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**MICHIGAN OUTDOORS**

**THE HUNTING DOG PROBLEM**

The choice of a hunting dog is a problem that most bird hunters have to face at some time in their lives—and in the discussion and opinions that follow this writer knows he's playing with fire! Gun dog owners are a proud lot. They're going to take exception to many of the suggestions made herewith. Nevertheless, at this time of year so many hunters are looking for a good shooting dog that some help should be forthcoming so here goes!

**The "New" Gun Dogs**  
Swedish pointers, German short-hair, Weimaraners, and even the Brittany Spaniel may be considered "relatively new" breeds of hunting dogs in America. How do they compare with the old standards set by English Setters, Pointers and Spaniels?

Well, if you're going to buy a dog let's first consider the type of bird hunting that interests you most. If you spend most of your time in the field hunting pheasant in the southern part of Michigan my personal opinion is that you're better off with a well-trained Springer Spaniel. A pheasant is a running bird. He'll rarely hold a point, especially after opening day. Too many pointing dogs will hold a point too long, while your bird is racing to heavy cover where

shooting is impossible. The Springer, well-trained mind you, will work close, keep moving, yet show definitely by his actions when he knows he's near-by. Some pointing dogs will handle a moving pheasant perfectly, but too many don't. Again, what about those "new" gun dogs? The Swedish and German Short Hair Pointers are singularly popular because they are new, and people like to try new things. The same is true of the Weimaraners, an all-purpose hunting dog. All three of these breeds are often high strung and hard to train. Of the three the Weimaraner is the best "pet" and after all one must live with a dog twelve months of the year.

**Britany Well-Established**

The fourth breed, the Britany Spaniel, is fast getting a firm grip in this country. It's the only pointing Spaniel, is rugged, easily trained, but should not be hunted for both grouse and pheasant. It is a specialist, and should be trained as such. Grouse hunters will do best with a Pointer or Setter, with the latter getting the nod because of a steadier temperament. Pointers shine in the "stove" department, but are hard to live with.

Before you buy that new dog why not check over a few favorite breeds at field trials? You'll be in a much better position to judge for yourself!

A former Birmingham resident, Mort Neff, is now presenting his half-hour television show, "Michigan Outdoors" over two stations. A 10 p.m. program over WWJ-TV (Channel 4) is followed at 10:30 p.m. over WJIM-TV (Channel 6).

**Building Permits Issued LAST WEEK**

Category	Number	Valuation
TOTAL	14	\$38,506
Single family	1	\$25,000
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**Selected to Represent NY Insurance Firm Here**

Floyd E. Sayed of 1884 Humphrey, has been named special agent of the New York Life Insurance company for the Birmingham area. It was announced today by Louis F. Gefford, manager of the Michigan branch. Sayed joined the firm in 1946 after serving in the Army Air Corps for three years. He attended the Life Insurance Marketing Institute of Purdue University and was named assistant manager of the Detroit branch in May 1951. Sayed has been a consistent qualifier for the New York Life educational conferences and is well-specialized in planned estates and business insurance.

Want ads cannot be accepted after 5 p.m. each Tuesday.



PVT. CHARLES D. TYSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manly A. Tyson, 1439 Ruffner, has completed basic infantry training conducted by the 6th Medical Training Battalion at Camp Pickett, Va. He is now entering eight weeks of basic medical training. Besides his military training, PVT. Tyson is a member of the drill squad which represents the camp in marching competitions. A graduate of Baldwin high school, he entered military service last May.



PFC. EARL F. HERRON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Herron, 1292 Colb, is serving as motor mechanic at Pusan, Korea. The 1951 Baldwin High school graduate entered service August 23, 1952 and was sent to Korea in February of this year.

**Exploding Lantern Burns Woman's Hands, Delays Return from Cottage**

An explosion of a gasoline lantern last week has delayed for a week or two the return home of Mrs. Robert G. Harris and her 11-year-old twins, George and Fritz, from their Burt Lake cottage. Shortly before they were to have left last week for their home at

14 Mile and Lahser roads, the lantern exploded and severely burned Mrs. Harris' hands.

cannot escape paying for some part of such developments. Many communities now charge a minimum of ten cents an hour for on-street parking, and perhaps Birmingham should consider raising its charge from five cents to the dime. Sure revenues could aid materially in providing the city with money to view its part in meeting the problem.

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