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Mr. James T. Flythe
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Dear Mr. Flythe:

Thanks for your letter of July 29 and your suggestions as to printing the Irish Setter Field Trial Record. I am sorry to report that I have been laid up for 5 months with a bum back resulting from snow shovelling and arthritis. Consequently the field trial compilation is still incomplete and not ready to go. Publication by October 1 is not feasible. We shall have to let this project ride for a while until I am able to continue work on it.

I like your idea of using a loose-leaf binder. The Carolina Country Club example is not only neat, but it also condenses the material into small space by printing on both sides of the paper with small type.

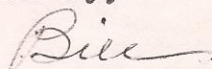
My compilation contains 300 single-space typewritten pages (8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11") in a binder 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick. It includes all Irish Setter placings at field trials in this country since 1870. Approximately 2000 dogs and 1300 trials are represented. I have followed THE AMERICAN FIELD style of reporting by showing date, club, place, stake, dog, sex, number, owner, sire and dam in each case. Then there is an index of the dogs in the back of the book. The records are based mostly on AMERICAN FIELD and AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB publications.

It is especially apparent from the compilation that the Irish Setter has made a tremendous advance in field trials since 1952, when the National Red Setter Club started. Incidentally, the LeGrande setters and their progeny have placed in more than 500 recognized trials during the last 14 years.

Fortunately last January I completed the manuscript for the 2nd edition of my Irish Setter book, which is now in the publisher's hands. It includes a thorough chapter on field trials. I also finished an International Irish Setter Champion List (3000 items), including bench & field trial champions from America, Canada, England, Ireland, etc. I gave this item gratis to the Irish Setter Club of America to publish and distribute.

All of us in this area like Schnet's Little Red and we wish him success. I recall your Barton's Creek Jake, whose grandsire was Emory's Carolina Mike (brother to Askew's Carolina Lady). Years ago I owned a granddam of Jake in the eleventh generation back. She had an aunt called Donegal's Alizon that placed third in the Derby Stake at Grand Junction in 1918.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill", written in dark ink.

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