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Our fall trial chairman has sent additional information for the Oct. 14 & 15th event. The LeRoy, Kansas site consists of around 20,000 acres of prime Kansas bird country where the finding of 20 coveys of birds a day is not at all uncommon in good years. As reported by Henry Taylor 8 coveys in a 2 hour period where we are to be running were sited on a recent Sunday.

LeRoy is about 120 miles south and west of Kansas City. It is a small town on the edge of the praires where some of the biggest trials are run and are a real site to behold if you have never seen the great plains.

Judges for the trial will be Bill Bullock of LaPlata, Mo. and J. D. Spears of Lenwood, Kansas, both highly respected in their knowledge of bird dogs so should be two of the finest judges we have had.

Kansas City Star "Field Trial Notes" written by Ray Heady have already begun some publicity for us. "The National Red Setter Field Trial Club championship will be run at LeRoy this fall on the Parker pasture"; "The Red Setters are the hunting strain of the Irish Setters. They are Irish, but they are also hunters. The National Championship was held on the Reed area three years ago, but it was not big enough for continuous courses and the cover was so heavy it was almost impossible to see the dogs. At LeRoy, the Reds will run on a continuous course." Shooting Dog and derby will be run on three continuous courses without a bird field this year.

Entry blanks will be mailed along with further information in an early Oct. issue.

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Irish Setter Club of Minnesota is set for a four stake trial at Watertown, S. D. Sept. 9 and 10. Send your entries to Dr. Roger W. Strand, chairman, at 1010 B Ives Lane North, Minneapolis, Minn.

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Sept. 13rd the Irish Setter Club of Michigan Annual Fall Field trial will be run on Silo course at Highland Recreation area. Entries will be limited to 60 Open Puppy, Derby, Gun Dog, and All Age; plus a Dual Dog Stake.

Sept. 14 on the same site Irish Setter Club of America Regional Field Trial with 60 limit again is to be held. Chairman is Marv Carlisle, Ph. 425-9397. (Address not given in ad, will check)

Notes from here and there: ■

Sam Williamson, Route 4, Box 169-B, Oxford, N. C. 27565 has pups for sale. Write him for additional information.

Larry Crum writes from his Virginia home that he got his masters, has position as Director of Christian Education & Business Adminis. at First Presbyterian Church of Newport News. Congratulations. His Sassy (sired by Ike Jack Kendrick) bred to Devitt's Lassie (Valli's

Counselor) has given him two female pups who at 6 months are pointing and looking good. He hopes to put them with Joe Cannon by Oct. and get them running for our spring event at Hawfield.

Buck Turner, 115-19 North Main St., Baytown, Texas 77521 is interested in an Irish pup. Or was, letter was misdirected so late.

Welcome to David Marsolek, 1701 Dunedin Ave., Duluth. We hope he enjoys his membership & his Jenny K pup.

Those interested in Dave Hasinger's Valli Hi Counselor for stud may contact Joe Cannon, Box 323 Elysburg, Pa. 17824. Ph.717-672-9030

Our thanks to Wayne J. Avery, trainer, Wayland, N. Y. for his kind words about the Irish and the names of three possible new members. Also to K. W. McDowell who has hunted and judged in the Mid-west for 20 years. He has some nice pups that are coming along real well sired by Whirlaway Pat.

Rev. Murray Sleeper of Benzonia, Mich., writes that "looks like low point on the partridge cycle this year. And the timberdoodles may not be too abundant, at least in this part of the state." He met a member of the Porcupine Mountain State Park staff recently "came strolling by with 2 Irish one evening. We hope Mr. Jim Cooper who has shown interest in the hunting Irish will join us in the up-grading of field stock.

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DUKE Memorial trophy contenders with most winning points remain at the same number:

- Double Jet 180
- Shannon of Redwood 164
- Whirlaway Chief 132
- Windyridge Tammy 84
- Vanita's Wild Gael 80
- County Clare's Lad 58

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The second page of membership listing is included with this mailing. Do not be alarmed if your name is not there yet as list is not in complete alphabetical order.

Also with this issue is another of the fine articles written by Dr. J. S. Van Wye. So many have been interested and I know of no finer way to pay tribute to a member who did so much research and gave so much of his time to the betterment of the Irish Setter.

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Membership in The National Red Setter Field Trial Club is \$5.00 per year. Send to Mrs. Thomas. S. Moffat, 4369 Forest Ave., Pontiac, Mich. 48054.

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From the Kansas City Star, Wednesday, Aug. 2, 1967, The Outdoor  
Orbit by Ray Heady--

"Kansas City lost a fine sportsman in the death Friday of Dr. J. S. Van Wye, past president of the Santa Caligon Irish Setter Club and an owner & breeder of hunting strain red setters. He was 52 years old. Dr. Van Wye published an outstanding newsletter. It was packed with information on Irish setters and expounded his theories on breeding for better hunting dogs. He was a student of setter genealogy."

And here is his last article:

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#### "Equipment for Bird Hunting"

"Where are your overshoes?", a voice yelled across the main business corner of Hastings, Nebraska. It was my Father. A friend and I had just received our wool track sweaters and letters that day. It was the middle of June and must have been in the mid-nineties, but our enthusiasm has continued to strike me through the hot summer months. It used to be duck hunting. Now you cannot hunt ducks in the summer, so the only thing that you could think about were your decoys, calls, and your hunting clothes. This always struck about the Fourth of July. The last few years the Red Setter has caught my imagination and this means quail hunting. It is almost too hot to run the dogs. I do not wish to disturb the quail that have nested the second time in an attempt to raise a successful hatch. That leaves my hunting equipment to be thought about.

Boots. First, we wish comfortable footwear and then we hope there is some way to make them water repellent. If you are blessed with good strong feet, there is nothing so comfortable as a true moccasin boot. If your feet need good support then you will wish a boot with a good steel shank, a leather sole with some type of composition sole attached. The imported "Vibram" lug sole is great for grass and snow, but the mud it can carry will kill you. I suspect that a hob-nail sole would be ideal, but wives would take a very dim view of our walking over the floors with them. Most of us like a nine-inch boot. It is high enough for most snow, and the wet grass around here. We like our hunting pants to hang outside of our boots and not direct rain, dew, and weed seeds into the tops of our boots. A lace boot is poor protection against snake bit, so a higher boot is just added weight and lacing.

Obviously, the quickest way for water to get through leather is through the needle holes used in sewing the boot. This is one of the weaknesses in a moccasin boot. The makers of these have overcome this by making a double vamp boot, which has a layer of leather between the needle holes and the foot. To reduce the number of holes, you must have a plain-toed boot, and if the sole extends out far enough, it will protect the toe. The need for a cap over the toe would not be necessary and lessen the number of needle holes. How are you going to stop up the needle holes?

I have given this a great deal of thought. Neatsfoot oil is good for softening leather but it is not worth much in stopping up holes, and it will evaporate. I have not had much success with the silicon preparations. We need something more like a grease that has sufficient substance to stop up holes and remains flexible enough in cold weather to remain in the holes in the leather. I suspect that most boot grease is made out of vasoline. When I was a kid, I use to melt beef tallow and paint it on with a brush. There was nothing better for one day. There is another substance which is very resistant to water - wax. This will fill up the needle holes but will not remain very flexible in cold weather. I do know several hunters that use a common floor past wax and swear by it. One advantage is that it will not pick up dust. What we really wish is a preparation that will keep the leather reasonably soft, preserve it, block off the needle holes, and not have to be

replaced too often.

Nothing is so good for leather as a little Neatsfoot oil and lanolin. These are made from animal matter as opposed to mineral. Neatsfoot oil is made from cloven hooves and lanolin is the fat obtained from washing newly sheared wool. Anhydrous lanolin is used for skin ointments because it holds up to 25% to 30% of its own weight in water. This would be good for our boots, but by mixing two parts Neatsfoot oil with one part of anhydrous lanolin, the molecular space for water is filled up by the oil so there is no room for water. Now we need a wax to fill up the needle holes. There are several animal waxes with a low melting point. A couple are Steary Alcohol and Spermiceti. The former is used for stiffness in deodorant sticks and the latter is used in vanishing cream bases and is obtained from the head of the sperm whale. Find an old drug store if you want Spermiceti wax and the druggist will heat and mix 50 grams each of the anhydrous lanolin and two waxes and 100 x.z. of Neatsfoot oil. You will have a white substance softer than paraffin which you will rub into the needle holes and leather. Do not try to melt it because it will crystalize out. Place the boots in front of the hot air register to melt it into the leather. It leaves the leather a little stiff but the heat of your feet will soften it. The last time I hunted last season was in snow for eight hours and I did not have wet feet. This was with two applications applied several weeks before.

I like my boots to fit snug enough so that one pair of wool sweat socks is all I need to fill the boot. If they are too wide your feet get to slipping and cause blisters. I do not like the high boot socks because we have lots of cockleburs in this area and they will catch on the exposed socks.

Underwear. The two-piece type underwear is ideal. You do not have to wear tops if it is too warm. In the warmer weather you can wear the duofold type and the insulated in colder weather. These fit nicely in the tops of the nine-inch boots.

Pant Bottoms. The hunting pant bottoms are cut about four inches above the floor. There is no cuff because it would catch dew, snow and weed seeds. But them with a heavy, cloth-backed plastic or leather fronts. They will outlast three pair of ordinary hunting pants and help turn thorns. They plastic is waterproof and having no experience with the leather fronts, I do not know if they would have a tendency to become water soaked. I suspect they would have less tendency to tear on barbed wire when crossing fences.

Coat. I prefer the lightweight hunting coat. Do not get the type that has rubberized cloth lining. The rubber will not let your perspiration evaporate and the inside of your coat, shirt and undershirt will become wet. This is most uncomfortable when the air is brisk. Be certain the game pocket is rubber lined. This is more easily cleaned & will not develop a foul odor.

Shotgun. The average shotgun is like most cameras. It will shoot better than the owner can. You will get more value for your money by buying a pump or an automatic action rather than a double-barreled shotgun. The side by side or, as the English call it correctly, the under and over, requires a great deal more hand work. This must be paid for. The double will shorten the overall length of the gun 3 to 4 inches and is more appealing to the eye. Be sure the pump action will not fire until the action is closed and you must let up on the trigger. Try to get a barrel length of 26 to 28 inches long. They will be lighter in weight and therefore swing faster. 95% of all missed birds are due to shooting behind or under them. There is only 40 to 50 ft. velocity loss between a 32 & a 28 in. barrel and 99% of birds are killed under 35 yds. They will not be able to tell the difference. Get an improved cylinder choke. This will give you 45% to 50% of your shot in a 30 in. circle at 40 yds. It will also give some control of your shot pattern so there will not be any holes in it for the birds to fly through. The star rim on shells that came out after World

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War II tightened patterns up to 10% and I suspect the new plastic shot cap has done likewise. Give your shooting all the benefit you can. By the same token, use #8 shot. There are 400 pellets of #8 per ounce, compared to 345 pellets of #7½ per ounce. It is estimated that it requires three pellets to hit a bird for a consistent clean kill. The additional 50 pellets in #8 will help. It is felt that each pellet that hits squares the shock. Three pellets would give you nine times the shock as one. Check the fit of the gun by throwing the gun up like you were going to shoot a bird. Do this with your eyes closed. When you open your eyes, you should be able to see the front sight clearly over an ordinary lead pencil lying across the breech. This is to help you compensate for the bird rising in the air when it is flushed. There is the occasional bird that flies so low you are afraid to shoot because you might hit your dog, but the vast majority are always rising.

One other suggestion. Wrap the mouth piece of your whistle with masking tape so it will not freeze to your lips on a frosty morning, or buy a plastic one. I feel that the metal whistle can be heard further than the plastic type because it is pitched higher.

This is being written in the middle of July. You know - I am not certain November 10th will ever arrive for the opening of quail season in Missouri. I will not be patient, but I will wait!

J. S. Van Wye, D. O. Editor.