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A portion of the enthusiastic group assembled on the Spitzer Farm, near Strongsville, O., on October 19, to witness the second trial sponsored by the National Red Setter Field Trial Club.



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## National Red Setter Trials

By R. C. BAYNARD JR.

THE Spitzer Farm, one of the model dairy farms of the Midwest, near Strongsville, O., was the locale of the second trial sponsored by the National Red Setter Field Trial Club on October 19. The Club is deeply indebted to the four Spitzer brothers for their use of their acres. The large alfalfa and stubble fields bordered by hedgerows and woodlines presented hunting country that offered a challenge to any dog.

Bouquets to Herm David and his committee for a masterful job of setting up this program and handling every detail so well. Don Martin and Wolfe Stumpf were always on hand. Mrs. Helen Martin shivered all day in the cold wind but kept everyone well mounted on the fine horses from the Red Raider Day Camp. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Talbert helped Herm on the Trophy Committee. Chief Bob Pootz of the Strongville finest and Commander Louis Davenport of the Berea Legion Post had men on duty all during the running. George Creadon donated a plentiful supply of pheasants, Tom Ward, Fred White, and Sidney Spitzer handling the liberation chores.

Saturday, high flying wedges of geese were a reminder that winter was on the way and Sunday followed the pattern. A heavy overcast, strong winds, and temperatures in the low forties made windproof jackets more than welcome.

There was one tragic note recalling the old saying that the good die young and in this case we are sure that it is true. The death of Willow Winds Mike, successful and sensational Irish Derby, upon whose shoulders were placed the high hopes of his owners, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. LeGrande of Douglassville, Pa., and a host of Irish field trial folks, cast a heavy shadow over the gathering assembled for the National Red Setter Field Trial Club's program run near Strongsville, O., on October 19. Saturday noon, before the trial, Mike became entangled in his chain and strangled. The efforts of Paul Williams, his trainer, and a veterinarian were to no avail. This was the dog we had been looking for—a hard running, strong bird dog that gave his all everytime he was put down—the dog that we felt sure could help put the Red dog back in competition.

Mike was well schooled by Tom Lunsford and brought forth favorable comments in his two starts on the major circuit. He was shipped East and put in the hands of Paul Williams who guided him to two wins in three starts.

Harry M. Thomas, the Bowling Green, O., professional with a background of fifty years as a successful trainer and handler and R. G. Sharpe of Saginaw, Mich., prominent Midwestern owner and handler, passed on the merits of the Derbies and shooting dogs. Allen E. Bortz, well known sportsman and conversationalist of Allentown, Pa., and Fred L. White, a newcomer to the professional ranks from Fairfield, Me., were pressed into service for the Puppy Stake.

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From the cast off, Duke was out front, some may have thought too far, but his desire to find game kept him reaching for more country, handling beautifully with his longest absence only four minutes. Never did he check back and never did he come from behind; dog and handler were in complete accord, each having confidence in the other's ability. With time almost out, Duke froze in full stride, head high, every muscle taut. At the flush and shot, never a move until the gun was back in the holster and the touch on the head sent him on; a sensational ground race climaxed by a thrilling exhibition of a perfectly finished dog.

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the picture point of the stake; with head and tail high, she proudly awaited the flush. At the shot she made a jump in the direction of the bird but was quickly stopped. Willow Winds Bessie had two finds, perfectly handled. Willow Winds Smada had two finds but jumped with her second bird and stayed under pressure. Burton's Lady Dianne worked her ground well but once in the birdfield, handler and training were forgotten. Sir Rusty Dawn, carrying his flag high, impressed with his attack on the country but went with his brace mate's bird. My Girl was evidently not in condition. Sue Lee displayed moderate range. Jackson Brook Angler's Rusty did not pin his bird and was scored with an unproductive. Seamus Red Tuxedo pointed on back course at edge of cornfield. No bird could be produced and the dog was kept out of the standing corn. Rufus Killarney worked the course well but went with his first bird; then came two finds superbly handled. Erin of Marflow closed. Moreover Mike impressed with his way of going and his range. Pat King Ranger ran hard. High Point Flame, Lassie of Ardee, High Point Fleet, and King's Happy Boy with good races were birdless. Mulcahy's Blazer was short. Rusty's Jinx, with a moderate race, pointed with unusually high head and tail. It was hard to believe that the dog was pointing so he was ordered on. As he moved up, the bird left. Another handler for Randall's column. Kevin's Red Micheal pointed in hedge along breakaway, stayed for the shot but broke, brought, and caught. Marflow Susan pointed and crowded her bird.

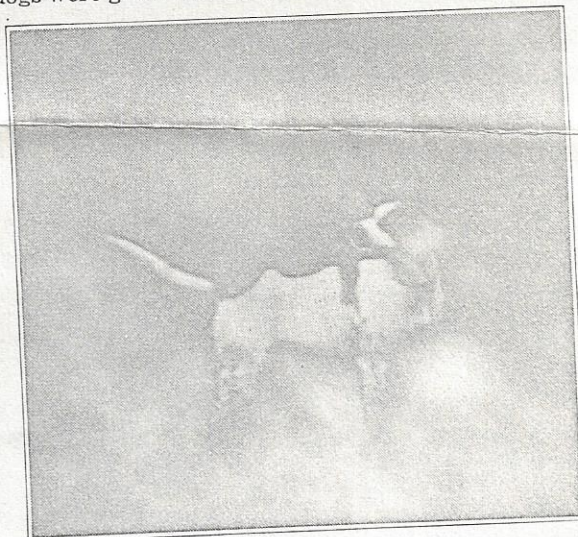
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- 3d—SHANNON PAT'S PRIDE, 463009, bitch, by Jim Son of Lady Diane—Cumberland Princess Pat. T. P. Grant, owner; F. H. White, handler.

## Floyd County (Ga.) Trials

By W. A. DU PRE

The Floyd County Wildlife Association's sixth fall trial was held November 8-9 on the broad acres of the Johnson Plantation bordering the Etowah River, near Rome, Ga. Few one-course trial grounds afford the varied terrain available on this plantation and dogs were given the opportunity of selecting between



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