

Pointers & Setters—A group of gun dogs which hunt upland game birds by pointing include the pointers and setters. Unlike the spaniels, which hunt close to the gunner, the pointing breeds range far ahead of the huntsman—often out of sight. When they scent game they do not immediately flush the birds into the air, but stand motionless within a few feet of the game, their sensitive noses pointing toward the single bird or covey. They remain in this position until the hunter flushes and shoots the birds. A well-trained pointing dog will hold such a point for a minute to two hours, stand firm while the game is shot and wait for the hunter's command to find and retrieve the killed game.

Pointing dogs are of comparatively recent origin, their development paralleling the develop-

Above: Edwin Garrett, son of E. B. Garrett, Jr., Main Office, shows off his father's prize cockers. The black cocker recently won a ribbon as the "Best Black Puppy" in a Carolina Cock-



cr Club match held in Asheville. Right: Working a field are two setters belonging to Walter Wood, Machine Room. When two or more setters are ranging a field and one goes on a point after scenting a covey of birds, the other setters honor its point with one of their own. While their point is not as accurate as the first point, it is in the same general direction as the scent. They all hold the point until the birds are flushed or until the hunter releases them from the point with a spoken command. Below: A liver-and-white pointer, owned by Briscoe Parker, Maintenance, scents a quail and waits for the flush.

