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EDITORIAL

A friend recently wrote that replies to "Members Sound-off" just cause endless arguments that noone can win. We don't look at it that way at all. The Whip is our means of communicating. We have the opportunity to talk face to face, at best, about twice a year, and then only to a portion of the membership. We would express our particular view to each other if we were at Killdeer Plains or Hawfield; why not in the Whip between times. It isn't argument, it is free and open expression for the betterment of the Red Setter and accomplishment of the Club's goal. Now, we know he wasn't complaining, but it is a comment that bears thought. We openly invite the views of all members on any issue or subject and we will print them, regardless of our own feelings.

The response to our editorial concerning means of financing administration of the Club, and the publishing of The Whip, was most encouraging. They ran 10 to 1 for increasing the dues, even to \$10.00 a year, and for increasing advertising rates, even beyond the new rates. And all were against any curtailment of the form, content, and quality of The Whip, except for a possible change to a cheaper cover. We thank you for this support, but more for the concern and enthusiasm you show in your replies. Membership now stands at 163, up ten from December. Keep spreading the word, and let's double the entries and attendance at Hawfield in the Spring.

We have endeavored to get this issue in the mail ten days earlier than usual. With luck, it will be ten days earlier next month too. Then, praise be, you'll be getting the February issue in February. We'll see!

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Inbreeding or linebreeding (these terms can be used interchangeably) are much criticized, usually on the grounds of prejudice or ignorance. Because many hunting dogs are almost human, their owners think of them in human terms and thus, consciously or unconsciously, think of inbreeding as incest. This is ridiculous. There are legitimate reasons against close mating in the human animal. Many are psychological, some genetic, but few of them apply to our dogs.

Linebreeding (inbreeding) builds prepotency. It fixes traits, both good and bad. It reveals hidden defects. It forms families or strains. Inbreeding, with rigid selection, is the breeders strongest force for good. If hidden defects are present, inbreeding will bring them to the surface where they can be skimmed off and eliminated.

All of the good, as well as any evil, which comes from inbreeding is due to its tendency to make both of the dog's hereditary halves more nearly the same. If he is a good specimen, inbreeding brings prepotency, which is like saying he can produce as well as he looks. If he is a poor specimen (genetically speaking that is - even though he may look good on the surface,) inbreeding will bring his weaknesses to the surface where we can see them. There is no other way to make a more accurate appraisal of the breeding worth of any dog than by inbreeding.

Linebreeding concentrates the genetic variability of the offspring. This gene concentration results in offspring that are more alike in quality. All traits will be intensified - both good and bad. Any individuals exhibiting undesirable characteristics must be ruthlessly removed from the breeding program. If they are not, these undesirable traits will become intensified and instilled in the strain.

If you have the desire to breed good Red Setters, don't simply breed your pride and joy bitch to a good stud (not related) and think you're doing the breed a great service by producing

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THOUGHTS ON BREEDING
(By J. S. Van Wye, D.O., July 1966)

The overall improvement in our Hunting Red Setters in the past ten years is almost unbelievable. To maintain the momentum of the past ten years, we must be more critical than ever of our dogs because we are getting closer to our ideal. The closer you come to the ideal in an animal, the slower the progress.

Stuart G. Hazard, owner of Funquest Farms, Topeka, Kansas, raises Morgan Horses. He has a very unique ability to use words, and often in his ads in "The Morgan Horse" magazine, he will express a point that is of particular interest to anyone interested in breeding. Mr. Hazard gave me permission to quote him from the May 1966 "The Morgan Horse" magazine.

"FUNQUEST FARMS: Our breeding program at Funquest is guided by two basic laws of heredity. The first is that each sire and dam tends to reproduce its own likeness. The second law is an amendment to the first; some horses are much more prepotent or have greater power to dominate the other mate in reproducing its own likeness. Prepotency may appear in an individual as the consequence of a natural phenomenon, as in Justin Morgan, or be developed by mating only horses possessing the likeness of each other. Operating on these principles, we are producing a family of horses notable for accentuation of Morgan breed characteristics and fundamentally correct conformation."

The prepotency of Justin Morgan, or of the Brittany Spaniel whose resulting offsprings were born with docked tails, is luck. This is called a mutation and it is up to the breeder to recognize this phenomenon, or many years may slip away before we utilize it for its full worth, providing it is desirable. It can just as likely be detrimental.

Going back to Mr. Hazard's first point, you do not go to extremes to hit a happy medium. You do not breed a dog with too much angulation in the rear leg to a dog that has too straight a leg. You breed the dog with the over angulated leg (if you must breed that dog) to a dog that has a perfect rear leg. You do not breed a ratchbacked dog to a swaybacked

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dog. You breed with the normal, otherwise your resulting litter will most certainly have these flaws. Basically, you breed toward the normal until all the litters are normal, both emotionally and conformation wise. It is only after normal becomes the rule of your litters, can you work towards the overly long head, overly long coat, keel chest, etc. These are man-made and if you do not have the normal bases to work from, your dogs will become a gross mistake.

The second point that Mr. Hazard speaks of is prepotency. Justine Morgan was born this way and his conformation and temperament was so unique that, in my own mind, this would have to be called a mutation. As was pointed out before, a mutation is a matter of luck. This luck can be either good or bad. Most of us do not have time to wait for the good luck, so how can we create our own? This is by developing prepotent animals. How do we develop prepotent animals? Mr. Hazard says you can do it by mating only horses possessing the likeness of each other. A step further would be in selective linebreeding. Selective by using animals possessing the likeness of each other and purifying the genes by using good linebreeding. Linebreeding in the sense that they have at least one common ancestor in the last four generations.

Linebreeding will eventually develop animals with similar genes. Family breeding, like a grandfather to a granddaughter, would give you many similar genes. Father to daughter, as in inbreeding, would give you even more genes possessing likeness of each other. This is the way you purify the genes. To separate the good from the bad genes, you must carefully select the animals which you breed. We all know that linebreeding, familybreeding and inbreeding intensify the good and the bad. Selection has many facets.

Selection means vigor, fertility, size of offspring and litter, running ability, conformation, boldness, pointing and honoring instinct, longevity, coat, color, temperament, feet, ears, tail in both carriage and length, color of the nose and the skin around the eyes, tightness of the eyelids, teeth and bite, length of back and legs, how does the angle of the shoulder blades compare with the angle of the pelvic bone, resistancy to disease, fend-

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(The following article appeared in the October 1965 Santa Caligon Irish Setter Club News and is reprinted with permission.)

"This is the sorriest group of field trial dogs that I have ever seen. It is hard for me to believe what has been done to the Hunting Irishman as a bird dog." This was the gist of Horace Lytle's remarks when asked what he thought of the Irish Setters he had just finished judging in 1950. The Irish Setter people had requested Mr. Lytle to judge their field trial for "ole time's sake." He was the owner of the famous field trial Irish Setter, Smada Byrd. (Smada is Adams spelled backwards, which was the name of the breeder.) He was further questioned as to what he would suggest to correct this situation. He felt that the quickest way to bring back the Irish Setter to a respectable field dog was to cross him with a white and orange high-tailed English Setter that was very intense on the point. White and orange dog to prevent black offspring being whelped; one black hair on an Irish is taboo. Breed to the field trial English Setter to pick up the hunting instinct, running ability, etc.; no one has ever bred the nose out of the Irish.

Horace Lytle, being an excellent story teller, was widely read. He reported this trial, and his comments, in an outdoor magazine. Many offers followed this article wishing to follow up such a breeding program. I believe this article gave the real impetus to the breeding programs for the return of the Red Setter to the hunting field.

Under "Dog Tips" in the August 1951 Sports Afield Magazine, Henry P. Davis wrote an article in answer to a letter from W. E. LeGrande. LeGrande wrote that, if the Red Setter pointed with a high-tail and burning intensity, it would have all that is needed in a gun dog.

Mr. Davis went back to his books to check pictures of Irish Setters on point. One went back to 1874 and all the pictures showed the Irish Setters pointing with a lowered tail and a lack of intensity. He felt that this was a characteristic pose. He also

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took this problem to a veterinarian friend that had given up his practice and had devoted all his energies to research. Mr. Davis felt that his friend had a background in genetics second to none.

This authority suggested three ways to attain a lofty point with burning intensity. (1) Breed within the breed that have well-developed hunting instinct with high-tail on point. Continue this by breeding and inbreeding until it is a characteristic of the offspring. (2) Crossing, backcrossing and inbreeding with other breeds until you developed a strain that was red with a lofty and intense point. This method would lose sanction of the strain in the American Kennel Club. The American Field Stud Book would register them as cross-breed, and you would have an official record of your program. Once you have attained a strain to your satisfaction then breed to pure Irish Setters for four generations, and then they could be registered as pure-bred Irish Setters. (3) Cross a pointer with an Irish Setter. These will be a "dropper" or a short-haired dog. This cross-breeding cannot be registered. Eventually, you would get a dog that looked like a red bone hound and, mathematically, very little chance of getting a long-haired dog. This authority felt that the first two methods would eventually produce the type desired by Mr. LeGrande.

Mr. Davis asked his readers to contact Mr. LeGrande if they had high-tailed Irishmen. Askew's Carolina Lady was one of the dogs that was brought to LeGrande's attention by someone. After much difficulty, the people that owned "The Lady" were persuaded to part with their pet for a large sum of money. LeGrande also found one offspring of the Lady's, Ike Jack Kendrick.

Ike Jack Kendrick is the one that fired up the imagination of the Red Setter Fancliers. Ike Jack was never in a field trial until he was five years old, and what a record he compiled. Seven American Kennel Club and sixty-one American Field placements. No wonder the Red Setter Fancliers took heart.

Ike Jack's mother, Asher's Carolina Lady, was no slouch. She had six AKC and twenty-two American Field placements. Even more remarkable was the fact she was carrying passengers most of the

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1. FDSB Recognized Trials.
2. Points to be compiled from March 1 to March 1.
3. Report of win must be made to the Flushing Whip within 1 month of win, or not eligible.
4. Responsibility of dog owner to get in report and owner must be a member of NRSFTC in good standing.
5. Report of top 6 dogs to be published in Whip each month.
6. Points to be figured by following base figure.
 - A. All-Age Wins: 1st - 6, 2nd - 5, 3rd - 4.
 - B. Shooting or Gun Dog Wins: 1st - 5, 2nd - 4, 3rd - 3.
 - C. Derby Wins: 1st - 4, 2nd - 3, 3rd - 2.
 - D. Nuppy Wins: 1st - 3, 2nd - 2, 3rd - 1.
 Points to be determined by multiplying number of entries by base figure. (For example - a third place All-Age win with twenty (20) entries would be figured by multiplying 20 x 4 - giving 80 points.)

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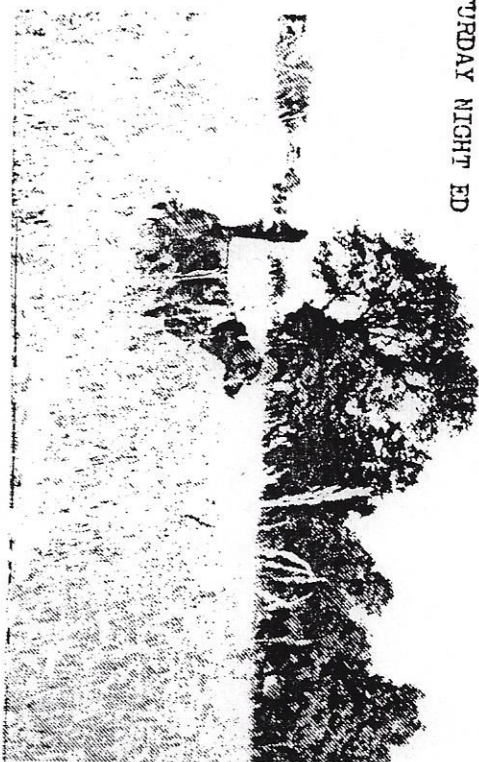
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National Red Setter Trials

By JOHN MIRES

THE National Red Setter Field Trial Club is still searching for its champion. For the third year in a row, this Club called on its farflung membership to gather at Delaware Dam, O., for its National Championship, and for the third year in a row it has been forced to accept a winner but not a champion.

It is something of a tribute to the fanciers of the Irish that they should travel the long distances in uncertain weather, with the best of their dogs, only to find that the Ashley, O. venue no longer offers a sufficient bird population for the red longhairs to display real championship form in the eyes of the judges. The championship is not mandatory in this stake.

All the entries that could possibly be handled on April 14-15 were on hand for the top stake and the three supporting events, 48 being run in the two days, fourteen of them in the championship on April 15.

Although the weather was not entirely cooperative, providing 22° temperatures and 21 mph winds on a sunny Saturday, and snow ranging from gentle fall to blizzard proportions on Sunday, the trial was generally successful in every category except the big one—the finding of a champion to represent the breed in the field.

Sulmsted Ned, D'Or Ned LeGrand's veteran campaigner, was declared the winner of the main event on the basis of one solid find and a searching, consistent ground heat. He locked up on a hen pheasant at 42 minutes; intensely good but style off somewhat, and had acceptable manners throughout. In the absence of owner LeGrand, Joe Cannon was handling.

Both Tom Perry and B. J. Schwarzel, judges from Athens, O., deserve the highest praise for their diligence and dedication in the effort of looking at all the entries in the two days of running. Both decided that if all dogs were to get a fair look, it would be necessary to utilize every possible minute of running time, and even ate in the saddle both days despite the unseasonably weather so that they could see the job through to its logical conclusion. They earned the gratitude of the Club for going far beyond the limits of the task they had undertaken.

Tom Moffat, chairman of this year's effort, ran a smooth, well-organized trial. Due to the way the trial was scheduled, Central Ohio Bird Dog Club could not assist as host for the meet, and Tom was entirely on his own in staging the event.

As has been noticeably the case in the past few years, it was the young dogs that took the eye of the spectators. Some of these youngsters, both puppies and Derbies, show that they are the product of some careful selectivity in breeding. They can move, show all the desire one could want in any bird dog, and have moved completely away from the cow-lope motion of Irish setters of a few years ago. The Derbies ran the real all-age races of the trial, covering every available area in the Delaware Dam venue.

It should be noted that in years past, the founding fathers of the National Red Setter Club decided that they wanted a championship stake, and a champion, but not a cheap stake or a cheap champion. For this reason, they specified that if the judges so decided,

This is the third of a series to be published in response to the requests that we update the history of the N.R.S.F.T.C., its progress and success, in restoring the Red Setter to the field since the 1950's, which were set forth in the previously published "Red Setter Challenge." While not a detailed description of the Club's efforts, the report of its trials will show us who the winners were and which lines and breeders carried on the challenge. For a more concentrated report of the success and failure of individual campaigners, particularly in All-Breed trials, we will have to wait for their stories. We urge them to share this with us. (Ed.)

noted that many of the dogs competing for the other wins, mostly in all-breed stakes, and have the potential to show, but have had no real opportunity to do so due to a shortage of native birds in Ohio. One variance from last year's effort was the naming of a runner-up in the championship. The honor went to Mr. O'Leary, owned and campaigned by Cliff Bean of Athens, O. O'Leary, formerly owned by Ned LeGrande, was acquired by Cliff's Windy-ridge Kennel about a year ago. This red comet can cover a lot of ground, so much so, in fact, that he almost ran right off the grounds in this instance. He ran so big and showed so well that the judges felt that he deserved recognition.

Under the circumstances of the grounds and the paucity of birds, all were agreed that call-backs for a second series were not likely to provide any great opportunity to show on game. It was discouraging to note that only a dozen pheasants, three woodcock and no quail were moved in the two days.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE

Mighty Gale coursed far out, gave every appearance of hunting, and handled kindly. Gappy showed well but not so widely, was manfully and diligent and finished strongly. Schmetz's Happy was third on a good run and intelligent coverage of the course.

Ashley, O., April 14

Judges: Thomas H. Perry and B. J. Schwarzel

OPEN PUPPY—18 Irish Setters

- 1st—NIGHTY GALE, unreg. bitch, by Mighty Red Man—Erin's Sally, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lewis, owners;
- 2d—GAPPY, unreg. dog, by The Dude—Erin's Sally, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lewis, owners;
- 3d—SCHMETZ'S HAPPY, 670043, bitch, by Schmetz's Sam—Schmetz's Tiffany, E. L. Schmetzler, owner and handler.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG STAKE

Fyn, B. C. Cotton's standard-bearer, came back this year to prove that he is still very much a contender. His general behavior and heady search netted him a first in this stake.

Windyridge Tammy garnered second on a wide, consistent effort, nearly duplicated by Schmetz's Tara, who handled kindly and hunted all the way.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG—10 Irish Setters

- 1st—FYN, 54864, dog, by The Dude—Lee Mac, B. C. Cotton, owner and handler.
- 2d—WINDYRIDGE TAMMY, 580789, bitch, by The Jack—Kondrick Van's Cindy, F. C. Bean, owner and handler.
- 3d—SCHMETZ'S TARA, 643311, bitch, by Ike Jack—Kendrick-Schmetz's Timogunava Jackie, E. L. Schmetzler, owner and handler.

OPEN DERBY

Mighty Fawn tore up all the course available to her, and was still running wide and fast at the end of her time. Her range and kindly regard for handler's wishes impressed. Chris Paddy, down for the first time in front of owner, Wiley Green, showed he was willing to duplicate Fawn's effort, and was capable of it, but was a little uncertain of handler's desires. Windyridge Freckles also ran and handled well.

OPEN DERBY—11 Irish Setters

- 1st—MIGHTY FAWN, 415390, bitch, by Mighty Red Man—Erin's Sally, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lewis, owners; J. R. Lewis, handler.
- 2d—CHRIS PADDY, 66990, dog, by Paddy O'Leary—Windyridge Babe, Wiley Green, owner and handler.
- 3d—WINDYRIDGE FRECKLES, unreg. dog, by Windy-ridge Mike—Windyridge Babe, Wiley Green, owner and handler.

MIDWESTERN RED SETTER OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

As previously noted, birds were scarce, and conditions were complicated by snowfall and low temperatures along with the frustration of high winds. If there were birds in the vicinity, they were in the heavy cover inaccessible to dogs and handlers.

Fyn—Lady Dianne—Both moved out well, Dianne the wider early but Fyn ranging better than usual.

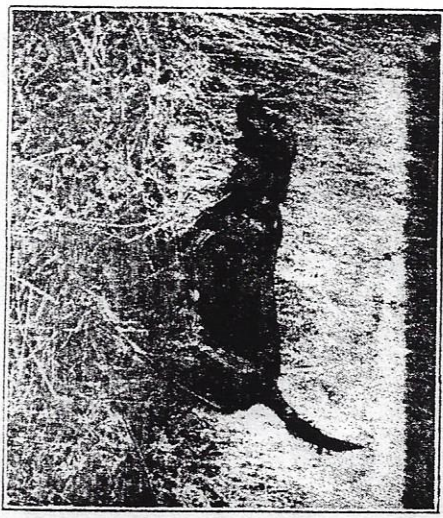
They explored the cover intelligently, independently. Dianne made first contact at 42, having a hen well-located at edge of willows. Fyn moved in for a back, without command. Dianne was steady and



SULHAMSTEAD NORSE D'OR

First in the Midwestern Red Setter Open Championship well-mannered, but showed less than usual style. Cannon flushed and both were steady.

Taylor's Whirlaway Pat—Windyridge Mickey—They started widely, shortened at mid-course, then widened again. Mickey blew an opportunity when he drove over three woodcock, sending them towering, either because of unfamiliarity with the timberdoodies or a dislike for their particular scent.



MR. O'LEARY

Runner-Up in the Midwestern Red Setter Open Championship

Both went the route without further contact. Mickey thing somewhat, Pat maintaining a consistent shooting dog pattern, somewhat shortened at close.

Bruno, Rusty Hobo—Sulhamstead Norse D'Or—Both were deemed capable of doing the job at the start, and moved out smartly, business-like and intent. Hobo has stacked a reputation on quail but has always had trouble with pheasant; Shane a veteran campaigner on all types of game. Hobo searched diligently all the way. Shane was wide at 34 and located a hen pheasant, style and intensity acceptable but not high. Cannon flushed the well-located bird and sent the LeGrande entry on to finish without other contact. Both were strong at the close, hunting eagerly.

Lady's Final Fling—Paddy of Mission—Fling was most industrious. Paddy running big but somewhat erratically. At 23 minutes, Fling locked up, then appeared somewhat uncertain. Galleyvites spotted the bird, another hen, slipping off through thin willows to take flight on far side. Paddy refused to back on command. No bird for Fling, so she was sent on to finish strongly. Paddy tore over slight rise, busted another hen, and was picked up.

Windyridge Dan—Mr. O'Leary—Followers of this pair have always speculated on which was the bigger-running Irishman, and this, the first time they have ever been braced together, settled that point, if nothing else. Both bored out from break-away with the intent of running clear off the preserve, and from the beginning O'Leary was the wider. At midpoint, Mr. swung very wide around, woodlot and had to be scouted back, being absent about fourteen minutes. Dan showed well and to the front all the way but never quite as wide or speedy as O'Leary.

Oxon's Shosaphine—Windyridge Tammy—A pair of smooth-running gals who, while not as wide as the previous brace, handled beautifully and investigated all the possibilities. Neither had a contact—a disappointment for handler Stanley Head, who brought Shosie all the way from California by air for owner E. J. Lewis for this event. Both finished strongly.

Shadycrest Shawn—Double Jack—Shawn, a Missouri contender, was of some concern to handler, who reported his change had picked up a tendency to be "companionable," an evaluation that was unfortunately true for the first part of his effort. Jack moved out without much regard for anything but run. Two road crossings complicated the heat, Jack having to be scouted back when going wide of the second. Shawn was heeled across and was somewhat restricted in last half. One or the other items, or both, apparently minimized his effort, for he had two good locations both acceptably handled, at 27 and 36, one on the only cock pheasant seen in the two days of running. Jack finished strongly. Shawn wound up with a shooting dog pattern run strongly but not overly wide.

MIDWESTERN RED SETTER OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

(One-Hour Heats)—14 Irish Setters

- (Title Withheld.)
- Winner—SULHAMSTEAD NORSE D'OR, 360605, dog, by Sulhamstead Northwinds Norsman—Sulhamstead Banner O'Or, W. E. LeGrande, owner; Joe Cannon, handler.
- Runner-Up—MR. O'LEARY, 543749, dog, by Willow Winds Hobo—Asbew's Carolina Lady, F. C. Bean, owner and handler.

Guys That Top You Department: One of the hardest friends to live with is a character who is always topping you. Dave Hasinger, president of Paul and Beekman in Philadelphia, is one of these. We've been close friends for years but sometimes Dave is a little hard to take. For example, for more years than we care to count Dave and the writer have been hunting and shooting pals but, when it comes to scores, this cat from the City of Brotherly Love just won't stay behind. If at a trap shoot I shot 99 Dave would shoot 100 straight. If I made a good score at pigeons, he'd make a better one—and so it has gone through the years. Recently, he all but pulled the plug out of the friendship barrel and I feel he did it out of spite. Not long ago at a quail shoot I downed him pretty hard but did he take this in his stride? Not on your life. He and wife Jane hopped a jet to India, hired 20 elephants and a regiment of beaters and shot the largest tiger ever killed in India. This cat was 11 ft. 1 in. long and tipped the scales at 850 lbs. This was such an unusual animal that Chester Bowles, the American ambassador, and some English big-time game officials came out to certify the accomplishment. Oh, well, I can still beat him at Parcheesi.



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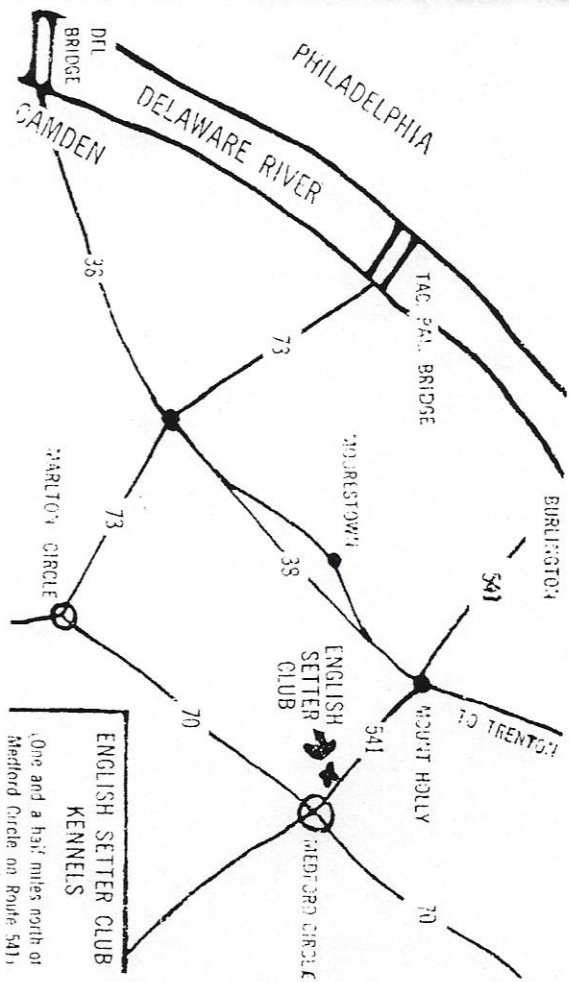
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Del & Linton Pound - An offer to help with the Whip chores, news that Scariet had a "take" with Murcrest Mike's Ike, his last contribution, and "I suggest at the upcoming trial that we try to get the room we held the meeting in the last time for a get-together dinner at 7 P.M., or if not available, one large table in the dining room. That way we would all be together. With the growth of the Club there is bound to be new members attending for the first time who don't know anyone."

Dear Pounds: Thanks, you should have the material by now and we appreciate it. Sorry that Linton's go ahead on the Nashville Trial was too late for this issue. Your above suggestion is good - hope the Trial Chairman will take note. In a public room we always hesitate to introduce ourselves to strangers, and finding out they are members is by chance. (Ed.)

From Dr. Boser - The article, "Hunting Irish" by Dr. Van Wye and his support for dues and advertising increases.

Dear Roger: Thanks, we included the article along with the one we already had set up for this issue. (Ed.)

From Dean Lesnett - Our first order for "The New Irish Setter" so "I can glean a little more information on one of my favorite subjects," he states.

From Bill Cargo - Support on dues and advertising increases and satisfaction with increased membership. "Now the thing we need is to double the Trial entries," he writes.

Dear Bill: We're sure that will naturally follow, if the enthusiasm shown in our mail is an indicator. Our only concern about a bulky Whip is the cost of postage - soon to be taken care of by getting the bulk rate, we hope. By the way - thanks for your story, "November Morning." Not that we didn't like it, just saved it for the sentimental Christmas issue along with the one you inspired us to write. Substantiate that breeding you wrote about and we'll publish the story. Also would like to use your "Sound off", please reconsider. (Ed.)

From Theodore J. Ahneman, 59 Garner Lane, Bay Shore, N. Y.

11706. I am the owner of an Irish Setter bitch, registered with the American Field Publishing Co. She is, in my opinion, an excellent hunting dog. I would like to have her bred around March 1, 1969. Could you possibly furnish me with a (cont'd next page)

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List of Irish Setter dogs that are available for stud. I would prefer them as close to Long Island as possible and that they be of the "hunting" strain. Any information you can furnish will be appreciated. Thank you.

Dear Ted: We hope to soon begin advertising proven studs in a compiled list of owners by their States of residence. (Just \$12.00 for the year (\$1.00 for each issue) - how about it owners, we have many requests like this.) In the meantime, we are sure you'll be hearing from many of them. (Ed.)

From Judge Coleman - His ad and news about the Nashville trial. "There are excellent prospects of developing an outstanding trial here. Good grounds, a wealth of good judges, and a tremendous amount of interest and cooperation." Also "a postscript": "Kentucky Redbird" found five covies and I had the limit in my coat by 9:30 yesterday morning."

Dear Judge: We believe you but hope to see Red perform in the Shooting Dog Stake at Hawfield. The Whip thanks you for your generous offer in your ad. (Ed.)

From Larry Pope - Request for the Whip as advertised in "Hunting Dog." "I have been trying to find some field bred Irish but didn't know where to look."

Dear Larry: You came to the right place. Join NRSFTC and keep up with the field Red Setters. (Ed.)

From Dr. Richard L. Grant - His membership and, being President of the Irish Setter Club of the Northwest, request for information regarding member clubs to NRSFTC. (Secretary please note.) Dear Dr. Grant: We'll put your Club on our mailing list, where shall we send it? Welcome to NRSFTC. (Ed.)

From Dr. Kelly - Support for increased dues and ads and membership for his son who handled Schmett's Darkie to a 2nd place in an amateur all-breed stake and got the Red Setter bug. "The contenders for the Duke Trophy this year and their greater accumulation of points indicate the growing success of Irish in trials," he feels.

From Ed. Schmettler and Jim Flythe - Not a word in a month. We hope it's not broken arms or the flu - hope they're busy shooting birds. (Ed.)

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time. Today she is known as the "Pountain Head" of all Hunting Irish.

Another Irishman that played a prominent part in developing the present day Hunting Irishman was Rusty's Jinx. I am told that Rusty's Jinx was a big dog and LeGrande felt that this would be a handicap for the type of dog he wished to breed. Finally, the owner of Rusty persuaded LeGrande to hunt over him. This convinced LeGrande, and today's champions are in a direct line from him. Rusty's Jinx was bred to Willow Winds Eve. There were two champions in this litter. Ch. Double Jay that won the National Championship twice, and Ch. Willow Winds Hobo. Hobo sired Ch. Mr. O'Leary. "Mister" sired Ch. Autumn Hills Duke, and is the grandfather of Ch. County Clare's Mighty Fawn.

There is an old saying, "There is Nothing New Under the Sun." This holds true for the wish to return the Irishman to the field since 1900. A. F. Hochwalt in one of his books felt that Otto Pohl of Fremont, Nebraska, did more to return the Irish to the field than anyone else in the first quarter of the century. The citizens of Fremont, Nebraska, proudly pointed to Otto Pohl's dog, Drug Law, around 1911, as having found no river too big in Nebraska to retrieve ducks over, and, of course, was an outstanding bird dog. Pohl's ambition was to breed an Irish Setter national field trial champion. In January 1918, Pohl ran his bitch, Donegal's Alyon, in the All-American winter trial as a derby and won third. Spanish influenza, as it was called in those days, ended the career of Otto Pohl and his inspired breeding program on October 26, 1918. Some of his dogs went to Dr. Adams and I am assuming that he is the Adams that produced Smade Byrd,

All that are interested in the Hunting Red Setter can be thankful that LeGrande listened to Horace Lytle's remarks. Think of the earnestness of a man that would give the time, thought, not to mention the cost of campaigning like Jack to sixty-one AF and seven AKC placements. This was only one of his many Red Setters. Imagine the ridicule that the purest must have heaped

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President H. O. Price called the meeting to order at about 1:30 PM with the following in attendance:

- Cincinnati Weimar: Pat Collins, Mike McKee, Roy Pelton
- Clovernook: Nick Nelhaus
- Buckeye: John Butler
- United: John Collins
- Pheasant Championship: S. R. Cline
- Northern Classic: Bill Bowen
- Red Setter: Bill Cargio
- Pleasant Valley: Carl Fields
- Blennerhassett: Ray Wharton
- Southern Ohio: Howard Steiger, H. O. Price
- Ohio Brittany: John Lee
- Division of Wildlife: Bill Hendershot
- Friends: John Martin, Bill Cosner, Frank McGrath, Russ Wagner

Motion by Nelhaus, second by Cline, to suspend reading of minutes, as had been mailed in advance to the Trustees. Tate Cline moved to table the treasurer's report, saving until the spring meeting.

Carl Fields reported for committee concerned with developing a restricted breed winners' stake, as follows: GSP Clubs, no interest, at this time; Weimer Clubs, support the idea. President Price suggested further study, replacing Mr. Wallencheck, of the committee, with Pat Collins.

Bill Hendershot, Division of Wildlife, reported that bids had been received for the Killdeer construction, but that all bids have gone over estimates and that some revision and reletting of bids would have to take place before construction could begin.

At about 2:45 PM Mike McKee moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dick Nelhaus, so ordered by President Price.

(Signed) C. D. Hartwell, Secretary

Thoughts on Breeding - Cont'd from page 4
ency to have cancer, ability to nurse puppies, tends to be a good mother, fast or slow growing pups, fast or slow to mature physically and emotionally, and thousands of other facets to consider. This is selective breeding!

Selective line, family and inbreeding is the only way that permanent improvement in inheritancy can be achieved except by waiting for a good mutation.

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on his head! The Irish fanciers are proud of the fact that the Golden Retriever people bred back to the Irish in 1900 to improve the conformation and movement after they had crossed with the Bloodhound to improve the Golden's nose, or the English Setter's use of good Irish blood.

W. E. LeGrande made not only a deep study of genetics, but also the history of those attempting to return the Irish to the hunting field. Otto Pohl was an example. LeGrande realized that no one man could accomplish this alone. He bred many more dogs than he could possibly give attention to, so he made arrangements to share his dogs with others. He would keep the pups that he and his trainers felt had the greatest potential, and give the others away free for the cost of the freight.

This over-all brilliant program of LeGrande has accomplished with the Hunting Irish what no man before had achieved. Today, there are many long-range breeding programs in action in the United States. The improvement in the Hunting Irish, in less than fifteen years, is unbelievable. All this, thanks to the fortitude and foresight of W. E. LeGrande.

REQUIEM TO A SON OF IKE JACK KENDRICK
(Who died December 22, 1968 at the age of 10)

Murcrest Mike's Ike was the name you had,
A true son of your father, the good and the bad.

The style, the stamina, the coat, and the grin; You inherited them all, I'm sure, from him And passed them on to your get, I hope, To continue the line with which we cope. Those youngsters are your greatest claim, Some day I'm sure they'll bring you fame. But your reward was here on earth, For I loved you for you, and not your worth. Old pal, you returned that love the way I like, May you rest in peace, my faithful like.

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outstanding puppies. Odds are against the puppies being anything other than mediocre. If an outstanding individual results from this type of mating, he is in a sense a freak of nature. He wouldn't have the genetic background to pass his excellence on to his offspring. Breeding your bitch to a good stud is certainly more desirable than breeding to a good dog but there are better ways to produce good puppies.

First of all, if your present dogs are not closely related to the dogs currently doing well in trials, abandon all plans of using them in a good breeding program. If they are good individuals but have no relatives of any field merit, they are freaks of nature and would not be able to pass on their good qualities with any degree of reliability.

Purchase dogs that are closely bred in the successful strains. If any of these individuals are of good quality, then trial them to prove their merit. Then mate these individuals back to very closely related dogs that have also proven to be of good quality. Only offspring of excellent quality and possessing no great faults should be retained for future breeding. It is only in this way that good quality offspring can consistently be produced.

I personally feel no individual, male or female, should be used for breeding purposes until they've proven themselves in field trial competition. If they aren't of adequate quality to do well in trials they certainly can't be expected to produce offspring that will. There are now plenty of trials in all parts of the country to allow you to compete your dog and prove his worth. I don't mean Irish Setter trials only, I mean all-breed trials. If you can't do this, you certainly don't deserve any commercialization profits you might realize from the sale of puppies. You're simply exploiting the reputation some individuals have made by putting much effort and money into developing good dogs.

The breeding of good dogs requires complete objectivity. There is no room for sentiment. Individuals not measuring up

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to standards should not be used for breeding.

Close linebreeding with superior stock and rigid selection
is a plan for strength, for greatness. It is a plan which makes
good ones from good ones, it makes like beget likes.

My comments will probably raise some controversy. If so
I will welcome any comments and answer any further questions.

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