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In the Realm of Bird Dogs

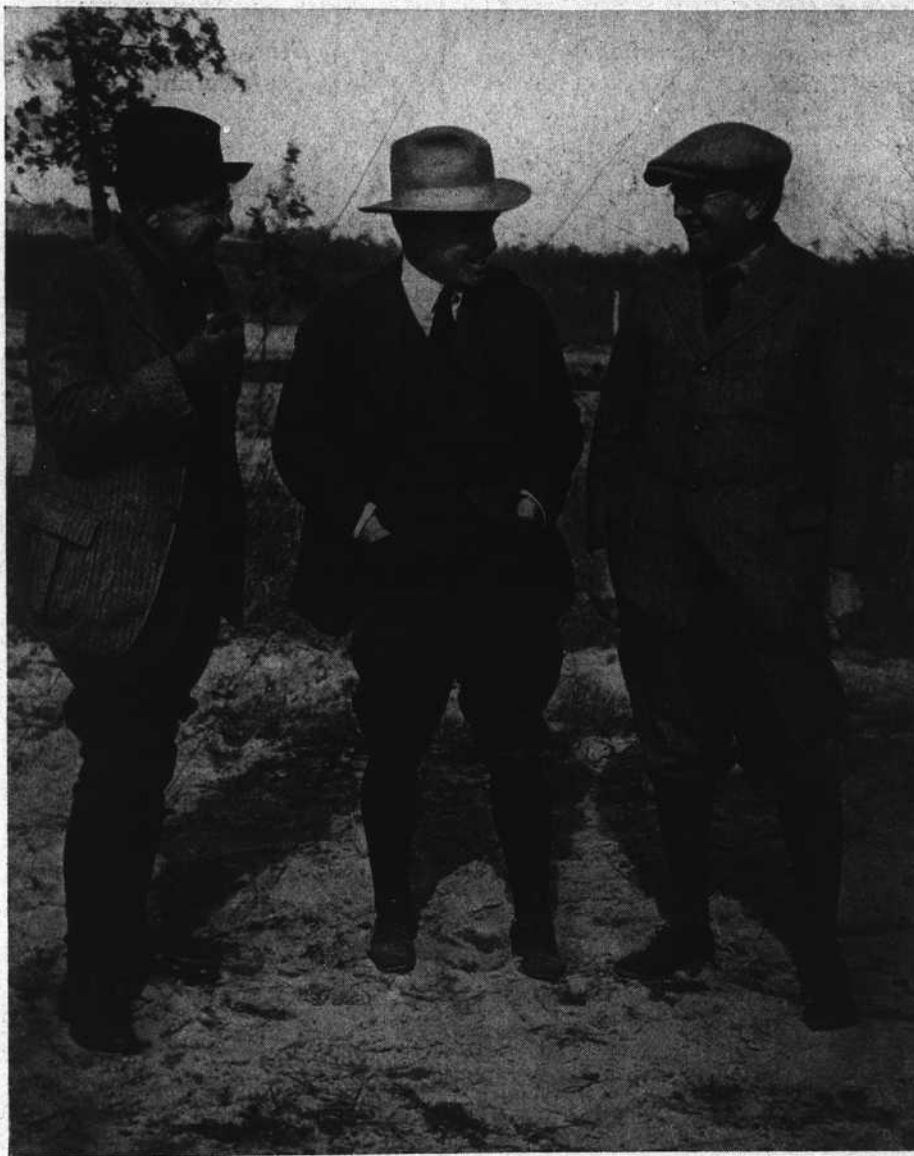
(By A. F. HOCHWALT)

ONE of the interesting, as well as outstanding field trials held during the present season was that of the Pinehurst Field Trial Club, which took place here during the week of January 28.

This club has been in existence only a few years, but in that short time its growth has been attained by leaps and bounds. Three stakes were run; one open to members of the club only, a derby for setters and pointers whelped on or after January 1, 1922, and a free-for-all, open to all setters and pointers irrespective of previous winners.

All three of the stakes were interesting, but it was the free-for-all that attracted the particular attention of the field trial world at large. There were thirty-four starters in the stake—twenty-three pointers and eleven English setters. Competing in this stake were dogs from all parts of the country and if any owner sent his string here with the idea that it would be an easy stake to win, he discovered very early in the race that it would require a real dog and a high class performance to do so.

The feat was accomplished by a pointer named Lillian Gale, a daughter of the famous Rap's Classy Cute by John Bimpkins, Jr. Lillian Gale is owned by Dr. J. Spencer Brown, of Burlington, N. J., and was developed by A. O. Yount, the well known handler who lives at Newton, N. C. Before winning this stake, however, Lillian Gale distinguished herself by taking first honors in the members' event in a race that was almost as brilliant as the one that gave her first honors in the Free-for-All. Dr. Brown, her owner, winters at Pinehurst; he is a shooter himself and therefore his dogs were in splendid form, for they have been used afield all winter, they know the ways of the North Carolina quail and they are equal to any conditions. Lillian Gale ran her first heat early in the morning and it was a class race in every respect for she not only went wide and fast, but she handled game. In the finals she cinched her claim to the first money by making two good bevy



LEONARD TUFTS, HARRY D. KIRKOVER AND DR. J. S. BROWN
Founders and Officers of the Pinehurst Field Trial Club and Leading Light
in the Trials this week. No one enjoyed the sport
more than they, as their smiles will attest.

finds and giving an exhibition of range and speed that drew down the admiration of the galleries. Lillian Gale is thoroughly broken. When she finds birds there is no necessity for hurrying to her, for she will hold her points until the crack of doom. When the birds are put up and the shot is fired, she is as steady as a clock. Twice in the second series and once in the first did she demonstrate this beyond the question of a doubt.

Her race, however was not a walkaway, for just behind her, looming up dangerously was the little setter dog, Denwood Lee, owned and handled by P. H. Powel, of Denton, N. C. Lee ran just as fast and as wide as Lillian Gale, but he was out-birded by the Dr. Brown pointer; in every other respect he was her equal. Lee made one very sensational bevy find and ordinarily this would have been sufficient to win any stake, but shortly after that he made a false point which counted against him. Had this point been productive there is no question but that he would have

given Lillian Gale a close run for the money. Dr. Brown did not stop by winning first in this stake, however; he started another pointer, Dashing Mary, by name. She is almost if not quite as good as her kennel mate; not showing as much speed and range, perhaps, but on game she is perfection. She made one beautiful find in the first series and two in the second. No one could fault her work in this respect, it was simply because she did not show the speed of the two put over her that she went down to third place, but Dashing Mary is a most satisfying dog to shoot over and when it comes to a choice between the two we are of the opinion that Dr. Brown is inclined to give the palm to Dashing Mary, despite the fact that Lillian Gale is somewhat faster and wider. Mary may be depended upon under any and all circumstances. No matter how long she may be on a point, she will hold it until her master comes to her and it is a certainty that her birds will be properly located. As a matter of fact, when it comes to location we doubt if there was any dog in the stake that could

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