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. Marlain Marksmans ex Miss Darksie. 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. Chipp’s, bred by Charles M. Siever, Des Moines, la., and owned by B. S. Sullivan, Des Moines, la. 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. Mr. Dunn is following in the footsteps of his famous sire as a stud dog.

Ch. Mihaski’s Mr. Chipp’s was from one of the most famous litters ever bred in this country. The dam was Faylynn of Crowcroft. In addition to Chipp’s, there were from this mating; Ch. Bryant’s Bright Future, Ch. Mihaski’s G. L. 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 descendants of his.” Although Mr. Chipp’s 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., Plymouth, 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 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 Mystery's Son ex Ch. Elston 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. Roddy, 317 King Street, Port Chester, N. Y.

AIREDALE TERRIERS

WE ARE INDEBTED to Mrs. Steve Birow, Box 422-A, Barberton, O., secretary of the Airedale Terrier Club of Northern Ohio, for the following report of their specialty show. Mrs. Birow is our Director from this area; and this month our breed column is hers. The interesting discussion that came up at their club meeting has been included in the monthly Newsletter in order that questions presented could be answered in the same issue. Our thanks to Mrs. Birow for the following fine show report.

"Chagrin Valley K. C. show, at Gates Mills, O., was another beautiful out-door show! What a wonderful out-door panorama; six enormous tents housing 1019 dogs; again clear delicious spring water at 100-foot intervals. Beautiful silver trophies, ideal weather conditions, and plenty of color. Truly mid-west's finest out-door show.

"Let's get on to the subject at hand—the judging of the Seventh Specialty Show of the Airedale Terrier Club of Northern Ohio: 13 Airedales entered, one absentee. We may have lacked quantity but not quality. There were three points in males, four in bitches. The eminent Percy Roberts did the honors. His choice for W.B. and B.B. was the imported bitch owned by Harold M. Florshen, Thelwyn Yenolam Merry Mascot, by Thelwyn Command—Chatahill Miranda. (these points finished this bitch to her championship). She was beautifully put down and shown by George Ward. Let's give credit where it is due—my 'hat' goes off to George Ward, truly master of his profession. B.O.S. and W.M. was awarded to Joe Walton's Tuscoe Ajax, by Airedale Perfection—Gold Cup Zenia, a very nice male, a streamlined 24 inch dog, good mover, coming and going, beautifully put down and handled by Ward. Reserve male went to Carl Macklins' Dante's Turbulence, a quality dog—could have just a little more fire, good hard coat, nice tan, and a good mover. Reserve bitch went to Birows' Saint Aire's Fabulous Fury, a lovely 22 inch bitch (looked very much undersized in comparison to W.B.). Mr. Roberts comment was, 'Very well fronted, good hard coat, good tan, good eyes, nice ears, but would prefer her racer.' She is a short-coupled compact bitch, and could be better in the back.

"Mr. Roberts was asked to come to the Airedale benching to meet our exhibitors and to give us constructive criticism, he agreed to meet us after his breed assignments—but by the time Mr. Roberts proceeded to judge his group, the Airedaleers present had pretty much dispersed as the show was on its way to ending. The B.B. Airedale bitch was considered in the group; but did not place; the nod going to a Wire Fox Terrier bitch, Arley Adorable, owned by Airedale fancier Harold M. Florshen, and also shown by Ward. "The climax of a full day was the demonstration held at the home of Clifford Westheat, Solon, O., over platters of sandwiches and gallons of coffee. Three hours long, and never a lull, we discussed Airedales pro and con, went over the judging, knocking each other down, tearing apart the Standard, picking up several compliments, as really true dog-fanciers will."

"Ravenna K. C. Show held the day before Chagrin Valley had the same top placings. 4 Airedales entered, 1 male, 3 bitches, Jerome Halle Judging." Thank you, Mrs. Birow for these reports.—Miss Barbara Striehig, Birchesville, Pa.

MINIATURE SCHNAUZERS

THE AMERICAN MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB

MRS. NORMAN KANTOR has been exhibiting two black Miniatures, a dog and a bitch. And thanks to her a new interest has been created in this color, which had practically died out in this country. In the East, William Kubach of the Crystal Kennels strove faithfully for many years to breed and show this color. It was very hard going against the flashier grey salt-and-peppers. But to my mind, it was not only the color but also a definite lack of the desired characteristics, linked to blacks, which made it so difficult. Mr. Kubach has now discontinued his kennel of Miniatures.

In California, Mrs. Maguire bred blacks for many years but I have not had any news of them for a long time. I know that at one time she was most desirous of acquiring separate classes for the blacks. This was not accomplished due to the small number of them. Her reason was probably that she felt they could not compete successfully with salt-and-peppers. If she had been successful, I am sure that the blacks would have been aided immeasurably. In Clocker Spaniels, the ASCOBs and Parties had such a hard time against the black color, that they acquired separate classifications. This