

## WILLOW WINDS CATHY DIES

The winningest Irish Setter in field trial history is dead. Willow Winds Cathy died April 2 after giving premature birth to nine puppies. It would have been her first litter. None of the puppies survived her.

Cathy had 31 recognized wins. Her wide and intelligent patterns thrilled many trial patrons. She was bred by John Vanilet of Harrisburg, Pa. Owner Ned LeGrande has asked the WHIP to thank its many readers who had inquired about her litter by Dr. Jack Kendrick.

## PICTURES

189 of Milwaukee, Eagle, Wisconsin, May 13. Jack Lane, Secretary, Box 203, Route One, Muskego, Wisconsin.

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## DERBIES, PUPS PROVIDE THRILLS; OLDER DOGS FLUB CHANCES

NRSFTC ACCEPTS CHALLENGE OF DELAWARE DAM'S COURSES, WILL RETURN NEXT SPRING  
BY HORACE LITTLE

With members of the Central Ohio Bird Dog Club serving as superlative hosts, the National Red Setter Field Trial Club staged its Midwestern events April 14 and 15 over the increasingly popular Delaware Dam Area at Ashley, Ohio. In fact, the grounds proved the ideal star of the show as their challenge of first presenting running native pheasants and then, perhaps on the next cast, touchy quail, proved too great for most of the entries. But it is the kind of challenge that appeals to true bird dog men and the NRSFTC has made arrangements to return to these same grounds next spring.

## MINNESOTA, KANSAS CLUBS PLAN FUN TRIALS

The Red Setter horizon has widened considerably with the formation of two field-minded breed clubs.

In the Kansas City area a group tentatively known as the Corn Belt Red Setter Club was to have held its first trial on April 29. The group's 17 charter members elected the following officers: Dee L. Johnson, president; Glenn Hemby, vice-president; Bob Hite, secretary and E. F. Kitchen, E. L. Stevens, Lieut. Commander and Mrs. S. K. Topliss, directors. Woody Huto was chairman of the initial meeting.

The new Irish Setter Club of Minnesota has, among its members, 15 folks who are actively interested in field work and field trials. NRSFTC member Fred Kremer was nominated as field chairman and plans were made for a fun trial on July 28 -- after the Minnesota nesting season is over. The Minnesota group plans to run its trials under recognition of both the Field Dog Stud Book and the AKC. The club will alternate its meetings between Duluth and the Twin Cities area.

## WHIP SUBSCRIPTION RATE TO RISE

By action of a vote of the membership, the subscription rate of THE FLUSHING WHIP will be increased to \$3.00 per year effective on June 1st. It is hoped the action will encourage many to choose NRSFTC membership at \$5.00.

The weather on Saturday was especially favorable. The same could be said for Sunday, except that it was a bit "airy" for best shooting conditions. Because they were so important in the staging of this trial, it is proper to first mention those most responsible for making things tick. These would be Fred Cameron (who gets a lot of credit for work done by Mrs. Cameron), Mack Triplett, Don Mack, Bill Macky, John Kramer and Roger Kipp, the last named being in charge of the horses. And we're glad to say this -- that no matter when these dogs to be run, there were horses right there ready to ride. However, there is one man in Ohio today who, quietly though forcefully, is doing more for field trials than any other. He is William Hendershot of the Game Management section of Ohio's Division of Wildlife. Bill was, as always, right on the job.

One of the more impressive features of this (continued on page three)

## McIVOR'S MIKE FIRST DUAL CHAMP

Subject, as they say in bench circles, to AKC confirmation, Tyrone's Mahogany Mike, C. D. X., is the first Irish Setter to achieve an American Kennel Club Dual Championship. Fred, owned, trained and handled by Ed McIvor of 24100 Union Ave., Dearborn, Mich., Mike finished his quest for the elusive dual recognition on April 11 at Danville, Va., when Judge Lewis Worden awarded him his third "major" and carried him to best of winners.

That was on Wednesday. On Saturday, after living in a veritable for two weeks, Mike won second in the NRSFTC's Spring Classic amateur shooting dog stake. (continued on page two)

## Ohio Imports Coturnix Quail; May be Field Trial Bird of Future

By Albert Dixon Simmons

Reprinted from THE CLEVELAND NEWS

Late in March a new game bird arrived in Ohio. The first shipment of 100 of these birds came from Tennessee where they have shown nothing short of spectacular possibilities, according to Hayden Olds, chief of the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

They are known as the "Coturnix Quail" which has an extremely wide distribution over Europe, Asia and Africa. The plantings in Tennessee and Ohio are the first on the American continent. This is one species of quail which is migratory. It is about three-quarters the size of our native bobwhite, or approximately the weight of the mourning dove. These birds are said to hold well to bird dogs, and, if successful, will probably become our field trial birds.

The coturnix quail are not yet commercially available. According to Olds the birds can, under ideal, forced breeding conditions, produce four generations in a single year. This propensity for prolific behavior finds illustration in the shipment already received from Tennessee. The crate with 38 females in it contained 22 eggs, dropped during the 60 hours the birds were in transit.

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McIvor stated to the WHIP that he will not increase Mike's stud fee since he feels that by keeping the fee low he can make Mike a real asset to the breed.

The WHIP takes especial satisfaction in Mike's remarkable achievement since it was the first national publication to call attention to Mike as a dog whose record stamped him as a logical choice for breeders seeking dual-purpose Irish. We pointed to Mike's record in public competition. This brought down about our heads the wrath of Lee Schoen. In the ISO of Missouri's MEGAPHONE for March he wrote: "...question...how he" (the WHIP editor) "becomes qualified to give advice such as he does, and with such finality. What qualifies him to state to you categorically that only one — ONE, just like that! stud dog in all the country can be considered when trying to breed dual type Irish?" (An outright misquotation.) "Of course, such an assertion is nonsensical enough to kill itself...."

We regret that L.R. Schoen who has labored so long in the sphere of public competition for dogs did not have more regard for the record in this instance. We feel that Mike was fashioned an answer to Mr. Schoen's charge of "nonsense" that is beyond ignoring, misquotation or separation from context. We

## NAT. RED SETTER CLUB DONATES TO AKC 'PARENT' CLUB'S BENCH SHOW FOR BEST DUAL IRISH

To demonstrate its interest in the breeding of dual-purpose Irish Setters and to encourage their exhibition, the National Red Setter Field Trial Club donated a trophy to the Region I speciality show of the Irish Setter Club of America to be held at Westport, Conn., on June 10.

The trophy is the equal of what the NRSFTC offers for a first place win in one of its own stakes.

Eligible dogs are those which are acceptable to the A K C and which have won a place in any NRSFTC trial (other than novice stakes), or have won a place in any recognized trial open to all pointing breeds.

It is hoped the trophy, a pair of useful and attractive walnut bookends, will help to attract a fine entry in the show's special "field trial class". The donation was made in response to a request to the WHIP editor by Mrs. Stanford Leighton of Route One, South Sudbury, Mass. Write Mrs. Leighton for further information.

### HALLE JUDGES IRISH AT MORRIS & ESSEX

When the great Morris and Essex bench show is judged at Madison, N. J., on May 24, Jerome N. Halle of Cleveland, Ohio will pass on the Irish Setters. The sporting group judge will be W. Enos Phillips of Cataumet, Mass. and Mrs. Edward P. Renner of Lakeville, Conn., will select the best dog in the big show. Entries close on May 1. Halle currently has a field champion beagle and Brittany.

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assure Mr. Schoen that had the first dual been his imported bench Champion Kinvarra Hartsbourne Flurry, we should have been just as thoroughly delighted at the achievement. We hope that now that Ed McIvor and Mike have shown the way, we will see other dual champions coming along.

The victory leaves Mike with only a FDSB field trial championship and the Utility Dog obedience degree as possible objectives. McIvor expects to continue his quest for both.

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## National Red Setter Spring Trial

BY HORACE LYTLE

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AKG F. T. Ob. Askew's Carolina Lady, today's Red Queen of field trials, won another one here. This was the first time we had ever seen her in the flesh, but pictures of her pointing poses captured us completely several years ago.

Just seeing her was one of our memorable thrills at this trial. Yes, she has lost much of the vigor of youth -- as so do we all! But we say unequivocally: There have been few, of any breed, that would have it-in-them to carry on as she does after the almost constant motherhood to which she has been subjected in contribution to her breed. Just to look at -- to think of all she's done -- and see her continue to go on is enough to bring mist to any man's eyes -- and we're but proud of the mist in our own. Oh yes -- we almost forgot to mention it! Lady won her position in this stake by favorable, though not outstanding, find and handling of a hen pheasant.

Tyrone's Mahogany Mike was second. His find, and the very manner of his stabbing into point of a hen pheasant, was the outstanding bird work of the trial. But a horse accident resulted in the flushing of his bird and thus marred consumation somewhat, though the dog was not at fault. Perhaps it was just a case of the gods-of-chance conspiring to the end that Askew's Carolina Lady was not to be dislodged.

Double Jay, running in the second brace, was third. His ground work topped them all. But his one game contact consisted of a stop-to-flush on pheasant. This was a snappin' good stop, and the way the dog stayed was impressive. His handler had to make a rather long ride to reach him, but Double Jay never wavered. Then occurred what we felt was hazardous handling -- and not good for the dog's future. Baynard rode in front of him and shot right from his horse, then sent the dog on without dismounting. Proper technique would have been to get off, make a try for any possible other bird still left, then go to the dog and touch his head in permission to proceed further on order by either voice or whistle. From what we saw, we are convinced Double Jay would have waited for this to take place. It did him no good not to have to; and he was given no way to know that he must. To continue this sort of handling well might give him bad ideas one of these days. It is but proper to mention that a covey of quail was seen to arise with "Tipper" in that direction. But what, if any, involvement he may have had with them, there was no way to know. In the circumstances, the judges evidently view it as though it were something that never happened. And that is exactly the way we ourselves would have treated it.

Other starters were Rustic Lad of Ardee (Art Nelson); Pat's Kathryn of Oakshire (William Law); Fleeting Heart (Jack Kramer); Windyhill Olanderrick Mick and Windyhill Plyboy (G. Wood Smith); Ike Jack Kendrick--who ran on three legs due to a badly cut pad --(W. E. Le Grande); Candyce of Kenilworth (Fred Cameron); Moffat's Red Mickey (Tom Moffat) and Schelley's Red Sugar (Joyce Schollenberger).

Delaware Dam Area, near Ashley, Ohio, April 14. AMATEUR SHOOTING DOGS (The SPRING CLASSIC) half-hour heats. Twelve Irish.

1. Askew's Carolina Lady, bitch, 523725, by Kentucky Bill - Poker-Faced Alice. W. E. LeGrande, owner and handler.
2. Tyrone's Mahogany Mike, 530007, dog, by Lord Tyrone Trent - McIvor's Kathleen. E. W. McIvor, owner and handler.
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### THE RED SETTER MIDWESTERN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

This was the first running of this titular stake-- and it was well that the stake managers had prudently instructed the judges beforehand that they wished no compromises with traditional concepts of style and class in the naming of a champion. Displayed before the running was the new rotating trophy for the Midwestern Championship. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. G. Wood Smith, in memory of their "Topsy", the huge walnut base serves as an attractive setting for the great, silvered figure of a setter on classic point. It will carry the name of a champion as its first winner--but the dog won his title--not here--but in an earlier stake.

Saturday we had run from 7:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m., but when this stake was drawn the night there eventuated but seven entries. This may have been a disappointment to many, though we doubt that it would have included the judges. Even with the hour heats this made Sunday relatively an easy day. Starting at 8:18 a. m., three braces were run that morning, leaving but one to wind it up after lunch. There was (or so we thought) a curious angle: every one of the seven drawn for this stake had also competed in the amateur shooting dog stake the day before. And there was this: repetition of shooting from horseback and letting the dogs go on without the favor of having their handlers dismounting. This, in fact, is one thing that prompted us to make such a point of it in connection with Double Jay's trial.

It's the type of handling that can lead to no good. And it played a part -- at least some small part (though not all of it) in the fact that the judges awarded no title.

## National Red Setter Spring Trial

BY HORACE LYTLE

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Windyhill Glanderrick Mick -- Ike Jack Kendrick: In this first brace the former stopped to flush of a hen pheasant. Jack contacted; without handling, two bevs of quail. His race was noticeably restricted by his foot injury.

Askew's Carolina Lady -- Tyrone's Mahogany Mike: Lady contacted game something like five times, but too few of said finds were sufficiently clean for a stake of this kind. Mike pointed a single quail with his style and intensity suffering greatly in comparison with his work of the day before. His only other game was a skunk. One other skunk -- this one with a full and putrid supply of ammunition -- was "contacted" by a galleryite earlier in the trial. Whereupon, that worthy sought out an old and trusting friend who yielded to a request by the doused one to let him "try out" his horse. After that the un-sprayed rider on the "fragrant" horse and the "ripe" rider on the un-sprayed horse could find none who would share their afflictions with them. They couldn't even stand to be with each other. It was that bad.

Schelley's Red Sugar -- Double Jay: Sugar pointed a quail -- and yielded to temptation. She also pointed a pheasant and had one unproductive (and things were held up five minutes when her handler's horse caught two of his shoes in one of the few remaining pieces of wire still on the courses) Tipper's groundwork again was the best seen, minus game contact consummated as it should be.

Windyhill's Flyboy (bye) His handler requested and was given a brace mate -- just why being beyond us to know. Only the younger dogs were rested and available -- and from among those offered, Smith selected a derby male. After too much investigation of one another before getting underway at all (a too common trait on the part of too many we saw) Mike and the bye dog became mutually involved in bumping a hen pheasant. Before his hour was up Mike appeared to have gone slightly lame in the rear.

Any title, of course, was withheld -- and but one dog was named a winner.

Delaware Dam Area, near Ashley, Ohio, April 15. RED SETTER MIDWESTERN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (one hour heats). Seven Irish Setters.

Winner (with no title awarded) Double Jay, 514167, dog, by Rusty's Jinx - Willow Winds Eve. R. C. Baynard, Jr., owner and handler.

Members came from many points on the map, either to run their dogs, or to watch the proceedings. Long distance champion was Fred Kremer who flew down from his Hopkins, Minn., home. Bringing an entry the greatest distance were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hagan of Mexico, Mo. Among the members present were Cliff Amundsen, Akron, Ohio; R. C. Baynard, Jr., Dover, Del. (who drove over with Tim Kobel); Bill Breedlove, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dr. Jay W. Calhoun, Uhrichsville, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cameron, Columbus, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. William S. Cooper, Jr., Oneida, Tenn.; Joe Frydrych, Berkley, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Russell F. Knope who flew down from Rochester, N. Y.; W. E. LeGrande, Douglassville, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. John P. Malick and their son, Dick, of Stevens Point, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. Roberta McIvor and their son, Dale, Dearborn, Mich.; Bill Law, Detroit, Mich.; Dr. and Mrs. John H. Melzer, Georgetown, Ky.; John K. Lires, Liberty Center, Ohio; Tom Loffat, Pontiac, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Art Nelson, Sandusky, Ohio; Bill Pachy, Reynoldsburg, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Pappert and Mr. Pappert's parents from Palmyra, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Rivenbark, Mentor, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schollenberger, Allentown, Pa.; G. Wood Smith, Kirkwood, Mo.; Ted Stronaki, Detroit, Mich.; and Dr. W. A. Merriman, Columbus, Ohio. NRSPTC President Archer Church and Trial Secretary Fred Cameron have asked us to convey their thanks to these folks for the interest they demonstrated. The trial officials expressed regret that due to the use of contiguous courses, many could not enjoy watching the birdwork. To remedy this situation they plan to run next year's Spring Classic (amateur shooting dog stake) over a single course with a birdfield so the dogs can come under closer observation of the gallery.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO TENNESSEE RILEY!

From his sire, The Dude, upon the occasion of his first recognized win at the age of eight months. Breeders should give careful consideration to The Dude, winner, son of outstanding winners -- and now the sire of a winner. Fee: 50.00. Owner, Herm David, Box 3557, Cleveland 18, Ohio.

### WILLOW WINDS FARM CONGRATULATES AKC DUAL CH. TYRONE'S MAHOGANY MIKE, CT.

and his owners, Ed, Roberta and Dale McIvor for their splendid achievements. We hope, with them, that others will thus be encouraged to give their Irish a full opportunity afield. Mike is the first AKC dual champ, but we feel there are others also capable.

## Irish Have Only Two Per Cent Share Of Field Trialing's Greatest Year

Field trials enjoyed their greatest year yet in 1955, and -- while Irish Setters had their greatest year afield -- they still have a long way to go. Figures just released by the Field Dog Stud Book tell much of the story. The Red Ones accounted for slightly less than two per cent of the year's total entry. Whether they won more than their share of the placements in the stakes open to all pointing breeds is not revealed by the FDSB figures. Their representation might have appeared more favorably if three of the breed trials had not been among that exceedingly small percentage of bird dog trials that are run without FDSB recognition. Also, some club secretaries, on the basis of our own experience, are inclined to lump all setters under a single heading in reporting the results of their trials.

Pointers, from a numerical standpoint, were the dominant breed, comprising more than half of the grand total of starters. English Setters ranked second, contributing over 20 % of the total. Here are the figures: Pointers, 14,899; English, 5,542; Brittanys, 1,689; Weimaraners, 1,285; German Shorthairs 880; Irish, 486 and Gordons, 287. All other pointing breeds, including cross-bred setters and droppers totaled only 128 entries.

The FDSB tabulations show that in 1955 only 28 open championships were run, one of which was the NRSFTC's National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Championship. Eleven amateur championships were offered to make the year's total of titular stakes only 39.

1954		Spring	Fall	Totals
Trials	265		282	547
Stakes	895		901	1,796
Starters	13,151		11,579	24,730
1955		Spring	Fall	Total
Trials	274		283	557
Stakes	908		933	1,841
Starters	13,342		11,854	25,196

Shooting dog stakes outdrew the all-age events 8,097 to 7,353 and fought the traditional all-age events to a standstill in total number stakes offered, with derby stakes also in a virtual three-way tie.

### SEEKS BROKEN IRISH

Roy Whisenhunt of Rockwell, N. C. writes the Southeastern Red Setter Club that he is looking for a broken Irish Setter shooting dog.

### REPORT ON TRIAL UP-COMING

A financial report of the NRSFTC spring trial will appear in the May issue of the WHIP. Indications are that it neither lost nor made money, according to Treasurer Schollenberger.

## MICHIGAN'S 82 ENTRIES TOP RECORD MIKE HALTS WILLOW WINDS SWEE.

For second trial in a row the Irish Setter Club of Michigan on April 21 - 22 staged the biggest Irish Setter trial on record. The efforts of Trial Chairman Tom Moffat, his committee (a category that includes almost all members of that lively club) were rewarded with an entry of 82 dogs. Of these, 69 were in recognized stakes and the total of Irish entered in the five recognized stakes was 57. In the amateur gun dog stake, open to all pointing breeds, were two English, six German Shorthairs, four Brittanys and four Irish.

The trial site was the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area near the city of that name. Judges were Alton King of Livonia, Mich. and Charles Hendricks of Toledo, O.

Here the results of the stakes in the order they were run.

#### OPEN DERBY STAKE - 8 Irish

1. Mr. O'Leary, W. E. LeGrande, owner and handler
2. Cooper's Hollyberry Scarlet, Wm. S. Cooper, Jr., owner and handler.
3. Mr. O'Malley, W. E. LeGrande, owner and handler.
4. Bill, W. E. LeGrande, owner, handler.

#### OPEN ALL AGE - 10 Irish

1. AKO Dual Ch. Tyrone's Mahogany Mike, E. W. McIvor, owner and handler.
2. AKO F. T. Ch. Askew's Carolina Lady, W. E. LeGrande, owner and handler.
3. AKO F. T. Ch. Ike Jack Kendrick, W. E. LeGrande, owner and handler.
4. Rustic Lad of Ardee, Art Nelson, owner and handler.

#### OPEN PUPPY - 16 Irish

1. Carolina Lady's Queen, W. E. LeGrande, owner and handler.
2. Ghost, W. E. LeGrande, owner, handler.
3. Cooper's Tennessee Reily, Mrs. W. S. Cooper, Jr., owner. W. S. Cooper, Jr. handler.
4. Cooper's Hollyberry Scarlet, Wm. S. Cooper, Jr., owner and handler.

#### OPEN GUN DOG - 15 Irish

1. AKO Dual Ch. Tyrone's Mahogany Mike, C. D. X. E. W. McIvor owner, handler.
2. AKO F. T. Ch. Ike Jack Kendrick, W. E. LeGrande, owner and handler.
3. AKO F. T. Ch. Askew's Carolina Lady, W. E. LeGrande, owner and handler.
4. Jeffrey of Kenilworth, John Blue, owner. Fred Cameron, handler.

(Note: due to the indisposition of Judge Alton King, Mr. Mack Triplett of Johnstown, Ohio graciously agreed to join Sgt. Hendricks in the judicial saddle for this one stake.

The Amateur Gun Dog stake was open to all pointing breeds -- and Ike Jack

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## CHAMPION DOUBLE JAY

Owner: R. C. Baynard  
Rta. One, Dover, Del.

## I.S.C. MICHIGAN TRIAL, cont'd

Kendrick, as he did last fall, came through as a winning representative of the Irish. It seemed that "Happy Jack" saved his best effort for this chips-down stake. He displayed thrilling, high-styled accuracy with perfect manners.

- AMATEUR GUN DOG - 4 Brittany's, 2 English, 6 German Shorthairs and 4 Irish
1. AKC F. T. Ch. Ike Jack Kendrick, Irish, M. E. LeGrande, owner and handler.
  2. Harwood Summer's Walkinhess, German Shorthair,
  3. Holly Haven Dan, Brittany.
  4. AKC F. T. Ch. Manette DuBois, Brittany.

The unrecognized Novice stake with 14 entries was judged by Fred Cameron of Columbus, Ohio and Tom Koffat of Pontiac.

1. Timothy Shawn O'Dea, Charles Benton, owner and handler.
2. Thorleen, Ted Stronski, owner, handler.
3. Shawn O'Dea Sherwood
4. Argo Lane's Gallant Lad.

On Sunday afternoon Ed and Roberta McIvor were surprised with the presentation of a large plaque from all of the members of the ISO of Michigan in commemoration of their having bred, trained and handled their Tyrone's Mahogany Mike, O. D. X. to the AKC's first Dual Championship. The large mahogany board supports figures which are emblematic of accomplishment in the field, on the bench and in the obedience ring.

How the ISO of Michigan conceived and had this beautiful trophy tailor-made in the week-and-a-half that was available is a matter we wonder at.

Red LeGrande, whose dogs won ten placements, in a fine gesture of sportsmanship, donated all of the trophies he won back to the club.

SPENDS TWO DOLLARS ON WHIP AD;  
MAKES A SALE FOR \$150.00!

A two-dollar WHIP ad was directly responsible for the sale of a shooting dog at 150.00. So reports Marine Lt. Col Bob McMaster of Alexandria, Va. Within two weeks of the ad's appearance in the March WHIP the dog was sold. Col. McMaster reports that he might have sold at least one more dog -- if he'd had it available. The WHIP goes to a select list of folks who are interested in Red Setters.

Why not put this pulling power to work for your kennel and product sales? The WHIP is the only national breed publication.

## WAS THERE ANOTHER DUAL CHAMP?

Our record books say Ed McIvor's Mike is the first AKC Dual Champion. But was there ever another dog that won bench and field titles? We're checking. Details in the May FLUSHING WHIP!

## EVEN PUPS SHOW FINISH

## TO MAKE SUCCESS OF OHIO TRIAL

With sparkling bird work right down the line and excellent administration of trial management the ISO of Ohio, on April 29, held a three-stake program with 27 entries over a single course at Delaware Dam, Ohio.

Co-chairmen were Louise and Cliff Amundsen with strong assists from Fred Cameron and other members of the Central Ohio Bird Dog Club.

It is always a delight at a Red Setter trial to see a fine, new dog appear. Such a one is Red Star II owned by Jimmy Cunningham of Hamilton, Ohio. Star lacks trial experience--but she shows great promise. The weather was mild and showery.

IRISH SETTER CLUB OF OHIO, Second Field Trial. FDSB-recognized, AKC sanction. Delaware Dam Area, Ohio. April 29. One Course. Judges: F. M. Warner, Columbus, Ohio and Mack Triplett, Johnstown, Ohio.

## OPEN GUN DOG - 14 Irish Setters

This was another first placement for AKC Dual Ch. Tyrone's Mahogany Mike, although Red Star II made it close enough that it might have been debatable. Both had excellent bird work with Star taking one jump at flush. Flooting Heart was placed on an excellent, though birdless, ground heat. Marflow Susan was very short but mannerly. Owners of Candice of Kenilworth, Rustic Lad of Ardee and The Dude all did a little birdfield training which automatically eliminated them from consideration under AKC rules.

1. AKC Dual Ch. Tyrone's Mahogany Mike, dog, by Can. Bench Ch. Lord Tyrone Trent - McIvor's Kathleen. E. W. McIvor, owner and handler.
  2. Red Star II, bitch, by King Canton of Ardee - Connemara Quon. James W. Cunningham, owner and handler.
  3. Flooting Heart, bitch, by Irish of To Tower - Dallas Lady. Jack Kramer, owner and handler.
- Marflow Susan was named fourth. She is owned by Wolfram Stumpf and was mis-handled by your editor.

## OPEN DERBY - 7 Irish Setters

That "dancin' little darlin'", Bill Cooper's Hollyberry Scarlet went out and nailed herself the only backcourse find of the day. Her bird left and she marked and attempted to relocate. In the birdfield she styled beautifully but chased and caught when the handler flushed. John Blue's Jeffrey of Kenilworth had a fine race but chased and flushed. Erin of Ellair waited for the shot but chased and caught. Timothy Shawn O'Dea gained fourth after proving mannerly at the end of a short race. Owned by Charles

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## CONGRESSMAN BUSH RECALLS HIS AKC FIELD CH. UNCLE NED R

By Congressman Alvin R. Bush  
Seventeenth District, Pennsylvania

It was nice of THE FLUSHING WHIP to write me for information on that great Irish Setter, Uncle Ned R, and he certainly was just that -- a great dog.

During world War II, when gas was rationed, it was impossible for me to continue with my field trial dogs. And, about that time they were getting to the age where one after the other died -- and I never replaced them.

When Uncle Ned R passed away it was due to old age and blindness. It is easy to recall now the many hours we spent together in the field. For a number of years we hunted quail in South Carolina. And there were several other Irish Setters that I prized very highly. But they are all gone now.

At present I am so tied up in other interests that it is impossible for me to engage in field trials -- the sport I love so much. However, I still do a little hunting, but not to the extent that I did in those earlier days.

I certainly wish the National Red Setter Field Trial Club every success in its efforts to bring the Red Dog to the position which he is capable of holding in competition with other breeds.

### JOE STETSON LIKES WHIP'S 'MEAT'

Because we very much admire the professionalism of Joe Stetson's writings, we greatly prize a letter recently received from the Gun Dog Editor of FIELD AND STREAM. Here it is:

"The latest WHIP just arrived and went into the waste basket as usual -- but not until I had read every word. These WHIPS thrill me. They are getting meatier and meatier and the competition amongst breeders and trialers continues to grow. No need for slick paper or fancy binding. The real guts are there -- just as they should be in a Red Setter journal.

"Your young recruits have really given wings to the efforts of the old-timers with results that can't help but bear sound fruit."

Thanks to Joe Stetson who took time from his busy schedule to pen

## ISC OF AMERICA MAY ALTER FIELD TRIAL FUNDS

The annual meeting of the Irish Setter Club of America, held in New York city on February 13, produced only one real surprise.

Out of it came the announcement that on December 6 of last year a committee appointed to study the future use of the Henry P. Davis prize fund, the Special fund (formerly the Elcho fund) and the field trial fund reported to the executive committee of the ISC of America its recommendation that the executive group at some future time use these funds according to its best judgement.

This could mean the AKC parent club will find some means of putting these funds to work in furthering field activities -- and it could mean that they will be largely used in some other work.

These funds total \$1,102.50. It is invested at 1% interest. None of the funds has been active.

Thirty-two of the club's 203 members were present. They included NRSFTC members Hayden Martin and Dr. Jay W. Calhoun. Mr. Martin was elected to a first term on the executive committee.

Four NRSFTC members participated in the honors awarded. Martin's Bench Ch. Gaye of Sunny Acre won the Fleetwood Farm trophy for sporting group breeder-exhibitor in 1955 and the Phantom Brook trophy for the best of breed exhibitor for 1955. Club medals were won by W. E. LeGrande's AKC F. T. Ch. Ike Jack Kendrick, by Mis Lois Logan's Red Lad of Hollywood Hills and by Herm David's The Dude.

The club will continue its work on standard revision--now termed "clarification". The contemplated standard, in its present form, does not call for a low-set tail.

It was reported that two Irish gained AKC field championships last year while 59 bench champions were being created and 62 obedience degrees were earned by the Red Ones. There were nine Best-in Show award and 51 group wins.

The new AKC Field Trial Champions were Askew's Carolina Lady and her son, Ike Jack Kendrick. Both are owned by W. E. LeGrande of Douglassville, Pa.

## Pick Petersburg, Del. for NRSFTC's Fall Trial

It'll be the Petersburg, Delaware, Wildlife area again for the National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Championship program in October. The site was the unanimous choice of the NRSFTC members present in the meeting held during the running of the Spring program. The exact dates will be October 20 - 21 if the grounds are available. Once again the stakes, with the exception of the Championship, will be open to Gordon Setter entries. NRSFTC Vice-President R. C. Baynard will serve as trial secretary.

Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Schollenberger was instructed to proceed to incorporate the club under the laws of a state where the fees would not be burdensome.

Fred Cameron, Bill Pachy and Jack Kramer, together with the entire membership of the Central Ohio Bird Dog Club were given a vote of thanks for their efforts and their fine hospitality in staging the first Red Setter Midwestern Open Championship program. Cameron was instructed to secure the same dates or those for a week earlier for the 1957 Spring program.

It was decided, that the Spring amateur shooting dog stake will be known as the Spring Classic with the President's Cup in competition. Those presently having legs on it are Bob Soidel, Tom Ward, G. Wood Smith and Ned LeGrande.

The group voted to remove THE FLUSHING WHIP from private subsidy and to support the major portion of its expense from the treasury.

One other action was taken -- but it is not yet available for release for publication.

Breeders were urged to make membership in the NRSFTC a condition of purchase with all worthwhile puppies sold.

### TED GRANTS VACATIONING IN CALIFORNIA

A brief note from Long Beach, Cal., informs that Mr. and Mrs. Ted Grant of Benton, Maine have been enjoying an extended vacation. They expected to return home on May 1. They are the owners of the open stake winner, Pride's Red Rambler.

You can participate in the breeding program advocated by such authorities as Horace Lytle, Henry L. Betten and others.

A litter by Red Velvet's Duke, "Top Field Dog of 1954" according to the ISC of America, out of Akita Taffy, cross-bred setter. FDSB registered. Built to run. Unusual intensity. Highest praise from judges. Litter enrolled. Whelped March 6. No room to keep them all. Must sell now. Murray Sleeper, 127 Rollstone Street, Pittsburg, Mass.

## IMPORTED, TRAINED, DOGS NEED RE-BREAKING, GLOSSER WARNS

BY FRANK GLOSSER

Route One, Box 659, Vashon, Washington

I've been asked by the FLUSHING WHIP to offer what hints I can on the importation of dogs from Ireland and England. The proudest possession Mrs. Glosser and I have is Grouse of Brogan that I imported from Ireland six years ago.

Grouse has been a wonderful bird dog and companion. He placed in the ISC of America's trial in Tipton, Iowa in his only start in this country. He'd had an excellent trial record in Ireland.

But, I should caution those who might try to duplicate my luck with Grouse that any imported, trained, dog will need quite a bit of work after they arrive in this country. First, they all drop to shot -- and, as you know, that doesn't look too good in our trials. Second, an imported dog will not cross a fence or hedgerow into the next field. In the Irish trials they are marked down if they do cross over. It is necessary to increase their range before they can be entered in even a shooting dog stake on this side--or there is no hope of placing them.

You even have to learn how to speak like an Irishman. "Whoa" is easy enough--but to start your dog you'll have to learn to say "Hie' On". I'll say this for the imported dogs, though: when you get one you have a dog you can turn loose on a parking strip and handle him so he stays on it. I wish I had the secret of those Irish breakers to get a dog to handle like theirs do.

It is my opinion that, considering the price, the risk of getting what you ordered, the re-training and the red tape involved, that a person is ahead to purchase a dog here in the United States. Since the Red Setter Field Trial Club has really started to roll we have dogs here that can beat any of their dogs in any trial. This wouldn't necessarily hold for untrained puppies. Those who were there will recall that Grouse was knocked out of first place at Tipton in a second series because he ran over a bird on the breakaway and did not stop to the flush. Imported dogs are not trained to stop if a bird flushes behind them. I hope I have anticipated most of the questions of WHIP readers, but if there are any remaining all any WHIP reader has to do is write me and I'll do the best I can.

Grouse is available to NRSFTC members' bitches. If the bitch is proven or very well bred a puppy proposition will be considered.

## The Editor's Notebook

You will receive your April WHIP somewhat late. Our excuse? Well, it's the only really good excuse that could be offered in a journal of this sort. Instead of devoting our April weekends to the WHIP, we have been off field-trialing. Can't do both and -- as long as we have a choice -- you're apt to find the WHIP is late just after the heart of the trial season.

That promised special by Nash Buckingham appears on page 12 of this issue. We are proud to present it to you -- and the Sportsman's Library is edited by Bill Thompson.

We're heading into the quieter summer months. The WHIP will be happy to receive contributions from its readers now that the demands for our space are relieved by the end of the field trial season.

And -- these off-season months with their long evenings offer you an excellent opportunity to get in some yard-breaking on that prospect of yours. From what we've seen at the recent trials, plenty of the dogs are in need of some basic training. That includes our own -- and he'll get it!

Elmer Homuth of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, has acquired the six-year-old Irish Setter advertised in last month's WHIP by Lt. Col. Bob McMaster. Mr. Homuth's trainer is now in the process of introducing this broken quail dog to pheasants and their tricks.

Roy Hackett of Palmyra, Wis., and Elmer Williams of South Milwaukee, Wis., are scheduled to judge the three-stake program of the ISC of Milwaukee at Eagle, Wis., on Sunday, May 13. Open stakes for puppies, derbies and all-age dogs are being offered. Entries are limited to 30 Irish Setters. Jack Lane of Muskego, Wis., is trial secretary.

Here are a few of the open-to-all-pointing breeds wins reported by Ned LeGrande of Willow Winds Farm. They really rate headlines, but we'd rather give them to you in this manner than let them wait until our next issue.

Fittingly enough, on St. Patrick's day at the Keystone Pointer and Setter trial the Irish had a field day. Ned says: "Maybe it was the luck of the Irish -- or perhaps it was because they were so much easier to see against the background of snow." (There's an old story that's been repeated so many times over so many years that a lot of folks accept it as fact that Red Ones are harder to see while hunting. We know that at least half of the time we are hunting we have a cover of snow that makes our Red One easier to see than the white pointers in our party. We'd like to hear from our readers on this subject.)

## CHAMPION DOUBLE JAY PUPS

### FOR SALE

Since 1936 we have owned and shot over hunting Irish Setters. We believe we have accumulated, in our grown dogs, some of the best field blood in existence. Lately we have been doing some occasional breeding. We now have a Ch. Double Jay litter. Fourteen pups; seven dogs and seven bitches. The dam is a wide-ranging litter sister of Windyhill Glanderrick Kick, winner of the 1955 National Red Setter Spring Classic (one-hour heats) at Weldon Springs, Mo. Heavy Rockwood on Skyline and Ardee blood lines. Whelped April 15, 1956 -- available in June. Four are already spoken for -- so may we suggest that you make your reservation now!

Mrs. G. Wood Smith, Box 1555, Route 13, Kirkwood 22, Missouri.

First in the derby at Keystone over 21 hopefuls was Ir. O'Leary -- and Larna Miller's Happy Valley Clem put a lock on third place. Another Irish, litter mate to O'Leary, did very well and almost placed. The pup is owned by KRSFTC member Charles Bechtel. All three demonstrated high-tailed style and proved steady to shot and wing.

There are other wins to come, but we want to check some of them out before presenting them to you.

We hear that Tom Ward has a litter out of his AKC F. T. Ch. Sharon IV by a brother of the winning dog, Red Velvet's Duke. We don't know if any of the pups are available, but those interested can write Tom at 672 Elmwood Ave., Providence Rhode Island. This might be a good bet for those seeking a dual-type pup. We have another letter, this one from Mrs. John C. McIteer, noted bench campaigner. She writes: "Sharon has won on the bench, including the Morris and Essex show, but I could never get Mr. Ward to let me show her in the ring -- although she is of quality throughout."

Mrs. McIteer also paid tribute to the field-winning bitch, Playgirl's Holiday Lass, owned by Jim and Bob Finn. "Lass needed only one more win in the field to be a trial champion and five points on the bench when time began to run out on her."

Why do otherwise fine gentlemen and sportsmen bring dogs good enough to win to trials -- but not the minimum information needed by the club officials and the trial reporter? It is a thoughtless thing to do -- and an injustice to their own good dogs.

## PUT MEANING IN WORD 'CHAMPION' SAYS SCHOEN

Mr. Lee Schoen of Darien, Conn., has, for many years, been a successful breeder of Irish Setters. He, with Mrs. Schoen, is the owner of the famed Kinvarra Kennels. He was long an officer of the Irish Setter Club of America and he now serves on the executive committee of that organization. He might be considered a spokesman for that segment of the breed's bench fanciers who have an interest in dual-type dogs. Mrs. Schoen's imported bench Champion Kinvarra Hartsbourne Flurry is now in training with professional Paul Long. The dog placed third in the Open All Age stake of the ISC of New England last spring over seven other Irish, a Gordon, and English and a Brittany. In the fall Mrs. Schoen handled Kinvarra Mary Ellen to a third placement in the same club's Open Puppy stake over two other Irish, an English and three Brittanys and Kinvarra Trover to an unrecognized placement in the novice stake.

Mr. Schoen writes the breed column in POPULAR LOGS magazine. In the March issue he writes on the suggestion that bench champions should be required to first gain significant wins in the field--and that field trial champions should be required to first score significantly on the bench. Mr. Schoen takes an admirable and courageous stand. He says: "In my opinion both viewpoints are valid; both restrictions can and should be made. The latter would remove what we now see at times: a fine-going little field dog of generally brownish color, with hardly a vestige of those lines in body or head that could justify calling it, and entering it as an Irish Setter." (Mr. Schoen is entitled to his opinion.)

"The first restriction, adopted, would also insure that the Irish Setter stayed a setter by withholding the title from 85 to 100-pound cumbersome giants which, while strikingly beautiful, are no more representative of our breed of gundog than the brown nondescripts pictured above. At the same time this plan would automatically eliminate another feature now in front of us: the spectacle of 59 Irish Setter 'champions' being named in a single year! What meaning is left in the word 'champion'?"

We often find it difficult to find an area of agreement with Mr. Schoen--but we're set to back him 100% in his efforts to effect this vital reform. If properly legislated and administered, it could be the greatest thing that has happened to the breed during this century. Certainly it would restore confidence in the meaning of the word "champion and direct the attention of the breeders and the public to the truly dual-purpose dogs. The idea could have no more effective proponent. Mr. Schoen not only commands a high respect in Irish Setter bench circles, but he is also most highly regarded in top AKC echelons. We are delighted that he has undertaken a position of leadership in this matter.

We invite WHIP readers who are in accord to send us letters of endorsement so that when Mr. Schoen puts formal proposals into proper channels he will be bulwarked by a demonstration of popular support.

Now that the idea is something of a possibility, we think some attention should be given to framing it effectively. To require that a field champion have a single bench point wouldn't be too helpful. He could get that by defeating as few as two dogs. The defeat of three dogs can mean one field point--not stiff enough of a requirement to add real significance. We've all seen both bench and field wins that were little to be proud of. The new requirement could be stated simply by requiring that a dog be required to win major points in each activity. This would require the defeat of (for most shows) nine males or eight females on the bench and twelve or more dogs in the field. (Of course puppy wins should be excluded because the youngsters are not required to handle game.)

Perhaps an intermediate title such as "Dual-Dog" could be bestowed upon dogs with major points in both activities. We're for any sensible approach to the problem of developing truly dual-purpose Irish.

If Mr. Schoen can prevail in his mission to require a significant success both on the bench and in the field, he will have done more than any other man in bridging the gap between bench and field. The requirement will have "championship" seekers venturing from bench into field activities and from field into bench exhibition. Many will discover they've been missing a thoroughly enjoyable area of competition; they may find that they've been nudged into wonderful new sport. With each competing in the other's field, the bench and the field men will come closer to an understanding of all of the problems and enjoyments involved. It is the most effective way we can visualize of getting the bench folks to where they can find out which of their dogs carry latent field qualities worth developing. It would be a bold stroke--and one to inspire respect from all of dogdom.

We wish Mr. Schoen every success in this venture of his.

## LEGRANDE PROPOSES DERBY STAKES FOR PROSPECTIVE SHOOTING DOGS

By W. E. LeGrande, Willow Wind's Farm, Douglassville, Pennsylvania

It is my understanding that a committee of the Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America is considering recognition of "Junior Shooting Dog" stakes as an answer to a long-building demand for events that will test the young dogs as prospective shooting dogs.

Some of the trial clubs here in the East are not waiting for recognition of this new stake. They are openly advertising that their derby entrants will be judged as prospective shooting dogs--and the popularity of these stakes is amazing! Such a stake last month at the Keystone Pointer and Setter Club drew 22 dogs and for a time the club officials were wondering how they might get all of the dogs run. The York, Pa., trial had a similar stake that drew an entry of 25. I'm told that the big Lehigh Valley Club is determined to make the switch for its fall trial. The highly-regarded Jockey Hollow Club is credited with starting the trend at its fall trial last season. It appears to be the coming thing here in eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey--and I'm all for it.

For the first time in my experience the derby stakes are as big and as interesting as the shooting dog stakes. This new trend is putting emphasis on the practical dog -- one that the hunter can gun over during the season and enjoy trialing most of the rest of the year. At the expense of the all-age dog it is putting the spotlight on the shooting dog. Let's face it. The dog of true all-age range is not practical here or in most other heavily-populated parts of the country.

Of course, I may be prejudiced. As I write this I am fresh from the Keystone Pointer and Setter trial where my Mr. O'Leary was placed first in the derby. Another Red One of my breeding, Marna Miller's Happy Valley Clem was third in the field of 22.

It is my belief that the road to Red Setter popularity is the one that leads to early-breaking and stylish shooting dogs. I think the National Red Setter Field Trial Club should consider declaring for prospective shooting dogs in advertising its derby stakes of the future. I'd like to know what some of the other members and WHP readers think of the idea.

### WHY DO AKC REGISTRATIONS OF IRISH KEEP SLIPPING? Cont'd from page 13)

Setters fell off further than any other breed. From 2,791 registrations in 1954 they showed a drop to 2,433 in 1955. Had they no more than kept pace with the over-all rise in registrations they would have gained 109 to reach a total of 2,800. But they didn't. They were actually what it would have taken to hold their 1954 ranking of twenty-second. Is this long-range trend because bird dogs are losing their popularity? Let's see what some of the other breeds offered to the public as bird dogs are doing. Weimaraners: ranked twelfth with 7,314 registrations (triple the Irish) and up 10.7%. German Shorthaired Pointers: ranked eighteenth with 3,455 registrations and up 12.1%. Gordon Setters ranked fifty-first and up an amazing 30%!

English Setters offer an exaggerated illustration. The English bench-breds, almost exclusively ornamental, are slipping in AKC registrations even faster than the Irish. In 1955 they slipped 22.8% to 708 registrations from 916 in 1954. Meanwhile, the Field Dog Stud Book continues to register many thousands of English every year--most of which would draw nothing better than a king-sized sneer from most bench judges.

The Gordon enthusiasts, almost all of them, have been pulling together to develop and popularize their breed as dual-type dogs. Their 30% gain might very well furnish food for thought for strictly bench-minded Irish Setter fanciers who want to do something about the downward-spiraling popularity of their dogs. And -- we don't mean for anyone to start making unsubstantiated claims for the field prowess of their stock. We've had more than enough of that.

Facing facts is often painful. Like Mr. Gatchell, we don't like the figures we see. We hope you will find these suggestions helpful.

# Why? Why Do AKC Registrations of Bench-Type Irish Setters Continue to Fall Off?

With the first indication that sales figures are slipping, a good sales executive will get out into the field and start looking for "red lanterns" that might spell out the source of coming trouble. Something is sure to be changed. The sales approach might be altered; the advertising program may be switched entirely; sales personnel might be shuffled; the product itself will be reviewed in comparison with the competition and improved if possible--or the leadership of the sales force might be shaken up.

Insofar as they reflect the popularity of bench-type Irish Setters, the registration figures of the AKC have been flashing red danger signals for years -- with no positive action being taken that we know about. Here's what President Lester O. Gatchell said in his address to the annual meeting of the ISC of America on February 13 of this year.

"Irish Setters showed a loss" (1955 AKC registration figures) "of 12.8 % in individual registrations (358 fewer dogs). Our breed showed a loss that was 50 % greater than the average in the sporting group.

"I am not giving these figures as an alarmist, nor am I sure, at this moment, just what they mean. However, I am sure that I am not pleased, and I do feel that we should take a look at the facts. I feel that we are all one in a desire to popularize our breed, and that any time we slip we had better look around. I know that there are many factors which enter into the development of a situation like this, but each and every one should be countered before it develops further. Last year we raised our dues in an attempt to get some funds with which to work. This year, I think I shall recommend to the Executive Committee a quick but thorough study of the situation, and that we move to counteract this condition. Possibly with additional funds, we can stimulate activity through advertising, prizes or some other means. Any suggestions you have will be appreciated."

In the same address Mr. Gatchell said: "In some quarters, when change in the standard is mentioned, it seems to connote a change in the Irish Setter as we know him. Let us then refer to the studies being made as clarification of the standard rather than change."

Now, let it be understood that the National Red Setter Field Trial Club is not in competition with the ISC of America--nor does it propose to tell that organization how to run its affairs. But we are also fond of the Red Ones, and when suggestions are requested, we presume that they are honestly desired.

We think a study of old records, pictures and measurements will demonstrate to any open-minded person that the Irish Setter described by the standard which Mr. Gatchell says needs only clarification more resembles the field-bred dogs of today than do the dogs which today find the greatest favor on the bench. We submit that it is not the field-bred that varies from what the original writers of the standard had in mind so much as it is the bench-bred that apparently delights fewer and fewer people in a rapidly growing nation. We suggest that for every person who buys an Irish Setter puppy as a bench prospect, there are one-hundred or more hunters who'd like to have a good bird dog. We suggest that the "product's" usefulness be broadened so that it will have a greater appeal to more people. We suggest that the ISC of America undertake the bold step of requiring that all Irish Setters be required to score significantly in both bench and field activities before they can be named "champions" -- as proposed by Lee Schoen, a member of the parent club's executive board.

Is the situation really that bad? Is bold and decisive action really indicated? Well, it has been getting worse for years. Here are the AKC registration figures for 1955: Irish Setters rank 25th among the 111 recognized breeds--about one litter ahead of miniature Schnauzers. Registration for all breeds was up 3.9 %. In total number the Irish

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## Red Setter Recollections by Nash Buckingham

Mr. W. A. Wheatley, famed through his pen name of "Guido" as a champion of "Native" Setters in the post-Civil War days, lived just three blocks from us. During my childhood and schoolboy days he was, next to my father, my chief mentor afield. I recall Sunday afternoons when we'd run bird dogs well within the city limits of Memphis. The P. H. Brysons lived just back of us--our kennels adjoined. I recall much talk of George and M. C. Campbell, later, but my closest link was with Mr. Jack Hays who had hunted over the Campbell dogs and owned some of the same stock. Mr. Wheatley, of course, had also hunted over them, particularly Joe, Jr., in some of his informal heats with the Ilewelin great, Gladstone. Mr. Hays always said that Joe beat Gladstone "about as often as Gladstone beat him."

I have a Wheatley-owned color sketch from the old Beaver Dam Club of a pair of red and white setters. The inscription reads: "Joe, Jr. III and Morgan, sons of Native Joe Jr., Field Trial Champion. Property of W. A. Wheatley." I recall two or three setters of my youth that were good ones. My dad shot over two Gordons that were corkers and could have come down from old Knight. (Knight was the Irish-Gordon that won America's first field trial in 1874.) But, suddenly, the red dogs just seemed to fade from the picture and the saying, then current among hunters was that they "had been bred down to pets and show dogs." I recall one black native named Nigger that we hunted just after the turn of the century. He belonged to Brodie Finley and would, today, be priceless. We hunted him for years; he had it ALL--and then some.

As to the red dogs, I agree heartily with Mr. Betten that perhaps a carefully selected and controlled outcross might have a substantial effect in "regressing" (Bridley Murphy effect) the old-time Redman's substantial gifts--and he had 'em !

Even so, NOTHING will save the gun dogs of this land, of any breed, until game is again as plentiful as it was in the coverts of long ago, and decent men (get that) go THERE to GUN. Strange to say -- or is it -- today there are darn near more quail today than we had bird dogs in the yesteryears. Actually the bird dog shortage is acute and distressing. Various reasons are assigned: 1. Loss of what was public shooting territory to pasturage, etc. 2. Young fellows gone from country homes to wars, drafts and factories, consequently fewer country bird dogs raised. 3. Actual loss through droughts of interest in quail because of fewer birds. 4. Posted lands, and so on, including the cost and care of keeping dogs ten months to hunt a half-dozen times a season -- maybe.

Anyway, you go through the country nowadays and the bird dogs "just ain't there". Men of means manage to keep leased lands, but even these are checking out. And, when they acquire properties, they have a devil of a time getting dogs worth gunning over. Recently a wealthy friend, a tycoon, acquired such a property and came flying to me (and others) for dogs. Now, this season there was a slight uppage in bird conditions and even the ordinary hunters, enticed back, can't find dogs worth a dime. Nonetheless, the sellers'll look you right in the eye and ask \$350 to \$500 for some \$50 egg buster of five years ago. It's all gotta end somewhere.

The last time I saw the late Rufus McType O'Cloisters, I judged him in one of the stakes at the lovely old Plantation Owners Trials, near Estill, S. C. As I remember it, we gave him third--and he did a bang-up job of it too ! He was a fine sturdy fellow; stood up well. And I recall a very delightful lady in Pittsburgh, back in the war years, who had a string of darn good Irishmen. I regret that her name escapes me at the moment. I judged one of her dogs, I recall, at the stake held on the big Mellon Club at Rolling Rock. She was most delighted with her dog's win.

I'd like to see an All-Irishman Field Trial Shooting Dog Stake on much the same basis as the trials held at Estill. The grounds would have to hold plenty of birds. Each amateur owner to handle his own dog with shooting allowed and retrieving to count. We used to have a lot of fun. Some chap would have a corking dog, but he couldn't hit anything--and oh, how the gallery would razz !

I.S.C. OF OHIO TRIAL, CONT'D.

Benton, Shawn was handled by Ed McIvor.

- 1. Cooper's Hollyberry Scarlet, bitch, by Willow Winds Duke - Willow Winds Kate. Wm. S. Cooper, Jr., owner and handler.
- 2. Jeffrey of Kenilworth, dog by Russell McTybe Scott - Cardice of Kenilworth.
- 3. Erin of Ellair, male, by Gen. Bench Ch. Red Rover of Kensington - Sholly of Sunny Arc. Ann Erskitz, owner. E. W. McIvor, handler.

OPEN PUPPY - 4 Irish Setters  
20 Minute Heats

Later, over coffee, Judge Mack Triplett told us that the heat of the puppy winner, Cooper's Tennessee Riley, if stretched out over a full half-hour, would have won the Gun Dog stake. Riley pinned a bird that had been liberated several braces earlier. In a fence row just off the edge of the bird field he hit his bird-nerd. Just as the judges were about to call time Ivor Glen Devilera had herself a thrilling find in the birdfield. But it was Therleen, or rather her handler-owner Ted Stronski, who furnished the day's highlight. Ted is a sort-of-a all-out chap. He loves his dogs 1000%--and he proved it. The Delaware Area is spotted with small duck ponds. When Therleen ran into one of these she continued for a few strides before hitting a deeper portion. When that happened she went under for an instant. Ted took no

chance. Without hesitation he went into the water after her, although she was swimming by the time he reached her. It was all over in an instant and the pair went right back to their hunting. Therleen ran and birded her way into third place. (By the time the puppies ran the bird field was well salted with liberated quail.)

- 1. Cooper's Tennessee Riley, dog, by The Duke - Lee Mac. Wm. S. Cooper, Jr., owner and handler.
- 2. Ivor Glen Devilera, bitch, by AKC Dual Ch. Tyrone's Mahogany Mike, C. D. X. - Ivor Glen's Red Million. Dale McIvor, owner, E. W. McIvor, handler.
- 3. Therleen, bitch, by AKC F. T. Ch. Ike Jack Kondrick - AKC F. T. Ch. Askew's Carolina Lady. Ted Stronski, owner and handler.

CARR TO JUDGE MISSOURI SPECIALTY

Dr. Herman Carr, a NRSFTC member, will judge the specialty show of the ISO of Missouri at the Winter Garden in St. Louis on May 19. Entries were to close on May 7. Dr. Carr is a resident of Palatine, Ill. Neil Schneider is the president of the Missouri group and Mrs. Eileen Meyer is specialty show chairman.

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