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RABBIT SHOW

The rabbit has come into its own and hundreds of him have come to Watford today to say 'how do', to the judges. The show is declared open by the Duke of Norfolk who sends his message by carrier pigeon. All the well known breeds are represented and the judges have no easy job sorting out the wheat from the chaff when it's nearly all wheat. Entries have come from most of the Home Counties and the greater knowledge acquired by amateur breeders and the official encouragement given to them, is reflected in the very high standard of the exhibits. Famous entry this year is the tortoise-shell although most other markings are in evidence. On view in this heart of Hertfordshire rabbit-dome is a wide range from the Angora to the Belgian Hare. Here are some winning specimens. During the past <sup>months</sup> few/the appeal of rabbit breeding has spread far and wide. Thousands of rabbit clubs are to be found in all parts of the country and there's more rivalry among them than there is among the growers of giant marrows. What used to be a child hobby has now become a national interest. Whether for fur or food, it's rabbits. The occasion also gives the amateur pig breeder a chance to show off. Pigs have captured the public's fancy almost as much as rabbits and most of the clubs are able to send along a representative, like this. Or this nosey porker. Ride him cowboy.