"The Schip was meant for the home and human companionship. Bred and trained for that, he seems conscious of his place in human relationship. If he is ignored, pushed aside, or mal-treated, sooner or later he will return just that, and revert back to the canine way of life. The Schipperke is no man's fool. He is always one leap ahead of his human master, anticipating his very thoughts with an uncanny intuition. When treated as a companion, and respected as an intelligent creature, our little black Belgian's faithfulness and devotion are almost beyond human conception. The essence of his little life revolves around his master's will.

"Back for a moment to dog shows and Schipperke entries. Our breed is well known and appreciated in the show rings of the East, Mid-Northwest and parts of the West Coast. However, in other sections of the country, the Schipperke is referred to as being a rare breed, not because it lacks popularity, but rather interpreted to mean a select breed; as the Belgians so aptly express it *d'elite*. What a splendid gesture for the breed if we could exhibit our little Schipperkes where they are not shown, and make them known and appreciated where they are unknown and given no chance of appreciation."

Thank you, Mrs. Daily.

The board of governors of the Schipperke Club of America has unanimously elected Mrs. Gofford-Ambler of Oxford, England as an Honorary Life member of this club, for her efforts to bring the Schipperke Club (England) and ours together for the improvement of the breed. Mrs. Gofford-Ambler's husband is an artist, and the only person I have ever seen who can draw a life-like Schipperke. He is a well known illustrator of dog books and books for children.—F. ISABEL ORMISTON, *Bernardsville, N. J.*

POINTERS

AMERICAN POINTER CLUB

OUR BIOGRAPHY this month is about Ch. Elstone Citadel, one of the greatest pointers ever bred in this country. Citadel was whelped July 15, 1938, and died two years ago. He was by Int. Ch. Pennine Paramount ex Jetsome of Althea. Much of the credit for the great size and beauty of his progeny is attributed to his dam. The dam of Jetsome, Stylish Lux of Althea, was the daughter of the famous German Dual Ch. Count von Furth. Bought in Scotland and shipped to England and bred to the great sire Ch. Mark of Crombie, Lux was shipped to the USA and the litter whelped here. Pennine Paramount, imported from England by Mrs. Priscilla St. George Ryan, was by the English Ch. Marlais Marksman ex Miss Darkie. Through his sire Pennine Paramount's breeding traces back to Broom Hill Dan, sire of the many time champion in the field, Becky Broom Hill. This litter which included Ch. Elstone Happy Landings and Citadel was the first by Pennine Paramount whelped in the USA.

It has been estimated that Citadel sired 35 champions. All of his stock hunted, if given a chance, and there were dozens of pets and shooting dogs of his get that never saw a show ring. He was bred and owned by Leo A. Dunn, Glen Mills, Pa. Mr. Dunn's hobby is breeding Pointers; therefore he has never at any time tried to build a great record of wins for his dogs. No doubt had Citadel been shown regularly he would have made history in Pointers as a great winner as well as the outstanding stud dog he proved himself.

Probably the most famous of Citadel's sons are Ch. Mihaski's Mr. Chipps, bred by Charles M. Siever, Des Moines, Ia., and owned by B. S. Sullivan, DeKalb, Ill. and Ch. Elstone Fashion Plate bred and owned by Mr. Dunn. Fashion Plate is a son and grandson of Citadel and has the imposing total of 46 BOB and 40 group wins to his credit, as well as several BIS. He is following in the footsteps of his famous sire as a stud dog.

Ch. Mihaski's Mr. Chipps was from one of the most famous litters ever bred in this country. The dam was Faylynn of Crowlcroft. In addition to Chipps, there were from this mating; Ch. Bryant's Bright Future, Ch. Mihaski's G. I. Butch and Ch. Mihaski's Clipper. All four of these dogs have won BIS! Mr. Siever has said, in reference to Citadel, "To me, he was one of the really great Pointer studs and if we have achieved any success with our Pointers we must give due credit to this great dog. Many of our young dogs that are coming on are decendents of his." Although Mr. Chipps has been used very little at stud, he has at present six champions to his credit.

Another son of Citadel's bred and owned by Mr. Siever, Ch. Citadel of Mihaski out of Jordan Farm Margo, has sired two champions out of Rolew Brandish, a Paramount daughter. They are Ch. Neki Princess of Mihaski and Ch. Skipper of Mihaski.

Mark Bryant, Montgomeryville, Pa. bred or owned eight champions by Citadel.

Ch. Elstone Citadel stands very near, if not at the top, in the history of the modern American Pointer.

On Aug. 11 at the Cape Cod K.C., Falmouth, Mass., Ch. Gaytime Game Lad won the group under W. E. Phillips. The following day at the Bridgewater, Mass., show he won BIS. Lad was handled, as usual, by Charles Meyer and is owned by Mr. Dunn. At the Newtown K.C. show Aug. 25 held at Danbury, Conn., Clayton Purdy's Ch. Trueluck Challenge won the group.

News has just been received that the American Pointer Club Specialty Show at Rye, N. Y. has drawn 69 entries. According to the show reports in the GAZETTE, this is the largest entry of Pointers at one show since at least August, 1948. Details of the Specialty will be reported in the November column.

Two replies have been received to the question at the end of the August column which was; in England a Pointer must prove his ability in the field before being awarded a championship rating, what are your ideas on changing our American standard so as to require proof of hunting skill in champions? The first answer was from Mrs. Douglas G. Hill, Durham, N. C. who replied as follows.

"It's an article of faith with us that a pointer is a good bird dog first, or he isn't a good Pointer—in terms of centuries of breeding. I am convinced that kennel operators who have kept their dogs penned up most of the time, trying in succeeding generations to produce a type that will have a certain flashy show ring style, have done a great deal of harm to the breed, for it is obvious they have sacrificed much in soundness and substance thereby. I am also convinced that the instinct to hunt birds has not been bred out of our so-called top quality show dogs, with so many generations of pur-

pose behind them, but in too many cases it has been trained out. I will bet all the shirts I have that given equal chances, a larger proportion of the get of dogs that are put together right enough to finish on the bench, will make better hunters in the field than the get of Pointers whose quality has been allowed to deteriorate."

Thank you, Mrs. Hill.

Alfred J. Murray, Stanton, N. J. wrote:

"I feel that such a program would be a hardship on some owners who might have a good dog and not have either the time or facilities for field breaking. After all, if I owned a really top Pointer I would hesitate to run it in trials due to the risk of injury. However, I do feel that a program of field competition sponsored by the American Pointer Club should be of interest. I feel that the trials should be open to non-members as well as members. The only restriction should be that the dog be AKC registered. Such a program would provide a good medium for attracting new members into the Club. I feel it should be run as much as possible to parallel a day's shooting with the dogs retrieving the birds killed over them, not too much emphasis on steadiness after the flush and shot."

Thank you, too, Mr. Murray. We invite further opinions on this subject.

Mr. Murray is now the owner of Ch. Bryant's Buckeye Julie by Elstone Mystic's Son ex Ch. Elstone Happy Landings. Julie is being trained for field work and no doubt will keep on with her winning ways in the show ring.—MRS. R. H. RODEY, *317 King Street, Port Chester, N. Y.*