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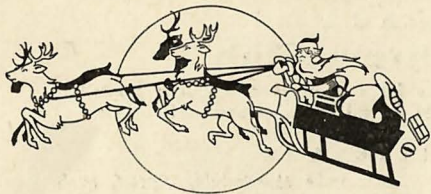
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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

D. B. RUSKIN, M. D., Editor.



Ordinarily, the editor's page of a dog magazine should have as its main interest the subject of dogs. Likewise, in a magazine for Brittany Spaniels, the editor's page should be devoted to Brittany Spaniels and their owners. However, as we pass through Thanksgiving and look forward to Christmas, we can not help but digress from the main interest to comment for a short while on the significance of the current season.

While we are comfortably enjoying the pleasures of this festive season at home, we must remember that conditions as we find them are not necessarily so pleasant for others. All over the world, except in these Americas, people are much more aware of that fact. They are aware of the fact that it is worth fighting for the privilege of being one's own master. They are aware of the fact that it is worth fighting for the privilege of freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and freedom to go about one's personal affairs as he sees fit. While we sit back at home reasonably assured that our home will remain where it is, people are being shunted around, being moved from area to area, from country to country, and, yes, even from continent to continent. Homes are being broken up, people being made to leave their belongings behind them, merely carrying with them what they can carry on their back. Are we not fortunate then, and do we not need to give thanks

that we are not faced with these problems? True, our men have had to leave home to see to it that we remain undisturbed, but, compared to events abroad, we have seen nothing of what can happen to some people. So we urge you all to consider deeply the fortuitous position in which we are and to do everything in your power to keep this country, this continent and this hemisphere insulated, but not isolated from the strife abroad. We can not all bear arms, some of us because of age, others because of health, still others because of occupation. But we can all contribute something to this great effort toward victory. We must keep on loaning our country money by buying war bonds. We must be ever watchful against waste, against waste of material, waste of time, our own as well as others. But above all we must help in every way we can.



Incidentally, the Brittany Spaniel of tomorrow depends upon what we in this country do with the Brittany Spaniel of today. The war has left the Brittany Spaniels of Europe in a position from which they may never recover. No one knows whether there is even such a breed in existence in France any longer, and with food getting more scarce over there daily, any doubt on that matter still existing will soon be wiped out. The only other continent that has gone to pains to develop this breed is our own North American continent. It therefore falls upon our shoulders the burden to see that this breed survives and improves amongst us so that it will not be wiped out

completely. Fortunately, the imported stock was the best that France could offer. Our only danger lies in shortsighted breeding. The breed is not so numerous that it can overcome this type of mishandling. The late Mr. Thebaud and others foresaw this problem and took definite steps to prevent it. They encouraged the free exchange of stud service (call it running a service station if you will) and the wide distribution of pups from the same litter. Only one man has considered himself more wise than they and refused to follow their example. Whether he is right or not will not be known until his present stud dogs and brood bitches have passed on. But then it will be too late to correct the mistakes. The fact that the Brittany Spaniel continued to improve under the principle of Thebaud and others of his thinking is borne out by the results of the Brittany Spaniel field trials held in this country. We are not talking of field trials in general where a Brittany Spaniel may be entered in a field of better or worse miscellaneous bird dogs, but in the trials where they must compete against each other. The pedigree of all these winners show that there has been cross breeding of the best of the imported Brittany Spaniels and their offspring. Thus, a son of **Fentus** and grandson of **Fanche** won over **Ch. Fanche** and **Ch. Gwennec**; the following trial a daughter of **Fentus** and grandson of **Fanche** won over **Ch. Fanche** and another dog, of breeding similar to the winner, who finished third; **Kaer**, an imported dog, won the third trial; the fourth trial a son of **Ch. Gwennec**, **Patrice**, won over a son of **Fanche** and **Fentus**; the fifth trial, **Luke**, the son of **Ch. Dingo** and **Ch. Iane** won over the son of **Gwennec**, and a son of **Fanche** out of the winner of the

second trial; the sixth trial the dog that ran second to **Luke** the year before, **Jeffrey**, won over his own dam and over a daughter of **Fanche**; and in the seventh trial, our latest, **Suzette** (not related to the **Suzette** mentioned above), the daughter of a dog and bitch, both domestically bred, won over a son of **Gwennec** and grandson of **Fanche** and over a daughter of **Ch. Idoc** and **Lettic**.

The above proves nothing if it does not prove this—that the breed can be improved by breeding, that a champion sire and or dam does not mean that the offspring will be champions. That cross breeding of imported stock has resulted in the greatest number of winners, even **defeating the importations** from which they were bred. We all admit that the importations were champions or near champions and in all events represented the best of the French Brittany Spaniels. Therefore we must agree that in some cases at least, **the present stock is better than that with which we started**. But do we agree to keep on improving? The Brittany Spaniel depends on you and your judgment.



D. B. Ruskin, M. D., Secretary of the American Brittany Club and Editor of the Brittany Field and Bench, has been appointed by the American Kennel Club Gazette as the official correspondent to that magazine, for publicity pertaining to Brittany Spaniels and their owners. Dr. Ruskin would appreciate receiving all material that anyone feels is suited for the AKC Gazette, and he will try to see that it gets into that magazine.

THE BRITTANY SPANIEL

In the last issue the first article of this series on the Brittany Spaniel presented the origin of the stock from which the Brittany Spaniel was bred. It also presented information that this stock was present and recognized as distinctively different from other breeds, as early as 150 A. D. That type was fairly well standardized in the beginning of the nineteenth century. That pointing qualities were well developed in the breed by the end of the nineteenth century. That in the beginning of the twentieth century black was still an accepted color. That also at that time the long tail was not a disqualifying feature. Tri-colored Brittany Spaniels were not unusual, and the tail rudiment was not as yet the rule. It must be especially remembered that the small Brittany Spaniel has probably always existed—with inevitable variations through the times—that is, since there are domesticated dogs who are trained to help man in the hunt.

Everyone knows that in Brittany all is small, the human race as well as the animals. It is natural that in this rough region where, if all is small, all is healthy, robust and courageous, there would spring a canine variety that is small, but healthy and robust. The harmony that nature calls for has created it similar to the other inhabitants of this country.

FIRST PRESENTATIONS

It was in 1896 that the Brittany Spaniel was shown for the first time in Paris. His name was Pincon-Royal, and he belonged to the Viscount of Cambourg. Tri-colored, he was born in 1892 by Printemps out of Fauvette. He was entered with spaniels of varied breeds. Although not awarded a prize, his owner had put him up for sale for 500 francs, which was a high price for that time, and proved that the owner valued him and attached importance to him.

It was several years later before another Brittany Spaniel was shown. In 1902, in the same class of "miscellaneous spaniels," there was shown a male white and liver colored Brittany Spaniel called Das de Magenta, born on January 20, 1898, by Kim out of Eda. The breeder was M. Chassaing, and Das was owned by M. Laveissiere. Das did no better than his predecessor, not winning the least mention under the judgment of Mm. de Conink, Fesard and Guerlain.

That same year, 1902, the first Brittany Spaniel to be entered for a field trial was Myrrha d' Armorique, entered by her owner, M. Treuttel, who took first prize at the contest of Cany.

There were no entries in either field or bench in 1903.

In 1904 M. J. Patin entered Max de Callac, white and maroon mottled, born September 20, 1900, by Bob de Callac out of Cora de Callac. M. de Cononck, who judged alone the branch hounds and the spaniels (the multiple jury was discontinued in 1903), granted a "very honorable mention" to Max. At the same show there was Javotte, trout speckled maroon, belonging to M. Corbois, and who

obtained an "honorable mention." These are the first two Brittany Spaniels rewarded at a bench show.

Numerous inter-breedings lie at the origin of the Brittany Spaniel of today, and here are a few examples:

In 1904 there was shown in Paris a large Brittany Spaniel dog mentioned above, Max de Callac. This dog was born of a black and white bitch, Cora, beyond comparison at woodcock hunting, who herself was born of a black and fire setter, out of a spaniel from a white and maroon dog.

These white and maroon dogs one met in the whole region of Callac, Gourin, Carhaix, were nothing but the French Spaniels of the common type with washed out hair, whose tails had been cut so that it would not get injured in the great fields of furze where the poachers were hunting. Max and one of his daughters, Mirza de Callac, were crossed with these small French spaniels and with small white and maroon and short tailed hounds, a few specimens of which could be found in the interior of the Morbihan and in the section of the Cotes-du-Nord.

In the country one could find many dogs of mixed origin, issued from tracking dogs, watch dogs and from many others that were shown at Loudeac and whose registrations in the "Book of Origins", was unfortunately authorized.

Another line of white and maroon which obtained great success came from rustic dogs, fairly strong, white and washed out maroon of the short-tailed rather common type which were owned in several noble families of the Finisters: de Kerdrel, de Riverieux, etc.

Many years ago a M. de Mollon, a great

THE BRITTANY SPANIEL (Continued)

hunter, came to live in the region of Coray, and owned Scotch setters. These tempted the poachers of the country because of their hunting qualities. Clandestine coverings took place, from which issued the famous bitch, Finette, of a watch dog "Glomel" and a small female white and black dog named Toto, very cob, that the breeder of a region of Normandy had bought from peddlers. From there came later on inter-breedings with English dogs, the Welsh Springer. These English dogs, so it is said, were obtained in England by Bretons of Brittany that the English had sent for.

This inter-breeding was fortunate for type but left much to be desired on firm pointing qualities. Experiments were also made with pointing Giffons, but with no results. There were even matings with pointers, from which came quality but very pronounced inequality of type.

Through the efforts of a pointer owner who took up the breeding of Brittany dogs, the blood of the pointer was introduced into the race. The specimens that came from it were on the one hand of very good quality for hunting, but rather long of line with a special head and short hair. Other breeders introduced Irish setter blood, one especially, through a female, small and pale of color, who had taken a very honorary mention at the Exposition of Paris, and was bought at a high price to produce Brittany dogs. The English setter and the Scotch setter were also used rather widely.

In short, the Brittany has in its origin the small French spaniel of Brittany, rustic type, the little fellow mentioned above, Scotch setter, Gordon setter, Welsh springer, and even a light infusion of Irish setter and pointer, and in many cases where the region of Cal-lac is concerned, exceptionally high class dogs, even champions, were produced through sheer luck.

In 1905 M. Treuttel entered (May 3 to 7) at Nantes, Max de Callac, bred by Patin, who again carried away a very honorable mention, and Mirza d'Armorique, white and maroon, who took a second prize. In 1909 Mars became champion; his exact origin was never determined, and manifestly, and even in the opinion of his owner, he had English blood through his antecedents.

In 1906 the Viscount of Cambourg entered, in Paris, Arvor du Dichul, out of Pen-Du, white and maroon, born in 1902, of which he was the breeder. Arvor, judged by de Coninck, carried away a "very honorable mention." The judge noted: "Brittany Spaniel, well limbed, hair rather badly dressed." That same year the Brittany Spaniels multiplied in the provinces. In Orleans there was

an important lot judged by M. Huguet. The Viscount showed two dogs, Arvor de Kos Ker, mentioned above (you will note that names changed in those days, and this accounts for some of the confusing pedigrees of the present day), who received a "reserved honorable mention," Berenick de Kos-Ker, second prize, and a bitch, Niquequire De Kos-Ker, tied for third, all of them white and maroon. Another breeder, M. Treuttel, entered two bitches: Furette d'Arzano, by Fox out of Diane, born May 22, 1902, who took "honorable mention," and Myrrha d'Arzano, by Medor out of Miss, born May 30, 1904, who tied for third place; both white and maroon. The judge noted: "Berenick, good dog, well put up, but with ears in bad condition. Arvor, rather light headed, inadequate size. Niquequire well turned out, true type, ears too far back. Myrrha, small bitch, but well turned out and very vigorous."

Still in that same year, 1906, at Toulouse, M. P. Megnin presented to M. L. Verrier, Diane, dam of Furette, two and a half years old, white and speckled maroon, which obtained first prize. It is the first Brittany Spaniel holder of a first prize in a show. And it is also the first time that a division had been reserved to the Brittany Spaniels, who had heretofore always competed among "spaniels of miscellaneous breeds." This circumstance was due to a railroad accident which caused Diane to be delivered to the show rooms at noon, after the judging of miscellaneous spaniels was ended, and Diane was judged alone.

The following year, 1907, in Paris, the Brittany Spaniels were officially given a class to themselves, but dogs and bitches competed together under the judgment of M. de Coninck. Dr. Gastel entered a male and two bitches. M. Treuttel entered the bitch Myrrha, who had taken third prize at Orleans. First prize went to Marpha I (bitch) by Compere out of Finette (mentioned earlier in this article), born March 14, 1903, white and speckled maroon, owned by Dr. Gastel. Second prize went to Myrrha d'Armorique, owned by M. Treuttel. Very honorable mention went to Boy, white and orange, born February 8, 1906, breeder and owner Dr. Gastel.

You will notice that Boy is the first white and orange Brittany Spaniel entered. White and maroon had been dominant up to that time. The tri-colored were equally numerous formerly. The first tri-colored, entered in 1896, was as had been seen, Pincon-Royal. In 1901 M. J. Dhers brought back a tri-colored one from Brittany. His name was Perdresu.

At Nantes the fanciers of Brittany Spaniels
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PROGRESS

The American Brittany Club is just about a year old now, and in these past six months much has happened. Organized last May by a mere handful of Brittany Spaniel enthusiasts, it has grown in this short time so that we now have close to a hundred members from all parts of these United States, and one member from Mexico. The state of Michigan leads with 38% of the total membership. The remainder is divided up as follows: Ohio 12%, Illinois 9%, Pennsylvania 8%, Vermont 5.2%, Minnesota 4%, New Jersey 2.6%, California 2.6%, and with the exception of the one member from Mexico, the remainder of the membership is divided equally between Connecticut, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and the District of Columbia. Our club is truly a national as well as an international club.

As for accomplishments, you have all read in this issue, and in the American Field, the report of the first American Brittany Club Field Trials. This trial was held when the club was only five months old, and it is only natural to expect that future trials will continue to show marked improvement. Most of you who are reading this issue and report were also on our mailing list of the first issue of the official

magazine of the club. This is the first official publication on Brittany Spaniels ever to be printed in this country. We wish to again thank you readers for your kind letters regarding the magazine. The magazine, too, should improve with subsequent issues.

Pending are the questions of recognition as the official club of Brittany Spaniel owners of the United States. This matter is being worked out by your officers with both the American Field and the American Kennel Club, and we feel that we can safely say that we will have a favorable report in the near future. There can be little doubt as to the outcome, as our club is the only Brittany Spaniel Club functioning.

Your officers are working on many other items of interest to all members, and you will find in other portions of the magazine such matters discussed. Examples of the above is the article on dog insurance.

To close, your officers and committee chairmen would like to wish all of you the Season's Greetings, and hope that you continue to have the maximum pleasure from your dogs and from your club, and invite all comments that you may feel able to make in making this club continue to function at its best.

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Join me in extending a
Merry Christmas to you



WALTER B. KLEEMAN
Springfield, Ohio



Greetings

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Dear Dr. Ruskin:

Thanks for yours of the seventh.

In reference to the first paragraph of your letter, upon receipt of the information requested, the AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB was accepted and recognized by the AMERICAN FIELD as the official representative club of owners of Brittanys in this country.

Congratulations on your expanding membership list.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely,

W. F. BROWN, Editor.

The Field Dog Stud Book, the only registration bureau in the United States which publishes an annual volume of its registrations, has been instrumental in the increased popularity which the Brittany Spaniel has enjoyed since the first specimen was imported to the United States in 1933. The breed made its first appearance in the registration columns of the AMERICAN FIELD in 1935, at which time there were only about 50 specimens in the United States. The potentialities of the Brittany as a field dog were recognized and several articles pertaining to the breed appeared in the columns of the American Field.

Many who supposed that the breed had no real place in field trials were more than mildly surprised when, in 1935, a Brittany, in the company of 15 pointers and setters, captured first place in a shooting dog stake, the first placement of a Brittany in recognized competition in this country, and letters requesting additional information concerning the breed began reaching the "Field" offices in ever increasing numbers. Today the Brittany is to be found in every section of the country, his friendly disposition and love of his work winning new friends daily.

Of course, it is the sincere desire of every true Brittany lover that the breed characteristics be free from possible degeneration. The Field Dog Stud Book has made important contributions to the promotion of the Brittany

in the United States, largely because of the accuracy with which the breeding records are kept. The Field Dog Stud Book offers complete registration service. Since Volume 1 was published in 1901, the FDSB has rapidly risen in prestige until today it is the source of data for bird dogs in America. It holds in its permanent files pedigree information on more than two million dogs, including over 335,000 individual registrations. Every dog registered in the FDSB is assigned a distinctive name and number. Title to ownership is established and an accurate, permanent record of all pertinent facts is set up. In addition to enrollment of litters, registrations and transfers of ownership, the FDSB offers handsomely prepared Certified Pedigrees at low cost, of inestimable value in the proper consideration of blood lines. Notice of each enrollment, registration and transfer of ownership is published in the columns of the American Field, and an attractive, compact certificate issued.

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FIELD TRIAL REPORT

SHOOTING STAKE

The first field trial sponsored by the American Brittany Club was held at the Outland Riding Academy, Birmingham, Michigan, on Sunday, October 11, 1942. The drawing was held at the Hotel Fort Shelby on the preceding evening.

Judging was in the hands of two men well known for their ability at this special work, Mr. Hunter Gaines of Lansing, Mich., and Mr. Robert Herndon of Detroit, Mich. It was evident from the first that the club had chosen wisely. Likewise, the club was fortunate in having as field marshal Mr. James Stark of Detroit.

The day was clear and bright, if slightly too warm. There was a large gallery on hand when the first brace was set down, and with the aid of a public address system, the gallery was well informed of the activities at all times.

The bird field was slightly rolling and encircled a small bush. The course led around the bush and brought the dogs into view of the gallery where the pheasants had been planted. Two pheasants were planted for each brace, and a few of the braces had the handicap of working in the face of the fact that the birds had flushed before the dogs had come into the field.

Other entries in the all-age were:

Sorcha MacEochaidh, owned and handled by Mr. Peterson. Sorcha made her find, the bird flushed wild, but Sorcha was steady to wing.

Potainne de Sharvogue, owned and handled by E. W. Averill of Birmingham, Mich.

Patrice de Sharvogue, owned and handled by E. W. Averill. The bird flushed wild, but was brought down by Mr. Averill. But Patrice refused to retrieve.

Betsy de Bonaventure, owned and handled by R. B. McCurdy of Detroit, made the retrieve of the bird brought down by Mr. Averill.

Tutti Frutti MacEochaidh, owned by Dr. Keogh and handled by Mr. Cox, was paired with Suzette of Chippewa and backed her nicely.

Kiki MacEochaidh, owned and handled by C. L. Williams.

Beau de Bonaventure, owned and handled by R. B. McCurdy, made his find. The bird flushed wild and out of shooting range. Beau was called back to cover the bird field, but no find resulted.

Gwennec's Pascey, owned and handled by Mrs. Mildred Ady and handled by Al H. Ady, Detroit, Mich., was paired with Reliew Rene. One bird flushed when planted and Reliew Rene made the find on the other bird.

Gwennec D'Etoile, owned and handled by Mrs. Kathryn Adams. Etoile broke fast and ran a nice field. Her bird ran, following a hedge row across the field, and flushed wild. Etoile was steady to flush.

Aotrou MacEochaidh was a by-dog, owned and handled by Mr. Ady. The bird ran and the dog bumped him and then chased him out of sight.

SUMMARY

First—Suzette of Chippewa, bitch, by Morris de l'Argoat Basgard ex Sorcha MacEochaidh. Hilmer Peterson owner and handler.

Second—Rel'ew Rene, dog, by Gwennec de l'Argoat ex Fanches Smarty. C. L. Williams owner and handler.

Third—Marron Glace MacEochaidh, bitch, by Idoc de Cornouaille ex Lettic de Pradalan.

DERBY

The derby was run over the same field and one bird was staked out in the field for the dogs to work on. There were thirteen entries.

First place went to Brit of Bellows Falls, owned by Mr. Lucien H. Ufford of Bellows Falls, Vermont, and handled by Mr. Cox.

Second place went to Chipps Brit of Chippewa, owned and handled by Mr. Peterson.

Third place went to Chartreux MacEochaidh, owned by Dr. Keogh and handled by Mr. Cox.

Other entries in the Derby were:

Ogma MacEochaidh, owned by Dr. Yant of Cleveland and handled by Mr. Cox.

Andre Phillippe de Bonaventure, owned and handled by E. B. Galloway, Grosse Pointe, Mich.

Andre de Carnac, owned and handled by Mr. J. Whitworth of Avon, Ohio.

Brit les Chien, owned and handled by Dr. Batson of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Brehon MacEochaidh, owned by E. Wood of Wisconsin and handled by Mr. Cox.

Suzette of Chippewa (winner of the all-age), owned and handled by Mr. Peterson.

Zuk de Beauchamps, owned and handled by Mr. Gayek of St. Clair Shores, Mich.

Bonne de Beauchamps, owned by Mr. Whitworth and handled by Mr. Averill.

Benedictine MacEochaidh, owned by Mr. Cline of Cleveland, Ohio, and handled by Mr. Cox.

Macaron MacEochaidh, owned by Dr. Keogh and handled by Mr. Cox.

SUMMARY

First—Brit of Bellows Falls, dog, by Kaer de Cournouaille ex Oged de la Casa Blanca, owned by Mr. Ufford and handled by Mr. Cox.

Second—Chipps Brit of Chippewa, dog, by Morris de l'Argoat Basgard ex Sorcha MacEochaidh, owned and handled by Mr. Peterson.

Third—Chartreux MacEochaidh, dog, by Idoc de Cornouaille ex Lettic de Pradalan. Dr. Keogh owner, Mr. Cox handler.

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PUPPY STAKE

The puppies were run on a shorter course. There were five entries.

First place went to Chiquo of Chippewa, dog, by Morris de l'Argoat Basgard ex Sorcha MacEochaidh, owned by Mr. H. Wassau of Minnesota and handled by Mr. Peterson.

Second place went to Brit les Chien (also entered in the derby), dog, by Calatin MacEochaidh ex Bakers Flirt, owned and handled by Dr. Batson.

Third place went to Jacques de Bonaventure, dog, by Beau de Bonaventure ex Betsy de Bonaventure, owned by Mr. Fitzpatrick of Pontiac and handled by Mr. Scully of Pontiac.

Others entered were Jojo of Chippewa, owned by Mr. Dell of Minnesota, and handled by Mr. Peterson, and Biddy of Briarcliff, owned by Mr. MacMichaels. (The writer is sorry that we do not have the name of the handler.)



Following the awards mentioned above, Mr. Peterson was presented with a silver trophy. This trophy was sent, since the donor couldn't make the trip himself, to the club, to be presented to the person who obtained the greatest total of points for the day. These points were based on the evaluation of 5 for a win, 3 for second and 1 for third place. The club is deeply indebted to Mr. W. B. Kleeman of Springfield, Ohio, for this trophy, as he is the man who made it possible. We all missed him at the trials and hope that he will make up for it in the future. Some of us will remember how he took off first and second place in the 1942 Spring Trials.

VALHALLA OF THE BRITTANY

As the heroes of old, our own little heroes have their last resting place. But as every owner of the greatest little dog on earth knows, Valhalla to the Brittany Spaniel does not mean rest, but rather an ideal cover and plenty of game. So here, we will attempt to paint, in our own crude way, what we have seen of that spot that every Brittany Spaniel looks forward to as a reward for his days on earth. Being only human, you will have to pardon our imperfections in the composite picture.

Because of the war restrictions, we can say only that the weather was ideal for hunting, and the gallery was packed with the best race of humans on earth, or in fact, anywhere, the real dog lover. Five hundred pheasants had been obtained for this one day's sport, or maybe there were a trifle less, but not a one of them was pen raised.

The course runs over a hill where the gallery is placed and they can see the entire course. The judges, who are nationally famous, and the handlers are all afoot, there are no horses breathing down the necks of the handlers, who walk back with the judges, who took their time and let the dogs work.

The night before the trial 10 birds were put in wide-meshed sacks, like an onion sack, and placed along the edge of the course, which is plainly marked by flags. They are planted the night before so that the dew can fall on them and remove all man-scent. Four more birds are planted for each brace by expert bird setters. The handlers are down behind the hill and can't see where the birds are placed, but the gallery can. The heat is timed for exactly twenty minutes.

At exactly a certain time a brace of dogs is released. The dogs are on their own. A handler can direct them by hand in a general direction, but can't lead them to birds. The dogs are judged first by nose, second by training, steadiness, handling, quartering, and last by range. In fact, range does not mean a thing as long as the dog is really hunting.

When the dog gets a point, the handler walks in and flushes the bird. If the dog is not steady, he loses so many points but he is credited with a find and a point. A back earns the dog so many more points. If a dog refuses to back and flushes another dog's bird, he loses so many points and the other dog gets considerable credit if he doesn't break. There is no set rule, everything being in the judges' hands but the handler is told on the spot where his dog has failed or where he has done creditable work.

Each brace has 14 birds to work on, counting the ten that are placed in sacks around the edge, and after a dog finishes his heat there just isn't any question about who won, or whether the dog has a good nose or not.

The braces run straight through from 10 A. M. to 3:30 P. M. without time out for lunch, and not a soul in the gallery thought of his or her stomach, remaining spellbound by the panorama of beauty being unrolled before their eyes.

Three things would have disqualified a dog: catching and killing a bird (however catching and fetching a bird to the handler was approved, getting off the course and staying off for more than two minutes; running around after another dog and not letting the other dog hunt.

Every moment was so exciting, and not a soul left until the last brace was run at 3:30. Every bird had been properly planted so they stayed where they were placed and every dog had had an equal chance. The judges had known their business and every handler knew where and why he finished where he did.

And so the little Brittany Spaniels had had their last field day of the year and could sit back and reminisce in the cold days to come before they had to start in again over their Valhallan fields to prepare for the next year.

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To those of our readers who have not had the fortune of being able to push back the curtain of time and see this beautiful picture unravel in earthy reality, we would like to inform you that such a trial was run—not for Brittany Spaniels alone—but nonetheless represented by Brittany Spaniels. And our little companions showed the stuff of which they were made by taking second and third place. Both Brittanys (the only two entered) each outpointed any other breed represented, as would be expected.

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THAT'S THE WAY I SAW IT!

The last field trials run especially for Brittany Spaniels was written up as National Amateur Brittany Spaniel Trials. Now, we can all take each word of the name separately and arrive at a meaning. How many of us would guess that it was a members' trial, entries limited only to members and handling limited only to members? How many of us would guess that it was NOT an amateur trials but that it was open to amateur and professional alike? On two things we will all agree—it was a National Trial and it was a Brittany Spaniel Trial.

Amateur vs. Professional—We do not think that the men participating in the trial, and who happened to be professionals, were at fault in the least. In fact, they more or less made the trial a success. BUT, let's acknowledge the truth—it was NOT an amateur trial. Next time, let's be more specific on this matter. If we are, we may get more professional entries. Or, better still, let's have an amateur and a professional trial. We are then sure to get greater entries in both groups. A professional hates to be beaten by an amateur—even by accident. It hurts his reputation. An amateur feels he doesn't have a chance against a professional. So they both stay away.

Member vs. Open—While we are still young, as a club, we must limit entries to members. This helps our membership drive. Whether such a situation is the best for all time is something which we do not claim to know. However, since entries are closed to non-members, let's name the trial properly in that respect. WE DO have a faint suspicion, however, that now the club is on its feet, opening the entries to non-members will encourage more entries, and the association of such non-members with the members at the trial will encourage the non-members to join such a worthwhile organization of good fellows. And they won't feel they were railroaded into the club just to be able to run their dogs in the trials.

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We recently received a communication from the American Kennel Club which touches on the above subject, but it came in too late to be included in the body of the above item. We quote from the communication:

"We are in receipt of the copy of the constitution and by-laws (of your club) and note what you have to say about your list of members. In going over your by-laws, we find that it would be impossible for us in any event to approve a licensed show or field trial for your club, inasmuch as Section 3 of Article 1 states that bench shows and field trials are open only to members. Since this is the case, it would not be possible to approve championship events"

We are sure you readers get the significance of the above quotation. We can eliminate this difficulty, but it would require an amendment to the constitution. Anyone can institute such an amendment. All that is necessary is to have a member forward, in the form of a motion, a statement that the above named (specify) Section of the Constitution be altered so as to eliminate the second sentence of this Section, seconded by another member, to the Secretary of the Club. From then on it will be taken care of according to the regulations for such matters and submitted to the membership at large for a vote. If the majority of the members are so inclined, we can remove this from the constitution and gain recognition.

LOCAL CLUB NEWS

Regardless of political party affiliations, every Brittany Spaniel owner will be glad to hear that one of our charter members has been successful in his recent campaign in which he was elected to the Senate at Washington. Although we already have a member in Washington, Judge Homer Ferguson of Detroit, Mich., is the first Brittany Spaniel owner, to our knowledge, to sit in one of our National Legislative bodies. We have no doubt that he will take with him Fanche's French Line (Napoleon), winner of the first Annual Fall Brittany Spaniel Field Trials, held in Detroit in 1939. To win that year, Napoleon had to place above Ch. Fanche du Cosquerou and Ch. Gwennec de l'Argoat, both imported champions from France. To prove this was not a fluke victory, Napoleon placed second in the same trials in 1940, Kaer de Cornouaille taking first place. Like Napoleon, Judge Ferguson is used to traveling in top notch company, and you can always depend on him to exhibit his worthiness to his trust. The American Brittany Club considers itself fortunate to be able to send two such worthy representatives to Washington, The Judge and Napoleon.—Ed.

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We received such a favorable response with the first issue of this magazine, in the form of membership applications, that we felt it worth while to approach you who didn't apply again, through the medium of another free issue. We want every Brittany Spaniel owner to receive this magazine. We would like to see you all join the club, so that we can continue to send you this magazine free of charge. However, the expense of putting out this magazine is going to force us to stop sending you further issues free unless you do become members. Non-members from now on will have to pay for future issues. Why not join and enjoy the advantages that a membership in this club gives you?

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Mr. Arthur Danks, manager of the Alan R. Stuyvesant Estate, reports Mr. Stuyvesant is a prisoner of war in Italy, and direct communication with him is impossible. But knowing Mr. Stuyvesant's interest in Brittanys, sends his congratulations and best wishes.

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We asked for Brittany pictures at the last field trial, but so far we have not received a single photograph. If you don't send them in, we can't print them.



Merry Christmas



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INSURANCE ON DOGS

Survey of the insurance market on dogs establishes the fact that practically no company will entertain an insurance proposal on them. It is impossible to secure mortality insurance, meaning insurance against the natural or accidental death of a dog.

One company, 101 years old is agreeable to issuing so-called floater, subject to issuance of such policies to each owner with minimum annual premium, regardless of value of the dog, of \$5.00 per year, and subject to a dividend at the end of each policy year of 15 per cent, meaning a net cost of \$4.25.

Only the clauses on fire, lightning and theft would hold. It required considerable effort to secure theft coverage in any form.

The coverage would be world-wide. Whether the dog was destroyed in fire at the owner's home, in an automobile, a dog show, or elsewhere, would not matter. However, just a mysterious disappearance would not be a risk assumed by the company.

The annual rate would be 2½%, or \$2.50 per \$100 of value of the dogs owned, with

a minimum premium of \$5.00, which would buy \$200 worth of insurance on one dog, or several in combination. The company assumes the liability only for the true value of the dog at the time of loss, which could be easily established by investigation. It is pretty well known in dog circles that a dog of a certain breed, a certain age, sex, and such a pedigree, should be worth a certain amount, and the company's liability would be limited to the intrinsic replacement value.

At the option of the individual applicant, dog paraphernalia can be added to the contract for an agreed valuation. This would not include kennel, but would include blankets, harnesses, collars, and other equipments, shall we say, personal to the dog.

A requirement is that not less than twenty-five members apply. There would be no form of application to sign. The information required is name and mailing address, breed of dog, sex, name, age, and the value placed on it.

Policy holders are not assessable for the debts or obligations of the corporation.

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THANKS!

To Mr. Robert Herndon and Mr. Hunter Gaines as judges and to Mr. James Stark as field marshal in our recent trial. Your fair and impartial judgment of all entries climaxed a trial long to be remembered by everyone present.

OUR SPECIAL THANKS

to Mr. Walter B. Kleeman, donator of the grand silver trophy won by the "Swede from Minnesota." It was beautiful, Walter, but we had rather have you and your excellent dogs in our trials than even a gold trophy.

You have shown in the past you are quite capable in winning trophies yourself as well as donating them. In fact, you are quite capable at almost anything where Brittans are concerned. Your unavoidable absence from the last trials kept us from anticipating the possibility of a donor carrying away his own trophy.

FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE,

R. B. McCURDY, Chairman.

DR. C. H. KEOGH.

W. K. MARTIN.

BILL GAYEK.

Best Wishes for a Grand Holiday. .

DR. J R. YANT

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KENNEL NAMES

Again we feature names of kennels of Brittany Spaniel owners. As long as space continues to permit, we will give a complete list of such kennels whose names have come to our attention by the owner submitting their kennel names to us. As mentioned before, there is no charge for listing of such names and we will also keep, free of charge, a permanent record, for reference, of such names. All names registered with the FDSB and AKC are accepted without question. Names not so registered will be checked with those already in our files to prevent duplication or confusion. We urge all to pick out a kennel name and register it with us. By thus identifying your kennel and dogs, you enable all Brittany Spaniel owners to determine the source of the dog in question, and thus his or her breeding.

Allamouchy Valley	Mr. A. R. Stuyvesant	Allamouchy, N. J.
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Bonaventure	Mr. R. B. McCurdy	Detroit, Mich.
Britton	Mr. E. D. Britton	Arlington, Texas
Burnside	Mr. D. R. Burnside	LaRue, Ohio
Casa Blanca	Mr. J. Pugibet	Mexico
Chippewa	Mr. Hilmer Peterson	Brandon, Minn.
Gum Tree	Mr. J. Hamill II	Coatesville, Pa.
Karomish	Dr. D. B. Ruskin	Caro, Mich.
Klemanor	Mr. W. B. Kleeman	Springfield, Ohio
La-Casa	Mr. William E. Keil	Los Angeles, Cal.
MacEochaidh	Dr. C. H. Keogh	Chicago, Ill.
Pasatrou	Mr. A. H. Ady	Detroit, Mich.
Reliew	Mrs. J. C. Weiler	Natchez, Miss.
West Cuyahoga	Mr. L. I. French	Westlake, Ohio
Willobrook	Mr. D. E. Waller	Farwell, Mich.

PEDIGREES

The secretary has asked us to remind you that several of our members have failed to send in the names of the Brittany Spaniels owned by those members, along with the information listed in the application blank. The older members are more at fault in this respect than the new members. If you wish to see his office function to your best interests, you should send in this data right away. He is quite often asked for information regarding Brittany Spaniels owned by various members, and naturally he can not tell about the ones you have unless you supply him with the necessary information. Invariably newly in-

terested prospective Brittany Spaniel owners ask for names of Brittany Spaniels and their pedigree when writing his office.

Likewise, when the occasion allows this magazine will be without the necessary information when it wishes to credit all Brittany Spaniels that have placed in Field Trials and Bench Shows. It will then only be able to publicize those that have sent in the information. It is necessary to send in more than the mere fact that such and such took first place in a field trial. The magazine must know where, when and in which field trial, and here too, the pedigree should be given.

Christmas Greetings from the Green Mountain State

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ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Article V—Section 1

One to be elected each year.

(a) Nominations of officers must be filed with the Secretary 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

(b) Members may request and receive an absentee ballot from the Secretary 15 days prior to the annual meeting.

(c) In the event of death or resignation of any Director, the Board may appoint a temporary Director to serve until the next annual meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING—BY-LAWS

Article 1—Section 6

The annual meeting shall be held within 30 days after May 1st each year at a location to be set by the Board of Directors. Only active members in good standing shall be privileged to attend the annual meeting and take active part in the proceedings thereof. Special meetings may be called on any date which the Board of Directors may determine.



Looking into the future, we wish to direct the attention of the above to all active members. A club is no stronger than the members that are in it, and an active interest in elections keeps the club healthy. In normal times there are many members who would be unable to attend the annual meeting. We do not need to tell you that these times are not normal. Even if many of you were not too busy to attend, the gas and rubber problem would prevent your being present. It therefore falls upon you to show your interest in the coming election by taking an active part. Don't relax and say that the other boys will be able to take care of that without you. That attitude has killed more clubs than you know of, because, usually, that's just what happens—the other boys **do** take care of it. So now we wish to point out the following: Every active member is entitled to enter nominations for election to the Board **by mail**. These nominations must be in, at the latest, by April 1st, assuming the possibility of an annual meeting on May 1st. All active members are entitled to a list of nominees and an absentee ballot by April 15th. Every active member is entitled to vote for one nominee, **by mail if necessary**. This year he will also be entitled to vote for two of the present three members of the Board. This is because all present members of the Board were elected at the same time, and one will have to be eliminated each year for two years.

For your convenience and with the co-operation of the Secretary, we are enclosing a form which can be used for nominations and a ballot which may be used for election at a later date. The latter blank will necessarily be incomplete, but you will be informed in due time of all nominees so that you may complete this form. Remember, the nomination form must be in by April 1st. The ballot not until after you receive the list of nominees, but not later than May 1st.

HOW ABOUT A LADIES' STAKE?

Mr. Hilmer Peterson of Minnesota and Mr. Thomas W. Cox of South Dakota are offering a trophy to be given by the American Brittany Club to the winner of the Ladies' Stake at the next Brittany Field Trial held by the club, providing there are at least ten entries in the stake, and run under the rules of the American Brittany Club. They also stipulate that the entry fee shall be enough so that two birds can be planted for each brace .

Season's Greetings
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THE BRITTANY SPANIEL

came in rather large numbers in 1907. The class included three dogs and eight bitches. M. de Coninck was still judging. First prize went to Arvor du Kos-Ker; second prize to Yan d'Armorique, owned by M. Treuttel; Berenick du Kos-Ker and Myrrha d'Armorique (if this is confusing it is only because the records are also confusing on this matter). Third prize went to Kate, owned by M. L. Babin; a very honorable mention went to Diane (entered too fat and lacked the form of the preceding year), owned by M. Magnin, and Perdrix, owned by M. Trouttel.

Here again all were white and maroon. It is at this show in Nantes, on May 31, 1907, that under the chairmanship of M. de Coninck, M. Huguet, Fleury, Trouttel, de Cambourg, Magnin, Lussigny, Durand-Gasselien gathered and founded the French Spaniel Club, and also named a commission which undertook to establish the first standard for the Brittany Spaniel.

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Editor's Note: In future issues this series will present more of the history, particularly that pertaining to the present century. There will be reports of entries, registrations, the first and subsequent standards (even the French did not feel that the first or other standards, as set up by themselves, could not be improved on), and we will swing over to the story of the Brittany Spaniel in the Americas.

CONTRIBUTIONS

We are still asking for contributions. NOT MONEY. What we want is some of your literary accomplishments about dogs, especially Brittanys. All we ask is that it will appeal to the majority of our readers. Send all such contributions to Dr. D. B. Ruskin, care Caro State Hospital, Caro, Mich.

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EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS

RETRIEVING

I have both of my Brittanys force broke now and expect to take them to Chicago to the show and put them in the retrieving trials. Hope some other Brittany men are not so ashamed of their dogs or have the guts enough to put them in against those other retrievers.

FUTURITIES

A few weeks ago I wrote to the editor of the American Field asking why the Brittany Spaniels were not eligible to run in the American Field's quail and pheasant futurities. Printed below is a copy of Mr. Brown's reply:

"For several years the opening of the American Field Futurities to Brittany Spaniels has been discussed. To be perfectly frank, there has not been any concerted effort or sufficient interest shown to warrant such enlargement of the rules, and many pointer and setter owners do not believe that the Brittany would have a chance to prevail in topflight competition.

"The fine performances of Brittany Spaniels in the last few seasons has done much to alter this view, and it is felt that if Brittany fanciers would band together and give assurances of at least twenty-five females being nominated. There is a good chance of the rules and regulations being amended come next October so that Brittany Spaniel nominations would be acceptable."

Very truly yours,

W. F. BROWN, Editor.

With conditions as they are I question whether we ought to make very much of an effort to get the American Field to do anything until the opportunity is more pronounced.

However, entry in the futurities is always two years in advance, and if you feel that there are enough men who would enter litters, I see no harm in getting started. I will gladly enter a litter or two.

SPECIALTY SHOWS

I like the idea of encouraging interest in bench shows, and by designating certain shows as specialty shows that can be helped; but right now I feel that we would be hurting our future strength by designating specialty shows with special awards at this time, in view of the very congested transportation problem, and the limited facilities available, which of course include rationing of gas and tires. If we did not get a good response in the entries we would defeat our purpose by making our specialty show a very weak one, and that is the thing we do not want to do.

DUAL AWARDS

It has been suggested that to encourage the showing of Brittany Spaniels in shows and to using them in the field, some form of trophy or trophies be offered by the club annually to dogs gaining points in both activities. In that way we will continue to encourage the use of these dogs in their natural environment, and at the same time encourage breeders to maintain a very definite standard in breeding.

I am writing you for a copy of your magazine and any information that you may have available for seasonal awards of points, based on dual performances in both field trials and shows.

BENCH SHOW

I have shown my dog twice, but here in the district I have no competition. In fact, I note from The American Kennel Gazette that very few Brittany owners bench show their dogs. In the September issue only eight Brittanys were shown, including my own. In the October issue only two, a dog and a bitch, were shown. In the November issue only one bitch was shown among all the bench shows listed. I showed my dog at the National Capital Kennel Club show on October 11. He of course, without competition, received four ribbons and his silver cup. In the local sporting group, among champions, he took fourth place, which I considered very good, because this is only the second time that I have ever handled a dog in the ring.

Best Wishes for the Coming Season

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LETTER BOX

Dear Sir:

TO THE EDITOR:

The magazine was wonderful. Hope you can stay within range of the first issue in future issues. I never saw anything like it.—Michigan.

Dear Sir:

I received the A. B. C. booklet in mail this morning. The man or men who did all the work on this are to be complimented. The book will stimulate interest in the B. S.—Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Although I'm slow to write letters, the very pleasant surprise which my mail carrier brought me this morning has moved me out of my writing lethargy into pecking out my sincere thanks for the splendid job you have done in editing the new magazine, and for somehow including me among the recipients.

I'm deeply ashamed that I have played so little a part in the forming of the new club, especially so since I'm an ardent Brittany fan and owner. Somehow I never found the time to answer your previous requests for information regarding Brittanys owned by me. I'm making up for this now by sending in all the necessary information.

Now, back to what I started to write. The Brittany Field and Bench Vol. 1 is in excellent good taste. The cover with the composite of the ideal Brittany and the very fine photo of mama with the new litter is going to make you scramble to keep succeeding issues as good (and may there be many more). Your ideas, articles and the whole set up meets with my unqualified approval. Just give us more concrete ideas on how we can help make both the club and the magazine a success, and help establish a truly great breed of dogs among our good American sportsmen.—Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Received the Brittany Field and Bench Magazine and must say that you gentlemen did yourselves proud. If that doesn't get members into our organization, put pep into those that already belong, I don't know what would!—Michigan.

Dear Sir:

In yesterday's mail I received the first copy of the Brittany Field and Bench, and I certainly want to congratulate you on a splendid job. It is just about the best first issue of any magazine I have ever seen, from the standpoint of interest to the individuals whom it reaches. In my opinion it certainly should enhance the value of the Brittany Spaniel to every owner to answer the many questions that are shot at him by non-owners, who may or may not be interested in acquiring a Brittany.

I sure hope that you can continue the publication of this magazine, as it should mean a lot to all of us.

If not asking too much, I would like to have about six extra copies, as the information in this first issue is a reference book that can be used in many cases in the future.

With every good wish for the future success of the magazine.—Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I will quote a Brittany owner: "The magazine is the nuts. I will dig down in my jeans any day to help put this over. I am going after Parke-Davis Drug & Chemical for a big ad for your next issue." I told him we would have to have advertising and co-operation in order to serve them with this excellent product.—Michigan.

Dear Sir:

My husband and I are simply delighted to know that we are to have an official Brittany Club publication. Because the first number is so very important and contains the new laws by which the club will be governed, I am enclosing a dollar, and wish you would send me some extra copies.

We have recently interested some of our friends in purchasing pups, and as their papers with registration data have just today been received, we are afraid that they may miss their first copy, and wish to send one to them.—Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for the Brittany Magazine, and don't let me miss a copy. I am for it 100%, and it is fine for we Brittany men. I believe the club is started correctly and hope it continues.—Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find blank and check. I read the first issue of Brittany Field & Bench, and sure did enjoy it.—Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Our congratulations on the first number of the Brittany Field & Bench.

We want to assure you of our co-operation, and any time that we can be of assistance, do not hesitate to call upon us.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

W. F. BROWN, Editor, The American Field.

Dear Sir:

There isn't a Brittany owner anywhere who wouldn't pay \$3 an issue for that magazine, and don't miff it. Don't know what I can do to keep it coming, but I will do what I can.—Michigan

Dear Sir:

Concerning the Brittany Field & Bench, how do I go about getting the next copy? (I never did hear anything about the field trial out your way). This book looks good to me and I will do anything I can to help.—Pennsylvania.

Editor's Note: Am sorry that the recent field trial did not receive the publicity it should have. Our publicity committee might have some information on that matter. If so, we will be glad to forward a reply to the question above.

Dear Sir:

Why haven't the trials been written up for the American Field yet? It has been two weeks and so far no account of it. I think that is one thing that should be done as soon as the trial is over with, if you want to get more people interested in Brittanys. I submitted some pictures of the winning dogs. The Field, as a rule, will make a cut for any first place dogs free, so they should be sent in, too. Now, see that this is taken care of if it hasn't been done, and give the OUT OF STATE owners a little play, too.

As long as I was at the trial I got some comments to make, which I want to see in your next issue. Why can't the American Brittany Club get a bird-man who knows how to plant birds in the bird field the right way, so the dogs that are brought into the field can find them? I noticed in the last trial that some of the birds flew away as soon as the bird-man let loose of them. The dogs in those braces were handicapped to start with, as no matter how good a dog is, he can't find birds if they are not there.—South Dakota.

Editor's Note: Again we offer this office to the publicity committee to explain to the above correspondent the lack of publicity in the American Field. Regarding the problem of planting birds, we will surely bring this matter to the attention of the Field Committee that is in charge of the next Field Trial.

Dear Sir:

Concerning the Brittany Magazine, isn't there enough owners in the country who will pay \$1 or \$2 per issue until it gets going?—Pennsylvania.

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In reply to all those who were so kind as to write in such favorable comments, we extend our sincerest thanks. You will pardon us if we are a little proud of our first issue. But what gives us more pleasure is the way it was so favorably received and the numerous expressions of everyone to help. We are not so foolish as to think we can keep this up indefinitely alone, and so we welcome—no, we beg—for your assistance. There are many ways in which you can all help. But don't leave it to John, and don't put off till tomorrow. All future issues will have to meet a deadline, and it is therefore essential that everyone get to work, to help, immediately.—Editor.

Congratulations and Season's Greetings

A. K. C.

AMERICAN KENNEL GAZETTE

SPECIAL MEETING

October 10, 1942

The second meeting of the American Brittany Club was held on October 10, 1942, in the Lafayette Room of the Hotel Fort Shelby at Detroit. The meeting was called to order by Chairman A. H. Ady at 9 p. m. The following, who were present, were introduced: Mr. A. H. Ady of Detroit, Mich. Mr. Edgar W. Averill of Birmingham, Mich., Dr. D. B. Ruskin of Caro, Mich., Dr. J. R. Yant and Mrs. Thelma Yant of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Mildred Ady of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Chester H. Keogh of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Hal P. Cline of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Lucien Ufford of Bellows Falls, Vt., Mrs. Charles L. Williams of Birmingham, Mich., Mr. Robert P. McCurdy, Sr. of Detroit, Mich., Mr. Hilmer Peterson of Brandon, Minn., Mr. Lucien H. Ufford of Bellows Falls, Vt., Dr. Chester H. Keogh of Chicago, Ill., Mr. Hal P. Cline of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Kathryn Adams of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Barbara Averill of Birmingham, Mich., Mr. Charles L. Williams of Birmingham, Mich., Mr. Kenneth Crittenden, Mr. R. B. McCurdy of Detroit, Mich., Mr. Bill Gayek of Hamtramck, Mich., Mrs. Camilli Gayek of Hamtramck, Mich., Mr. Frank J. Hoppenrath, Mr. Jack L. Whitworth of Avon, Ohio, Mr. Philip Jackson of Holly, Mich., Mr. Joseph P. Flynn, Mr. James I. Stark, Mrs. Janet Martin of Detroit, Mich., and William K. Martin of Detroit, Mich.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved as read, following which the treasurer's report was submitted to date. There were 51 memberships.

The members discussed several subjects, among which were:

Whether or not the Brittany Spaniel Club of North America is still functioning. Dr. Ruskin reported the fact that all mail directed to that organization, for over a year, has been returned unclaimed. Dr. Keogh offered to supply Dr. Ruskin with the name and address of the present secretary. (This was later done, a registered letter sent out to that address, accepted and signed for, but still no answer). Also discussed was the merits of the AKC standards of the Brittany Spaniel, the system of judging at field trials and the point versus the spot method of judging.

It was moved by Dr. Ruskin, seconded by Mr. Williams, that the word "point" be eliminated from Article II, Section 1, Field Trial Committee, Sentence 11. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Gayek, seconded by Mrs. Adams, that the Constitution and By-Laws as corrected by adopted. Carried.

The chair then called for reports from the various committees.

Mr. Whitworth, chairman of the Printing and

Publication Committee, reported that the Brittany Field & Bench magazine depended upon advertising material for future publication and asked that all Brittany owners assist by getting the dog-food companies they buy from to place advertisements in the magazine.

Mr. McCurdy, Chairman of the Field Trial Committee, reported a communication from Mr. Kleeman of Springfield, Ohio, expressing his regrets at not being able to be present. Mr. McCurdy also announced that Mr. Kleeman had forwarded a silver trophy to be awarded at the trials to the man who obtained the greatest number of points on a basis of 5-3-1 for each stake. This method was chosen by Mr. Kleeman to encourage multiple entries. Mr. Kleeman, however, wished it understood that the club was to award the trophy as its members saw fit. Moved by Mr. McCurdy, seconded by Mr. Ufford, that the trophy be accepted and awarded as Mr. Kleeman had first suggested.

Mr. James Starke of Fromm Hardware Co. was introduced as the Field Marshal for our field trials of October 11. Mr. Starke received enthusiastic applause, and assured the club that he would guarantee two ads for the magazine.

Dr. Keogh reported a conversation with Mr. Brown, editor of the American Field, in which it was suggested that if we had more subscribers to the American Field we would get more publicity from them. A canvass of those present showed that about 50% subscribed to the American Field.

Braces were drawn for the Field Trials. There were 13 entries in the Shooting Dog Stake, 13 entries in the Derby and 5 in the Puppy Stake.

Arrangements were made to provide transportation to the trials for all those in need of it.

Moved by Mr. Averill, seconded by Mrs. Adams, that the club adjourn. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 p. m.

Christmas Greetings

from

A. H. ADY

Chairman

of the American Brittany Club

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Charges for classified advertisements are as follows:
50c per line, average six words per line. Minimum charge \$1.00.

FOR SALE

BRITTANY SPANIELS
Whelped November 11, 1942
Sired by Kaer de Cornouaille
No. A 273073
Dam—Cozette No. A 154263

Priced at \$50.00 each.

EDWARD PLANK
CHALFONT PENNSYLVANIA

FOR SALE

One Brittany Spaniel, male, 18
months of age, partly trained.
Sire, Allamuchy Valley Luke;
Dam, Iolette de Basgard.

PRICE \$75.00

H. B. CONOVER
6 Scott St., Chicago, Ill.

STUD SERVICE EXCHANGE

SERVICES by Jeffrey de Klemanor and his
littre brother, Gwennec de Klemanor. W. B.
Kleeman, care People's Outfitting Co.,
Springfield, Ohio.

SERVICE by Patrice de Sharvogue. E. W. Av-
erill, 419 Westwood, Birmingham, Mich.

SERVICE by Brit. Fred Kern, 502 Art Lane,
Ridgefield, N. J.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE

PUPPIES from litter ex Babbette de Klemanor
by Flist du Guil Pont, ready for delivery
last part of January. Dr. D. B. Ruskin, Caro
State Hospital, Caro, Mich.

BOARDING AND TRAINING

I would like to train a young dog for someone
interested in winning the next trials. Lee
I. French, 2734 Bradley Road, Westlake, O.

HOW TO TRAIN HUNTING DOGS

By William F. Brown

Editor, THE AMERICAN FIELD

Unquestionably the finest book ever written on
the Brittany and nice illustrations of the breed. It
is a work that the American Brittany Club is glad
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Whether you want simple instructions in the funda-
mentals of obedience training or wish specific sug-
gestions for the proper development of field trial per-
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book. It's a treat looking at the illustrations—over
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AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB

TO BE OR NOT TO BE

To all those that have contributed financially in order to make this issue possible, by means of advertising, our sincere thanks. Without your help, this issue could not have been placed in circulation. However, we would like to inform all who have expressed themselves as wishing this publication to continue, that this may be our last issue for the duration.

Your Chairman of Publications and Secretary of the Club, immediately after the club was founded, realized that we have little to offer our distant members, and after some consideration decided the most valuable service the Brittany Club could offer to Brittany Spaniel owners would be a small publication limited to the breed and people interested in the breed.

Some tried to advise us regarding the immense job we were undertaking. We owe them our thanks and wish to let them know that their advice was not lightly considered, but we counted on full support. The directors of the club agreed that the magazine would benefit the club, but that the club was to be in no way responsible for it financially or otherwise. Under these circumstances we went ahead and got out the first issue. We knew there would be a deficit at the end of the first issue and willingly absorbed it. This deficit was later reduced by an appreciable amount through contributions from many members. It was further reduced by a check from the Club treasury which was in payment for the distribution, through the magazine, of a copy of the Standards and the Constitution and By-Laws of the club. They would not have been able to get these two items alone printed for the amount of the check. At the close of the venture of the first issue, the Business Manager was not out any actual money, but he was not able to replenish the stock and material used in the magazine.

At the last meeting of the club the Publication committee was instructed to go ahead and continue to publish the magazine, such were the favorable results, and all were to strive toward obtaining advertising material for the magazine to cover the expense of the next issue. Some who offered to help managed to get us a little advertising. However, the greater portion of the cost will be paid for by advertising in the form of Christmas greetings (something that we cannot expect to have a repeat on until next December). The balance, by action of the Board of Directors, will be guaranteed by the Club. The Business Manager's stock material is still going down, as those items are not covered. So that, we end up, if we check back, at the point that the Club will have to guarantee the financing of the magazine if there are to be any further issues. From letters received from various readers, we know that this would be a perfectly satisfactory arrangement, even if the dues were raised. We don't offer suggestions on that score, but, if you want to continue this magazine, get in touch with your board members, all three of them, and let them know how you want it done.

This is your magazine to do with as you see fit. We are anxious to serve you with further issues, and plans are for four issues a year, September, December, March and June, issued on the 15th of the month—if more issues are printed. But before you write to your officers, we would like to give you a few facts about the financing of future issues.

THE BRITTANY FIELD & BENCH

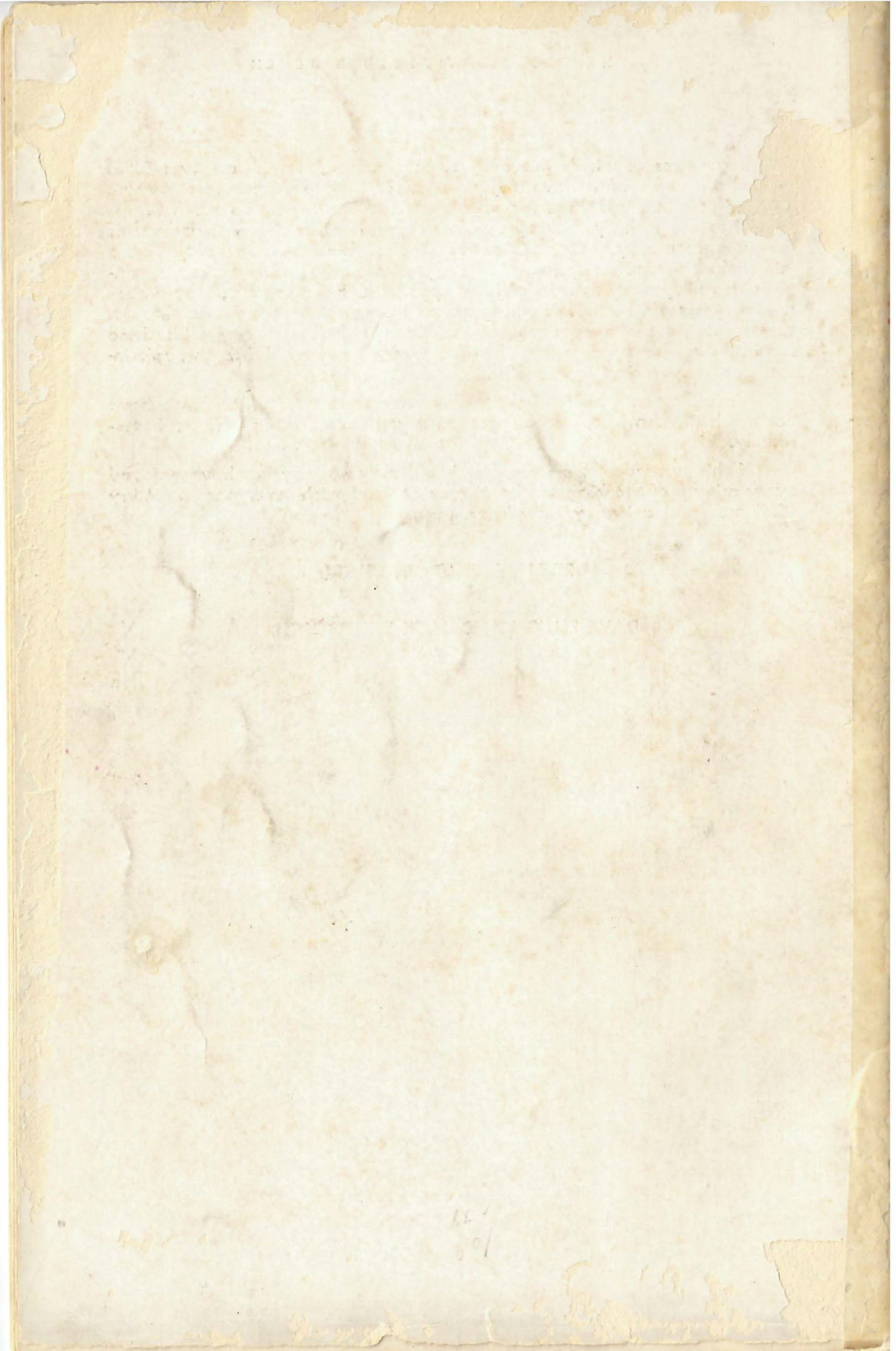
Regardless of where this magazine is printed, it will cost over \$200 an issue, and we must have a guarantee for that amount before we will be able to make advances for further publication. It is too much for us to add to our task by making us also responsible for the procurement of the expense money. We said above that we have no suggestions. We will make this one exception. We suggest that if the club desires to continue this magazine, then its officers appoint a board or committee whose sole purpose will be that of acting as an agency to procure funds, through advertising in the magazine, and to finance this magazine with these funds. We also suggest that the club guarantee any deficit through insufficient advertising, up to \$200.

Since the next possible issue will have to come out in March, we have not much time to lose, and suggest that you contact your officers immediately.

If this turns out to be our last issue, may we say we have enjoyed every minute of working on the Magazine, and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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DAVE RUSKIN AND JACK WHITWORTH.



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