

Waterfront

(Continued From Page 1) day morning, not believing that it would be possible to run a field trial on a day when the ground was covered with four inches of snow and the thermometer was 25-degrees. But bird dog men are a hardy breed, and they headed for the trail grounds at Hofman Wildlife Refuge. The weather report indicated that it might warm up during the day, so a decision was reached to proceed on schedule.

One of the dogs in the first brace was Haberdasher's Crestliner, handled by Paul Walker, a combination that came within a whisker of winning the National Championship last February at Grand Junction. She was put down with a big setter named Sundowner, handled by George Bevan, and neither dog ever had a foot on the ground throughout the hour-long heat, they ranged and hunted like we had read about in field trial publications.

We were offered a choice of riding a horse or riding in the dog truck, which was equipped with snow-chains and was piloted about the perimeter of the course by Life Morgan, a member of the Wildlife Service who was a great help in staging the event. We chose to stay with the truck, but we hadn't gone two miles before the young nephew of one of the judges tired of the novelty of horseback riding, and the judge asked hopefully if we wanted to ride.

We hadn't been on horseback in 15 years, and discretion told us to keep it that way; but you cannot do much following a field trial from a truck, so we swapped mounts. From a spectator's point of view it was a good trade, but it was a cold way to go; and all the time we kept wondering how we were going to feel the next

day. We always have liked horses and for most of the years of our life we have enjoyed bird hunting. This combination of our two favorite sports resulted in one of the most enjoyable half-days we ever had spent. The thermometer never got above 27-degrees, but the horses were wet with sweat in their effort to keep up with the dogs. There were no birds moving, and only one covey was pointed all day. At the end of a heat the dogs that had been running would leave blood flecks in the snow everywhere they moved, for the ice had cut through their pads.

We were out from 8:30 o'clock until 1:30, when we circled back to the clubhouse, the kennels and the stables. We tried to be a good sport and helped water and run down our horse, but the log fire in the clubhouse, and the roast beef dinner, really were drawing us in that direction.

After lunch we found that Paul Walker did not have a dog entered in the first heat that afternoon, so we sat around and talked bird hunting with him until time for him to go out on the course for another heat. He is a big, friendly fellow who handled last year's National Champion, Home Again Mike. That makes him the champion trainer for this year, and it was fun to hear him talk about dogs he has handled and field trials he has won.

When he got ready to go back to work, we decided that it would be a smart move for us to head for home, since it was so far away since there were so many miles of icy roads ahead. We told Walker how much we had enjoyed being there, and he told us the only thing to do was to come again on a decent day. "You didn't get to see the dogs really work today," he said. "They

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"The actual cost of home canning is small," says Miss Pritchard. "A recent comparison cost of home canned tomatoes, apples, string beans, and corn with the same products canned commercially, was recently made. This comparison showed that commercially canned products cost more than three times as much as the total cost of production (exclusive of land and labor), containers, and fuel to can these at home. Yes, according to actual cost of seeds, fertilizer, jars, closures, and even fuel, two-thirds of the food dollar spent on these products was saved."

Miss Pritchard says we still spend about 25 per cent of our income for food. If a family can save approximately two-thirds on their canned food bill, this can amount to real money in a year's time. "When thinking of money saved did well to be able to stand up. But you come back up here in March and you'll really have a good time."

We just might be there! P. S. We got home at 8 o'clock and there was ice and snow everywhere until we got within two miles of the waterfront!

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