers
- Jr. Buck (9) (F) 1st, 5th George Emling Jr. 2nd Ralph Walborn, 3rd William Goedecke,
4th Wonder State Rabbitry.
- Jr. Doe (11) (E) 1st S. M. Thatcher, 2nd L. G. Brown, 3rd Bob Robinson, 4th Jerry-
Lou Rabbitry, 5th George Emling Jr.

BLUE DUTCH (41)

- Sr. Buck (24) (R) 1st, 3rd Ralph Walborn, 2nd A. Seeman, 4th S. M. Thatcher, 5th
Bowers Bunnies.
- Sr. Doe (9) (R) 1st Ralph Walborn, 2nd Dr. Gale E. Russum, 3rd L. A. Binz, 4th
S. M. Thatcher, 5th H. O. Thompson.
- Jr. Buck (4) (R) 1st R. Linville, 2nd S. T. Wheelus Sr. 3rd Dr. Gale E. Russum,
4th L. W. Vanover.
- Jr. Doe (4) (F) 1st Clifport Rabbitry, 2nd Bob Robinson, 3rd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry
4th Chas. A. Pine.

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (40)

- Sr. Buck (15) (R) 1st Dr. Gale E. Russum, 2nd S. T. Wheelus Sr. 3rd H. J. Betts,
4th Ralph Walborn, 5th Hampton Ellis.
- Sr. Doe (8) (R) 1st, 4th Theo. C. Ruesche, 2nd S. T. Wheelus Sr. 3rd John B.
Griffitts, 5th R. L. Souers.
- Jr. Buck (8) (R) 1st Oxford Rabbitry, 2nd William Goedecke, 3rd H. J. Betts, 4th
J. D. Jones, 5th S. M. Thatcher.
- Jr. Doe (9) (R) 1st, 3rd J. D. Jones, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 4th Randall's Rabbitry
5th Oxford Rabbitry.

TORTOISE DUTCH (15)

- Sr. Buck (7) (R) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd J. L. Stutzman, 3rd William Goedecke,
4th Johnny Baker, 5th Eddie Croaning.
- Sr. Doe (3) (R) 1st, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry. Jr. Buck (1) (R) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.
- Jr. Doe (4) (R) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd Ted Breamer, 3rd R. J. Bernhardt.

STEEL DUTCH (21)

- Sr. Buck (8) (R) 1st A. Seeman, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 3rd Circle D Rabbitry,
4th William Goedecke, 5th Johnny Richards.
- Sr. Doe (10) (R) 1st S. M. Thatcher, 2nd, 4th William Goedecke, 3rd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry
5th Hampton Ellis.
- Jr. Buck (2) (R) 1st, 2nd William Goedecke. Jr. Doe (1) (R) 1st William Goedecke.

GRAY DUTCH (18)

- Sr. Buck (7) (F) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd Johnny Richards, 3rd, 5th S. M. Thatcher
4th Circle D Rabbitry.
- Sr. Doe (5) (F) 1st S. M. Thatcher, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 3rd William Goedecke,
4th A. Seeman.
- Jr. Buck (9) (F) 1st S. M. Thatcher, 2nd R. Linville, 3rd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.
- Jr. Doe (9) (F) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd Circle D Rabbitry, 3rd L. C. Marchildon.

A.O.C. DUTCH (26)

- Sr. Buck (9) (F) 1st Ray Horst, 2nd M. Roth Jr. 3rd Wm. Sandy, 4th, 5th Jerry-Lou
- Sr. Doe (12) (F) 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd R. J. Bernhardt.
- Jr. Doe (4) (R) 1st L. Coche, 2nd R. Walborn, 3rd R. Linville, Jr. Buck (1) Disq.
- Best Black T. Shufflebotham, Best Blue Ralph Walborn, Best Chocolate Oxford Rabbitry,
Best Tortoise Jerry-Lou, Best Steel A. Seeman, Best Gray S.M. Thatcher, Best AOC R. Horst

An Open Letter To President Hawthorne, Cont.

class like this would pay off in any show. I would imagine that they would draw well. We might have a ruling such as this, junior bucks, junior does, senior buck, senior does, all colors to compete together and exhibitor nor rabbit never to have won a first. This would eliminate the showing of a rabbit that had already won in a novice class. The next time out he could show in the open class and another of his Dutch in the novice class. I know that the ADRC could not tell every show that they have to provide these classes, BUT, we could provide them at our own national show and perhaps the convention. I think that the novice is at least entitled to something from the Dutch club, and I for one would be in favor of such a plan. This should be one more way of holding them.

I have seen other things happen to the novice that are not good for him or the old-timer. There are too many old breeders that are anxious to take advantage of the novice. A novice breeder shows a good specimen and an experienced breeder sees it, and in a good many instances talks the novice out of the rabbit for a lot less than he would take for the same specimen. This did happen to me at a recent show. An old timer was interested in Dutch and asked for a price on some stock. Finding out that there was a 4H boy showing some Dutch in this show that came from my rabbitry he bought some of them for a lot less than he should have paid. This hurts two ways -- it hurts the novice and it hurts the oldtimer who is willing to help them out.

Mr. President, I think that I have answered some of the reasons you asked for. Why do so many of them drop out the first year? I think, however, the real way to get the answer to the \$64 question would be to send questionnaires out to those who dropped out of the ADRC after one year's membership, asking them the real reason they dropped. Another plan might be to invite new breeders to tell us in an article in the Reporter what we oldtimers should do. We are always telling them what to do -- let's try the shoe on the other foot. I think it would make interesting reading for our monthly and perhaps would give you a remedy for the real concern you are showing for their welfare. I myself lay much of the blame at our own door as outlined in this letter. After all, before you can find a sure remedy you must first find the cause. I firmly believe that we can hold many more of them than we do if we give them the consideration that is justly due them.

Yours truly,

Tom Shufflebotham

SWEEPSTAKE POINTS - ST. LOUIS SHOW

Sunnyside 156, Walborn 509, Haling 152, Thatcher 346, Brown 70, Shufflebotham 186, Wheelus 188, Bernhardt 120, Seeman 215, Souers 28, Goedecke 197, Wonder State 18, Robinson 49, Jerry-Lou 509, Bowers 24, Russum 126, Binz 27, Thompson 9, Betts 69, Ellis 25, Ruesch 64, Griffiths 24, Oxford 57, Jones 97, Randall 18, Stutzman 28, Baker 14, Goodening 7, Pine 8, Clifton 24, Vanover 3, Cocke 24, Sandy 27, Roth 36, Marchildon 9, Litville 48, Richards 36, Circle D 50, Breamer 16.

SWEEPSTAKE SEEDING (10 High.)

Jerry-Lou Rabbitry 3977, Ralph Walborn 2991, S. M. Thatcher 2195, Dr. Gale E. Russum 1927, Circle D Rabbitry 1168, S. T. Wheelus Sr. 1054, R. J. Bernhardt 986, Royal Crest Rabbitry 576, A. Seeman 565, Bob Robinson 562.

DUTCH PUBLICITY

Chas. A. Fine

Now that the Dutch issue of Small Stock Magazine is behind us our next project must be to support the National Dutch Show in St. Louis. If you passed up the chance to contribute to the specials or if you did contribute that isn't all. We all have the job of providing the entries for this show - it can only be done by each of us taking it as his job to send an entry. There is no more that we can say except - **WOEN'T YOU HELP?**

We hope to present our Dutch booth complete with all material at this show. We hope that you will check in at the booth and leave any suggestions or contributions for Dutch publicity.

REGISTER YOUR DUTCH IN APRIL!

We can furnish some very good publicity for Dutch by getting behind our president's announced plan of registering our Dutch in April. We have set a goal of each member registering at least 2 of his Dutch in April. That is certainly not impossible and is something that will be advantageous to the breeder. If everyone follows this plan we can have about 1,000 Dutch registered in April and be the leading breed for the month. As you know Small Stock and other magazines that carry Secretary Elyth's report list the number of each different breed registered. Let's put Dutch at the top for April! If you have as many as ten registered send me a card and we'll have an honor roll. **EVERY MEMBER REGISTER AT LEAST TWO DUTCH IN APRIL!**

THE IDEA OF THE MONTH

Mrs. L. C. Wells, Oaklondon, Indiana offers the idea of the month with the suggestion that the Dutch Club sponsor a ladies auxiliary to score a first among the specialty clubs. This plan would offer interest to those patient souls who feed and water the rabbits only to have the better half claim them when they win at the show!

Well, that's it - which of you ladies will start the ball rolling and ask our Board to charter the Dutch Club Auxiliary.

Who will submit the idea of the month for April?

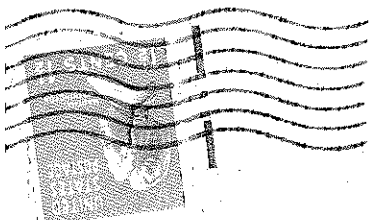
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