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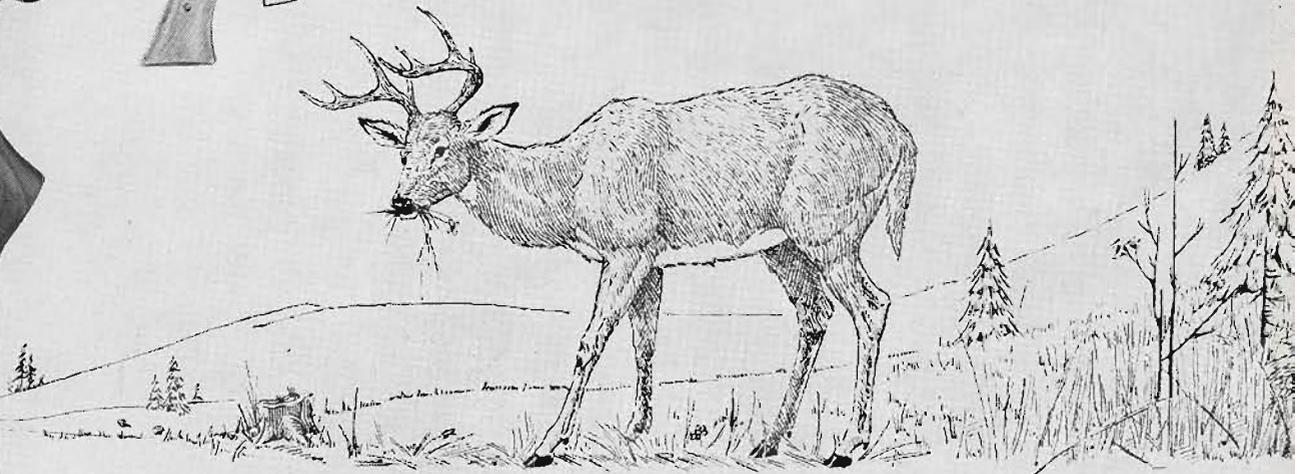
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THE COVER

They're just around the corner again—those days when wildfowl will be winging in to the lakes and marshes and flaring up out of the grassy coverts, stopping a man's heart with the thrash of wings and the sound of guns and the curving plunge that proves a shot well placed. There is a touch of that excitement, we thing, in the fine kodachrome by Ozzie Sweet which graces this month's cover. To all of you we offer it in token of that best of all toasts for Autumn . . . "Good hunting!"

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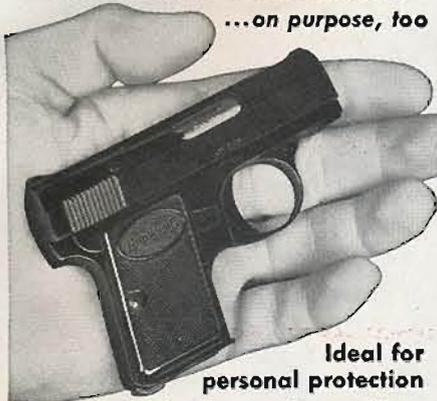
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GUN RACK



Jaeger Scopes

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Jurras Bullets

Lee Jurras, Shelbyville, Indiana, makes some fine bullets that looked neat, miked out

perfectly, and shot like a house afire. Lee has half and fully jacketed bullets, in a wide choice of weights and for a large variety of handgun calibers. Bullets for the .22 Jet, .38, .357 Magnum, .44, and .45 can be had, and Lee will also make custom bullets in any weight that you might specify. Recently, he has added a velocity testing service, but before sending him your loads, write and tell him what is in them. He has a right to know, and handles only safe loads.

Shotgun Sights

The William Tell Gun Sight Company, P.O. Box 308, Homedale, Idaho, has a simple to install Wm. Tell Speed Sight that will stop shooters from canting their smoothbores. These sights can be had for either ventilated rib or plain barrels, and they do help considerably in lining up on flying claybirds as well as pheasants, grouse, and crows. The plastic inset used in the sight has a good deal of light gathering power, and even on dark days, the sights are picked up instantly by the eye.

Webley Invader

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American competitive pistolmen are not much given to single-shots, but in matches (Continued on page 70)

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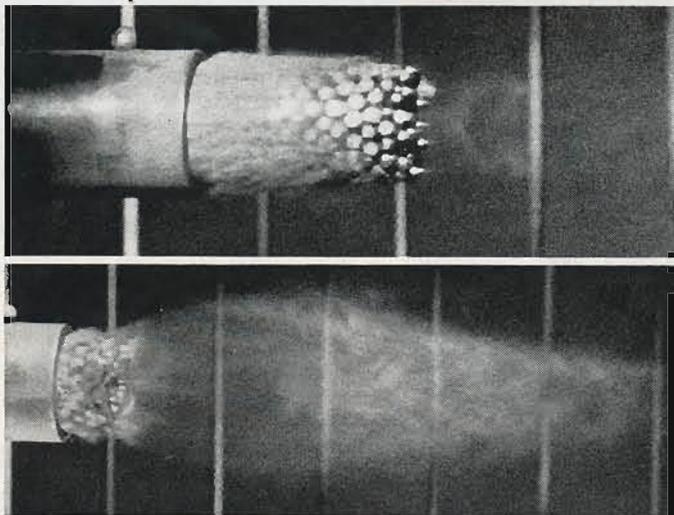


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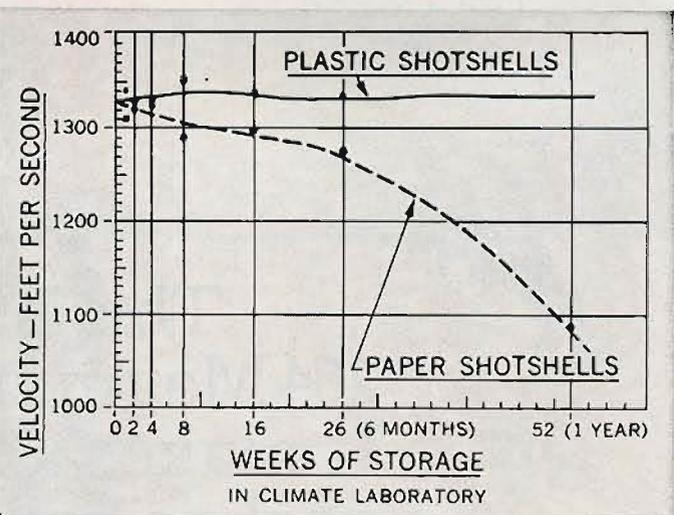
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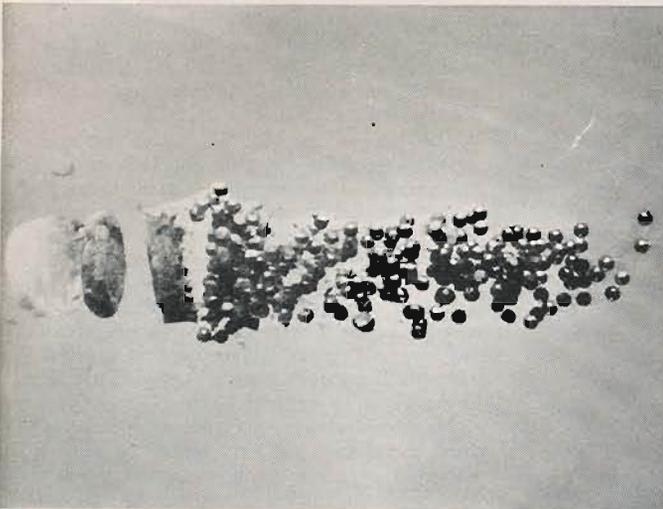
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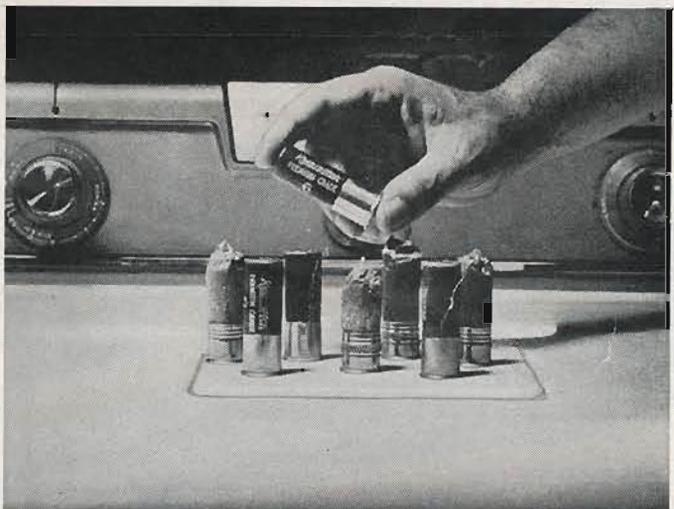
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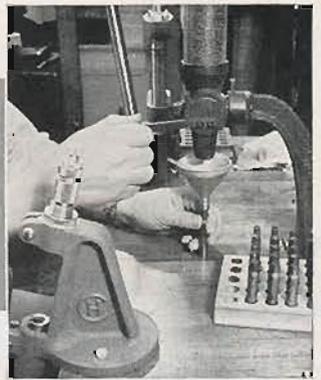
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His greatest accomplishment is the revolutionary CCI Magnum primers for metallic cartridges. Little information has been released on these, as the factory has difficulty supplying demand.

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Any rise in pressure is due to perfect combustion of the charge in the bore, rather than ahead of the muzzle. Normal charges do not require any reduction, if other primers give "good" ignition. Maximum loads in a normal pressure range should be reduced about 2.0 grains with Magnums to start. You can generally work back up to the original charge, unless it was near the primer blowing stage. Primers seldom blow in modern cases until pressure is near 70,000 psi, which is much too hot anyway.

Magnum primers may increase velocity from one to four per cent, depending on the efficiency of the other primers, the powder type and amount. Burning all the charge increases pressure very slightly. Blown primers and excessive pressure may be due to factors other than the charge. I'll cover pressure in a future column. "Hot" primers without excessive violence are very desirable for fast, perfect ignition and a uniform velocity spread. CCI is now making the No. 450 Magnum Small Rifle primer. We'll report on it after extensive tests.

Magnum pistol primers give fast, perfect ignition with powders such as W-W Ball, 2400, AL-8, and H-240 in 4" to 6" barrels. Some chaps pack pistol cases pregnant with 2400 for short tubes, and actually get Unique ballistics. B.M. (Before Magnums) a writer said 2400 was OK for reduced loads.

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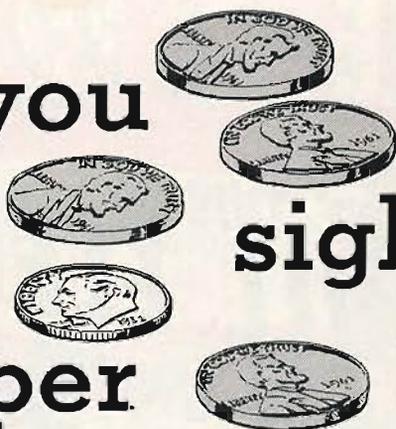


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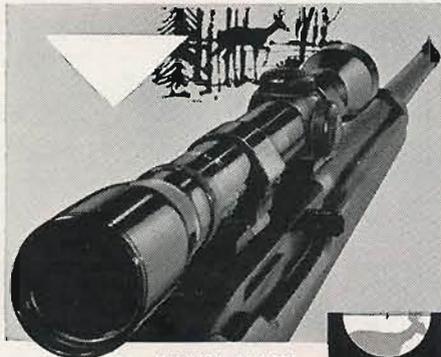
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CROSSFIRE

Iowa Regulations Tightened

I enclose newspaper clipping of Scott County Conservation Officer Charles Adamson's protest against the new gun permit regulations imposed by State Safety Commissioner Carl Pesch. Adamson says that 72 persons, mostly State Conservation Commission employees, have been deprived of their state permits to carry guns.

In this state, a pistol is considered "a concealed weapon" as soon as it is put into a car. It is virtually impossible for the average citizen legally to transport a pistol to or from target areas unless it is unloaded and in the car trunk. I feel that a law-abiding citizen should not have to break a law when he wants to do some target shooting or hunting. I have already written numerous letters about this to our legislators and others, and thought that you might be interested.

Ed Neavor
Davenport, Iowa

More Survival

I would like to see more articles on personal survival like "Guns for Survival" in the December, 1961, issue.

I like GUNS Magazine very much and I have all except 3 issues. I am keeping them for rereading and looking up information. Thanks for a very, very good magazine.

Roy T. Bird
Great Bend, Kansas

Understandable

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R. H. Molenaar
Rensselaer, Indiana

First-hand Facts

Congratulations on your brilliant exposé, "GIs Are Rotten Shots." The writer evidently got his information first hand.

Even in the Security Agency, we are not exempt from being miserable shots. Once a year, we are driven out to a range to qualify with some iron-mongery misnamed the M1 carbine. They are sighted in by the first firing order, and shot without change by about 50 other individuals per weapon, at a tremendous bull painted on a cool, white background, at the incredible ranges of 100 and 200 meters. All in all, about two hours are spent becoming familiar with "A Soldier's First, Specialist's Second" best friend.

William R. Sleightholm
U.S.A. Security Agency Bn.
New York, N. Y.

Disgusted

I read with amazement and disgust the article in June issue titled, "We Hunt by Radio." The days are surely passing when a person went on a wilderness hunt in order to get back to nature for a few days and forget this mad modern world with all its gadgets. Now he takes it with him!

Future improvements in technical devices and armaments will doubtless soon remove all element of chance in man's pitting himself against the natural craft of the creatures of woodland and meadow. That will be the day!

Raymund Jans
Durham, California

Mr. Jans, you have a point there. Next time we plan a hunt in, say, Jackson Hole, we won't fly out there, or drive; nor will we use a Jeep after we get there; and we'll tote nothing but a muzzleloadin' rifle. What was good enough for Kit Carson is good enough for us! (P.S. If the magazine is late some month, you'll know we started!)—Editor.

Good Idea

I hear that finally, after years of doing nothing but writing ineffectual letters to politicians safely in office, there is a movement among gun owners to beat the anti-gun laws. A friend of mine wrote me that the gun clubs back home are getting together to demand that the candidates for election this fall make public statements on what they will do to protect the rights of the shooter. I for one will vote only for the man who promises to do something about my right to keep and bear arms.

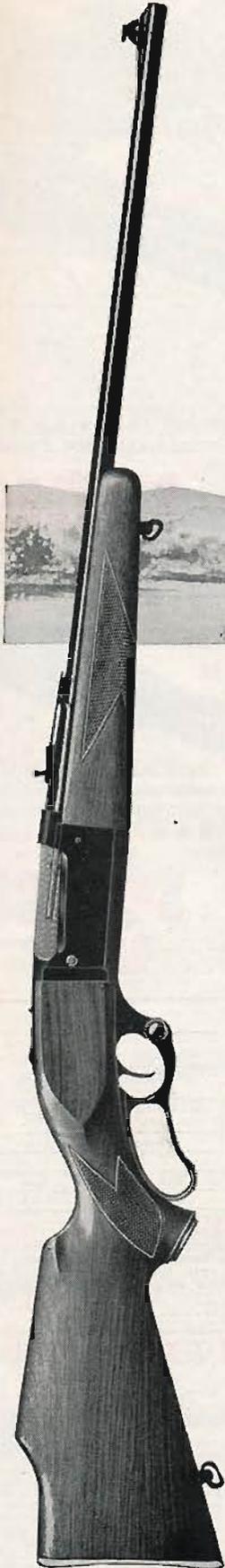
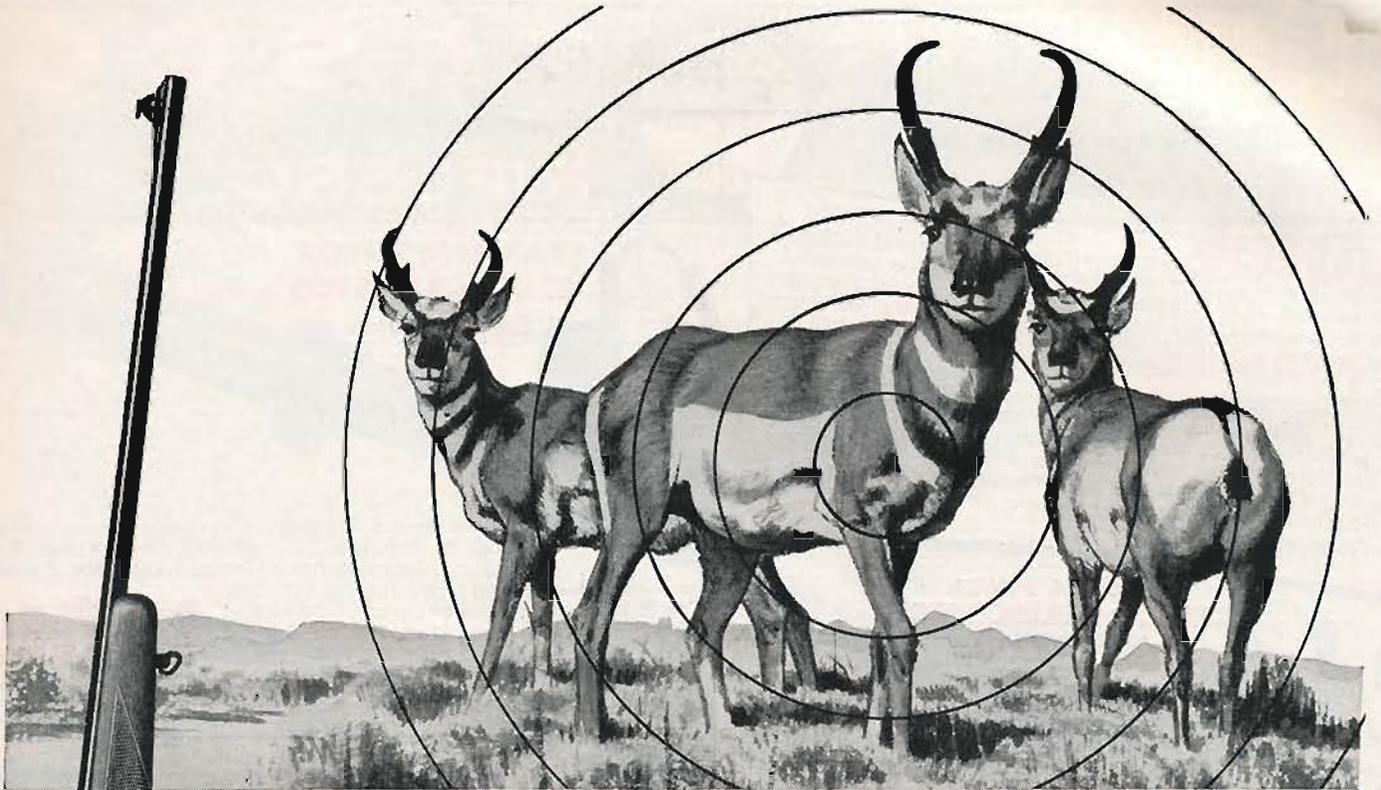
Uncle Sam thinks I'm good enough to carry a gun for my country; I hope when I get back home I won't be treated like a suspected criminal when I apply for a pistol permit for target shooting. If we all get together and let the lawmakers know we have a lot of votes they need to get elected, the honest law abiding citizen will finally be treated like one.

Sp4 Gerald J. Evans
Fort Carson, Col.

The right to keep and bear arms is a valid *civil right* which we can secure for ourselves by gaining a bit of political sophistication. By limiting our fight against the anti-gun laws to a few letters to congressmen, we have been neglecting our strongest weapon.

In the coming political campaigns, every politically wise group will demand from the candidates a statement of his position on the issues with which they are concerned. We must make the right to keep and bear arms a political issue. The owners of firearms are

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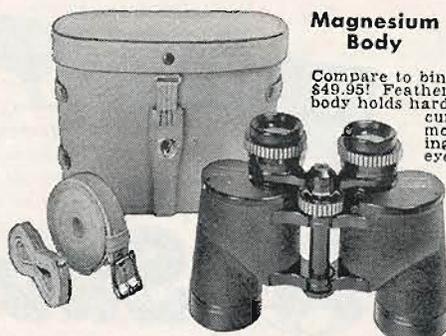
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BY DICK MILLER

SKEET is as hot as the weather in Tennessee.

This year's Tennessee State Shoot and Volunteer Open drew record crowds and top attendance. This column had overlooked the date of the Nashville affair, but was reminded when I turned on the TV set in a motel at Huntsville, Alabama, and caught some fine coverage of the shoot by Channel 5, WLAC in Nashville. WLAC showed a number of squads in action, and featured interviews explaining the tournament and the game of skeet.

Bob Steber, outdoor editor of the Nashville "Tennessean," gave the shoot excellent coverage and a good picture layout in the Sunday sports pages.

Shooting star of the early events at the Volunteer state program was Major Mack Hunter, who flew in from Anchorage, Alaska. Hunter locked horns with the always-tough Shuford Johnson on the 28 gauge shoot-off, and blitzed the trophy after extra rounds, by 24-23 in the 3rd extra inning.

He also racked up 50 straight in the preliminary all-gauge event, to tie with Bob Smathers of Canton, N. C., Owen Frisby of Nashville, and Sgt. Bill Wooten of nearby Fort Campbell. These four shooters split the preliminary purse without a shoot-off.

Shoot-offs with fellow Tennesseans are no novelty for Major Hunter. He had to top a fellow Volunteer from Waverly, Sgt. Carl Poston, to win the Alaska all-military championship at Ft. Richardson, at Anchorage, in the 49th state. He is also a member of the team, with Sgt. Poston, that won the world-wide military shoot at Colorado Springs last year, and successfully defended the title the team had won at Lynn Haven, Virginia, in 1960.

Fred Emens, of Decatur, Alabama, secretary of the neighboring Alabama Skeet Association and chief referee for the Volunteer program, predicted before the shoot that skeet was zooming again in Tennessee. One of his clubs had scheduled a shoot early this Spring, and snow had cut attendance to the bone. Local shooters were about ready to call off the event when Sue and Harry Wolberg skidded in from Nashville ready to shoot. And shoot they did.

Emens also predicted a 100 per cent gain in entries at the Alabama State Shoot in Decatur, which this column hopes to cover.

Deadlines and travel problems do not permit the inclusion in this month's column of complete Tennessee results, but we do offer readers the preliminary all-gauge, 410, and 28 gauge results.

Preliminary All-Gauge:

Champion—Major Mack Hunter, Bob Smathers, Owen Frisby, and Sgt. William Wooten, all 50x50 (no shoot-off).

Class AA—Shuford Johnson, Lookout Mountain—49x50

Ralph Price, Atlanta—49x50
Bill Murphy, Nashville—48x50
James Cates, Nashville—48x50
Gordon Street, Chattanooga—47x50
William Brackman, Nashville—47x50

Class A—Clarence Pierce, Chattanooga—48x50

Sgt. Max Quick, Ft. Campbell—48x50
Harry Wolberg, Nashville—47x50
Class B—Eugene Wenz, Louisville—49x50
Dr. Ed Cocks, Memphis—47x50
Fred Emens, Decatur, Ala.—46x50

Class C—Robert Nesbit, Memphis—48x50
Lt. Col. Ralph Disser, Nashville—48x50
E. F. Ragsdale, Nashville—47x50
H. R. Kuhns, Dayton, Ohio—45x50
Lloyd Crain, Birmingham, Ala.—45x50
Harold Payne, Nashville—41x50

Class D—Ralph Polk, Atlanta, Ga.—49x50
Charles Ross, Birmingham, Ala.—47x50
Grant Hulgán, Bessemer, Ala.—47x50
Chester Payton, Louisville—46x50
Al Wolberg, Nashville—45x50

Dr. W. O. Greene, Nashville—43x50
Mrs. Judy Street, Chattanooga—43x50
William Crutchfield, Lookout Mountain—43x50

Class E—Glen Wright, Nashville—48x50
Jack Tillman, Nashville—47x50
Clyde Craddock, Memphis—45x50
Tommy Tillman, Nashville—44x50
Lowell Hill, Nashville—44x50

Sam Rutherford, Franklin, Tenn.—42x50
William Scribner, Nashville—42x50
Donald Ridge, Donelson, Tenn.—41x50
Mrs. Jeanette Rudy, Donelson—41x50
Mrs. Cassie Kuhns, Dayton, Ohio—40x50

410 Championships—Tennessee State:
Champion—E. F. Ragsdale, Nashville—49x50

Runner-up—Owen Frisby, Nashville—48x50
Class AA—William Brackman, Nashville—42x50

Gordon Street, Chattanooga—39x50
Class A—Shuford Johnson, Chattanooga—45x50

William Crutchfield, Lookout Mountain—44x50

Major Mack Hunter, Fayetteville—44x50
Carl Skeen, Jefferson City—43x50
Robert Nesbit, Memphis—41x50
Jimmy Cates, Nashville—36x50

Class B—Harry Wolberg, Nashville—32x50
Class C—George Thompson, Chattanooga—34x50

William Scribner, Nashville—30x50

28 Gauge Championships:
Champion—Major Mack Hunter, Fayetteville—49x50 (shoot-off)

Runner-up—Shuford Johnson, Chattanooga
Class AA—Ed Cocks, Memphis—48x50

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potentially a strong and even a decisive political force which no candidate would risk antagonizing.

Individuals, gun clubs, all concerned must demand from each candidate a concise and irrevocable statement as to the extent he will uphold his oath of office to defend our rights as guaranteed in the Bill of Rights.

Residents of states taking the view that the framers of the Constitution were illiterate men who didn't know the difference between the word "state" and the word "people" must use their political power to convince the candidates for public office to take a more respectful view of the intelligence of our Founding Fathers.

Remember—no Senator or Governor, not even the President of the United States, is too important or too busy at election time to concern himself with our inalienable rights ... if votes hinge on it.

J. Robert Pflieger
Riverhead, New York

Disagreement

In your July '62 issue, on page 12, "How Deadly Is Gunpowder," you stated that a bullet exploded in a fire wasn't dangerous.

I disagree. I once saw some boys throw a .30-06 cartridge in a fire. A few minutes later, there was a bang, and one of the boys had a nasty gash in the neck; not too serious, but painful.

I enjoy your magazine very much.

Thomas D. Neal
Fontana, Calif.

We said, "Bits of brass from torn cases may fly a few feet, but not with sufficient force to penetrate an ordinary cardboard box." This has been proved by many tests. However, a jagged brass fragment could make a nasty, though probably shallow, flesh wound, and this is doubtless what you saw happen.—Editor.

More Help Wanted

You kindly printed my request for information about Manton firearms last year and, as a result, I have received a good deal of information. If you can spare space, I'd be most grateful if you would again ask owners of Manton guns to get in touch with me so that I can include information regarding their arms in my records. I hope to publish my report in about a year.

David Back
72 Melrose Road
Norwich, Norfolk, Eng.

Identification

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I and a lot of my friends enjoyed this article very much. We especially like Civil War and modern military stuff.

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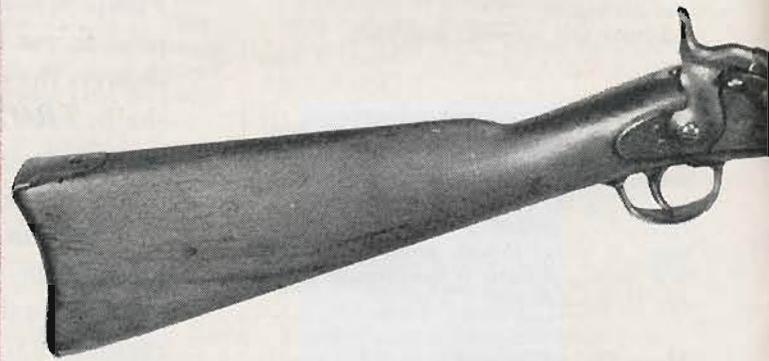
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GUNS OF DEATH VALLEY

PART I



By JAMES E. SERVEN

JIMMY BRUCE was an accomplished gambler. If you don't mind a play on words, you might say also that he was a good hand with a gun, too, when the chips were down. One day, a fellow with whom Jimmy was playing poker had more up his sleeve than a dirty arm. But, even with the hidden cards, this fellow played a losing hand. He became Number One of Jimmy Bruce's five lead-weighted victims in Panamint City's boot hill.

Panamint City was one of the toughest towns strung along the western perimeter of Death Valley. It extended a mile along a gulch called Surprise Canyon, and the most popular establishments there were the saloons and the shacks along Maiden Lane. Wells Fargo & Company were so much concerned about Panamint City's lawlessness that they refused to handle its silver shipments, caustically describing this little mountain community as "a suburb of hell."

There were all kinds of people in Panamint City.

Many western Indians carried trade guns like the tack-studded Leman flintlock (left). Many emigrants bought caplock Hawken rifles (center) for westward trek; and Model 1841 "Mississippi" served many ex-Army pioneers.



Horse pistols like this Model 1842 Aston shot heavy .54 caliber balls, very deadly at close ranges. These were the largest common handguns.



Every year, California gun collectors stage colorful '49er pageant, showing and demonstrating guns of the era. At right, Buck Brown (right) with his ox team, covered wagon, and participants.



Many old western .45-70 Springfield trap-door carbines are still serviceable today.



GUNS COULD MEAN EITHER LIFE OR DEATH IN AMERICA'S MOST DANGEROUS VALLEY

Two of the most colorful were stage robbers John Small and John McDonald. They drifted into Panamint City and began to make a name for themselves by running off some Chinamen, conducting a private war with the Indians, robbing, and raising hell in general. Finally, when other targets became scarce, McDonald shot his partner Small.

The Panamint City gun-slinger who received greatest national recognition was Dave Neagle, one-time owner of the Oriental Saloon. Before arriving at Panamint City, Neagle had come to prominence in the diggings at Tombstone, Butte, Bodie, and other western camps. He had made himself a reputation as a fast man with a gun, and he showed no inclination to let the lustre grow dull.

In the late 1880s, Neagle came to the attention of the U. S. Attorney General's office. They needed a man with Neagle's qualifications to serve as bodyguard for Federal Justice Stephen J. Field. Justice Field had been threatened by Judge David S. Terry — and nobody took Judge Terry's threats lightly.

Judge Terry had killed Senator David Broderick in California's most famous duel, and it looked as though he had the same fate in mind for Justice Field. Terry was bitter over a case wherein he represented a fair lady and in which he had been held in contempt of court by Justice Field.

On the morning of August 14, 1889, Judge Terry encountered Justice Field and Neagle at Lathrop, California. Judge Terry slapped Field in the face, and Dave Neagle, without



Gun collector Otto Vegrot wears buckskin, the broadcloth of the West, holds a half-stocked caplock rifle at Death Valley Encampment.

further ado, put two bullets into Terrey's middle. It seemed like a rather unfair exchange—two bullets for a slap. But Neagle got away with it. Here, indeed, was a very big notch for the Panamint City gunman's six-shooter.

A short distance north of Panamint City sprawled a mining camp bearing the unique name Skidoo. Possibly as unique as the camp's name was a violent bit of business which occurred there when Joe Simpson was too quick on the trigger. This Joe Simpson was a sometime saloonkeeper, a bad hombre who had a reputation for shooting up places when in a drunken temper.

One day, being short of cash, Joe went into the Skidoo Trading Company and demanded a "loan" of the storekeeper, Jim Arnold. Dire threats and compliments of a sort were passed back and forth across the counter on that mild April day. Finally, Joe was thrown into the street.

Smarting under this indignity, Joe returned to his shack, tossed down some fighting whiskey, strapped on his six-shooter, and marched back to the store. With utter disregard for the fabled western code of fair play,



Favorite "hideout" guns were .44 cal. pocket models made by Henry Deringer.

Joe shot and killed Jim Arnold.

Jim Arnold was one of the founders of this proud if rough camp, and he was as popular as Joe Simpson was unpopular. The aroused miners, armed with violent rage, assorted firearms, and a coil of rope, descended en masse upon the Simpson shack. They dragged Joe out and hanged him to the nearest pole. Early next morning, some of the miners cut Joe down and deposited his remains in a shallow grave.

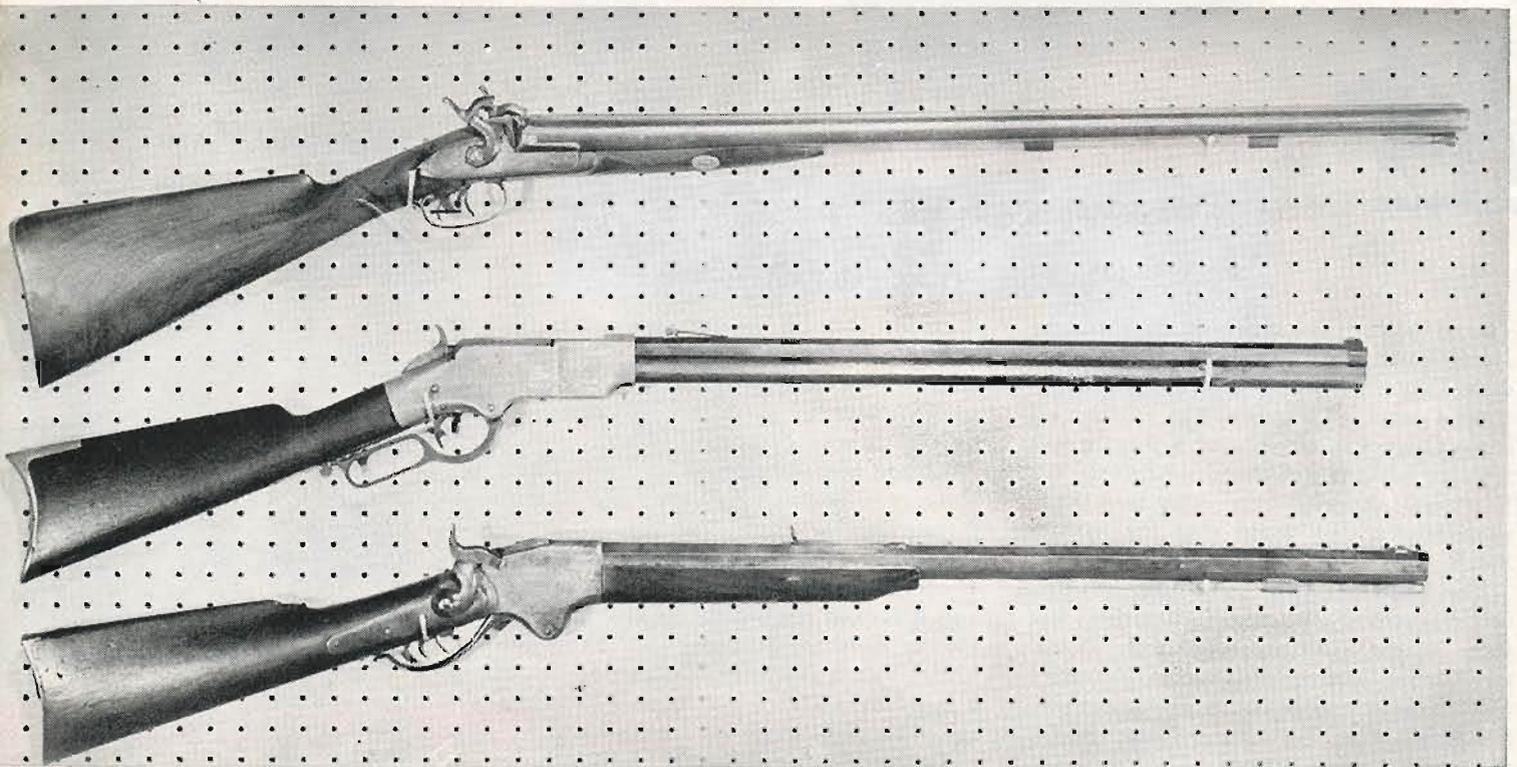
Up to this point, events following the shooting of Jim Arnold had progressed as one might expect among rough men who believed that such a cold-blooded murder warranted taking the law into their own hands. But there was an anti-climax to Joe's hanging. The next day, a photographer appeared at the camp. He was

so downcast that he had not arrived a day earlier to picture the hanging that the obliging miners dug Joe up, dusted him off, and again strung him from the pole where he had served what Skidoo liked to call his "suspended sentence." So Joe Simpson was hanged twice, the second ceremony properly recorded on film.

This was a great occasion for the editor-publisher-printer of "The Skidoo News." After reciting the grim details, he proceeded to try his hand at humor and philosophy. He wrote: "Joe was a true Bohemian to the end; he hung around all night." Then he added: "Local gunmen are already in a chastened frame of mind . . . it is a matter of deep regret, but it was the will of the people."

The will of the people in and around the rough camps of this desolate country was a fickle thing indeed, one time expressed with open-handed charity and then again with hard-fisted violence.

Let us now turn our steps back a bit in time to the white man's first encounter with the awesome wonders of Death Valley. Members of a wagon train, seeking a short route to the gold fields west (Continued on page 64)



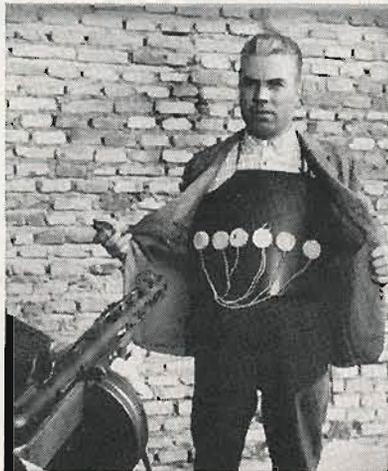
Popular types of shoulder arms used in Death Valley and throughout the west were (top) double barreled caplock shotgun, (center) brass framed Henry .44 rimfire repeating rifle, and (bottom) Spencer repeater. These guns were made in many calibers, did yeoman duty both as meat-getters and for more sanguine uses.

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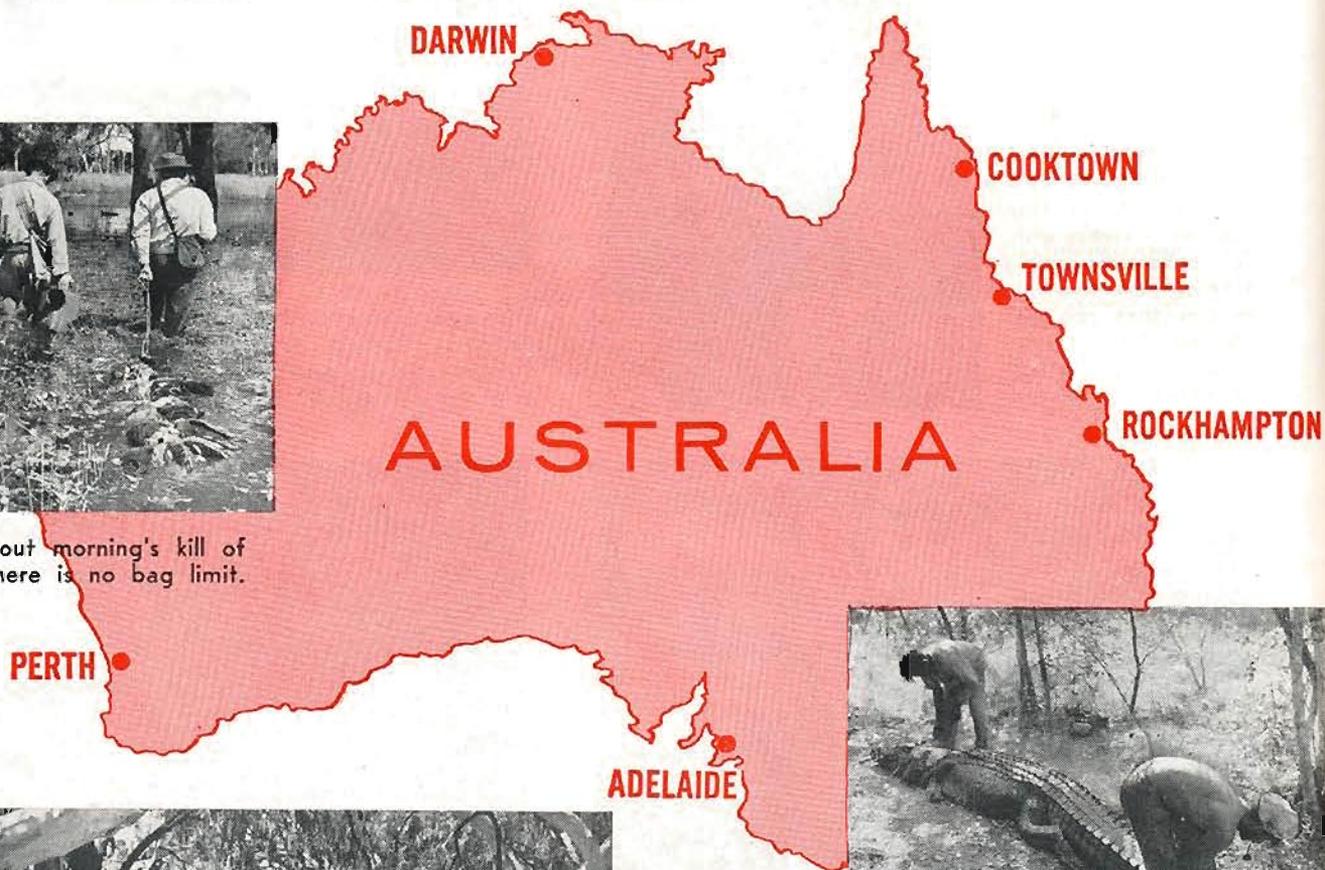


Fine boar trophy rewards a hunter.

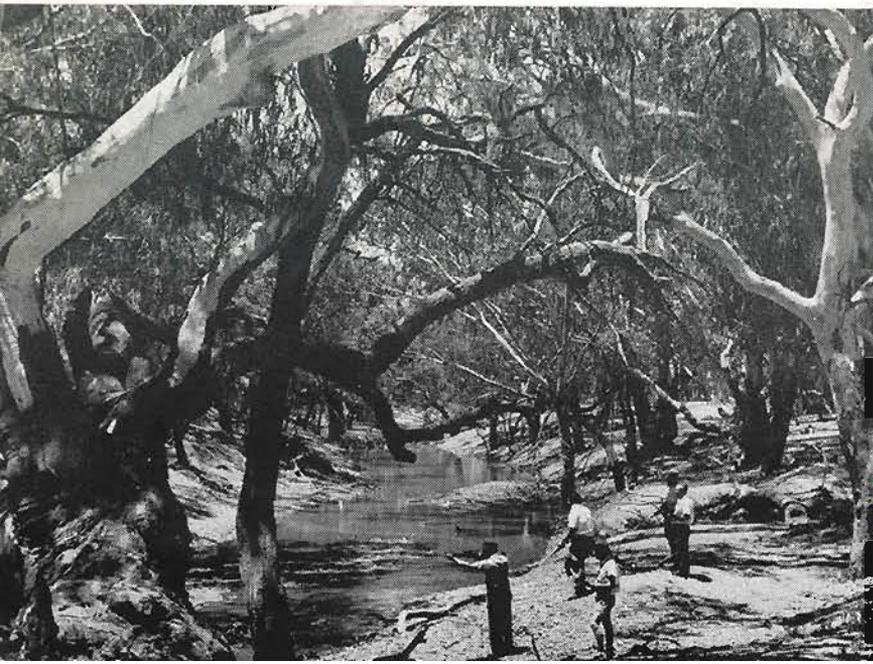
BIG GAME "Down Under"



Three men drag out morning's kill of ducks on which there is no bag limit.



Big crocodile makes an exotic trophy for these U. S. hunters in Australia.



An Australian safari guest takes aim at a wild pig, not visible to camera. There is a wide variety of terrain as well as game.



This is not a big pig, as pigs go "down under." But the hunter is not worried; there's plenty more, including a trophy tusker.

By JEFF CARTER

AFRICA has always rated tops as a big game hunter's paradise, but the "winds of change" across that teeming, dark, tormented continent have somewhat dimmed the picture in recent years. The last thing a hunter wants is to get shot up himself in the middle of a rebellion! Political turmoil, increased restrictions, a reduction of available game, and the mounting cost of an African safari, are all factors in the slow-down on African hunting. But as Africa ails, a new star rises. That star is—Australia!

There are no rhinoceri, elephants, or lions in Australia, but there are some pretty lively substitutes. These include buffalo, crocodiles, wild pigs and kangaroos. The first two are big, dangerous game in any man's language—and unlike Africa's elephants and lions, they are far from being in short supply. (An enraged Australian wild boar, with razor-sharp six-inch tusks gnashing, is something to be reckoned with also, when he charges!)

The last government census of buffalo, made four years ago, put our visible herd population at 800,000. Until that time, scores of professional shooters kept the numbers down, supplying vast numbers of hides to the leather industry. But the bottom fell right out of that market four years ago, and since then, unmolested, the buffalo herds have been growing fast.

Today, there are well over one million of them roaming

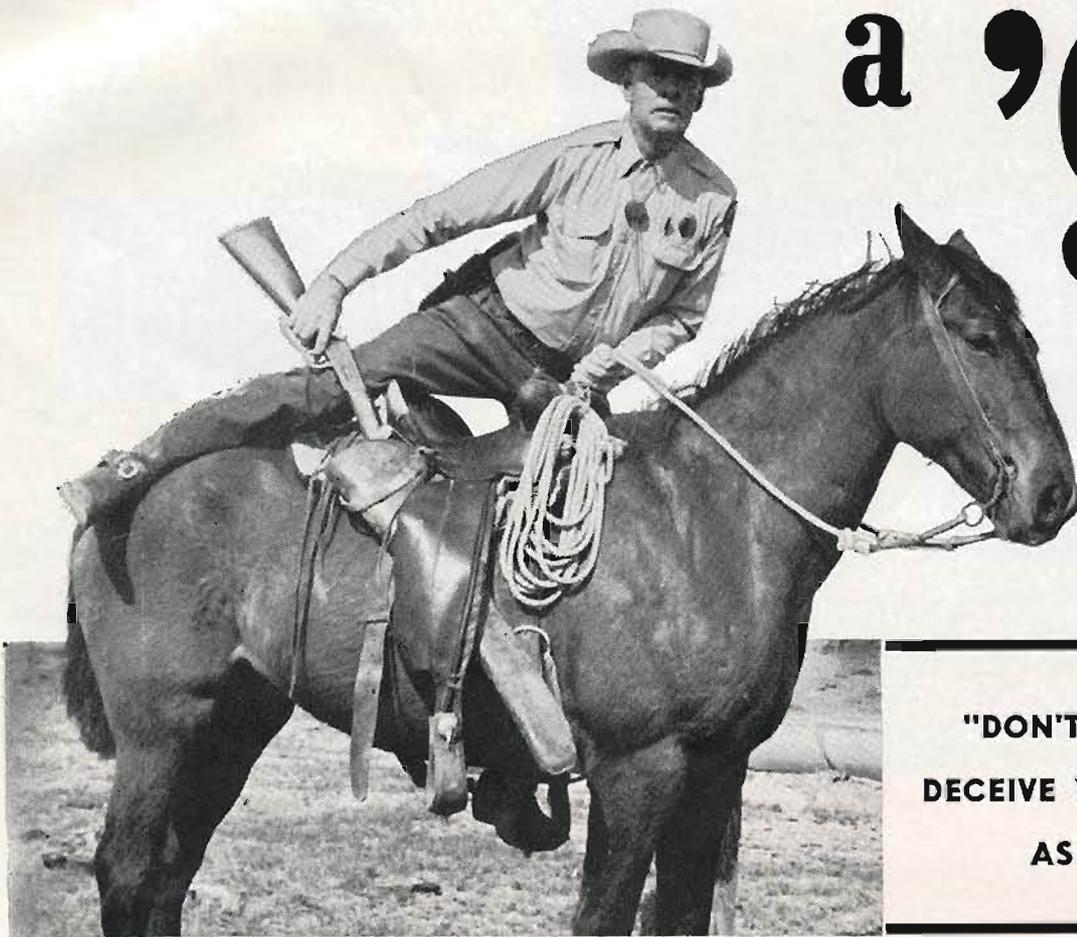
the plains and swamps of northern Australia, only a few hundred miles from the international sea- and airport of Darwin. Only one or two professional shooters still operate, to meet an occasional small order for a few hundred hides or a few tons of (quick-frozen) pets' meat. Deprived of their commercial value, the buffalo are regarded as a pest animal, and there is no restriction whatever on hunting them. You don't need a license, you don't need a permit, and there is no limit to the number you may shoot.

There aren't as many crocodiles as there are buffalo, but there are enough. About a dozen professional shooters still make a good living hunting crocodiles in northern Australia. The skins are worth from \$35 to \$60 each, and the pro shooter expects to kill several crocs a night. (The shooting season lasts only five months; the rest of the year, rain and floods make it impossible to do *anything* in far-north Australia.)

For the sport shooter, crocodile hunting is as exciting and more productive than any other form of big game anywhere in the world outside Australia. Shooting by spotlight from a guide boat at night, any sportsman who can put a bullet between and behind a croc's eyes at ten or fifteen feet is assured of at least one trophy every night.

The average length of the crocs shot by professionals is ten feet, with a sprinkling of bigger (*Continued on page 41*)

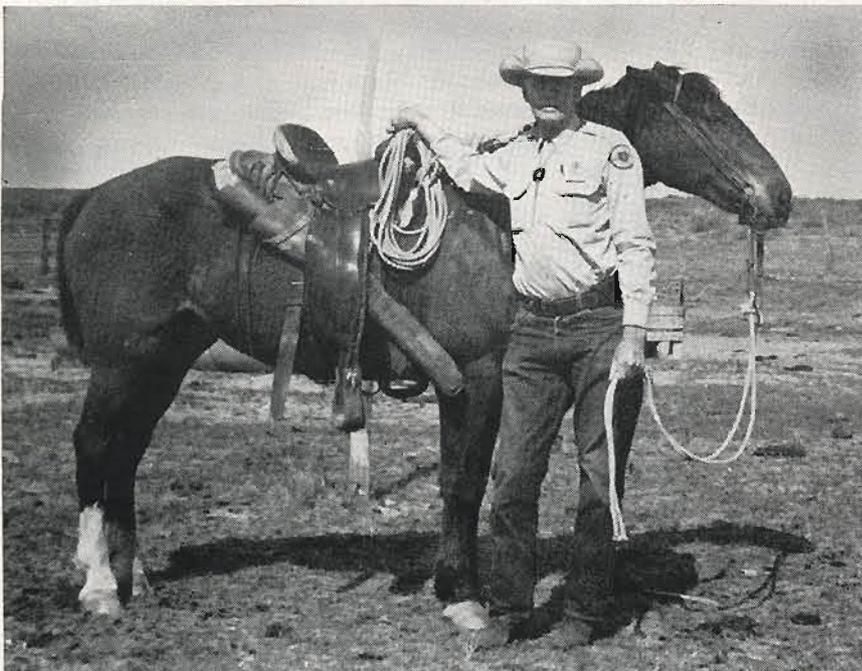
"For My Job, I'll Take a '94"



By WALTER RODGERS

**"DON'T LET A FINE GUN
DECEIVE YOU. YOU'RE NOT
AS GOOD AS IT IS!"**

"They taught me to take my gun down with me when I quit the saddle. Hung this way, it comes easy and ready for business. This is not a show outfit; it's a well-worn working rig on a battle-scarred pony."



Author's working gun today is M-94 carbine .30-30 with a shotgun butt plate and a gold beaded ramp sight.

I WAS BLAZING away with a Model 1894 Winchester .30-30 carbine at a gallon molasses bucket some 300 yards down the draw. I'd just traded for the old gun, and was already wishing I hadn't. Though I'd punctured several holes in the soft evening breeze of southwest Texas, the bucket would still have held another gallon of molasses.

An old puncher came ambling along behind a heavy steerhorn mustache and paused to roll his'self a smoke. "What 'cha doin', son?" he asked. "Tryin' to make a rifle out'n that old saddle gun?" When I informed him that I'd like to make something out of it besides what it was, he told me I just didn't know what I had. "Them's carbine sights, Slim. They're made big and open-so's yuh can see 'em quick and fast, and git yuh onto what has to be shot while it's still shootable. They ain't fer distance."

Picking up an old slab of board busted off the corral fence, he ambled out some 50 yards and leaned it up end-wise against a big live oak tree. Returning, he lifted the slab-sided lever-handling outfit out of my hands. Without awaiting any comments from me, he slammed the lever down and up, the action closing just as the buttstock touched his shoulder, and whanged away. He didn't pause to see where his bullet landed; he repeated his fast re-

loading action and whanged away again. And again, and again, until he'd run plumb out of *whanging* material.

Now, I'd noticed that old sun-warped board dancing a jig to the tune of those hot slugs beating into it; but I was amazed, when we'd walked out there, to discover that I could cover all six shots in the middle of that improvised target with my two outspread hands.

All this happened down in the cow-country of southwest Texas, back when this century was so young its brand hadn't finished peeling. My own brand hadn't haired over good yet, either, and the Model 94 was four years older than I was. But that was the day I received my *sight*, so to speak, on what my gun and cartridge was made for.

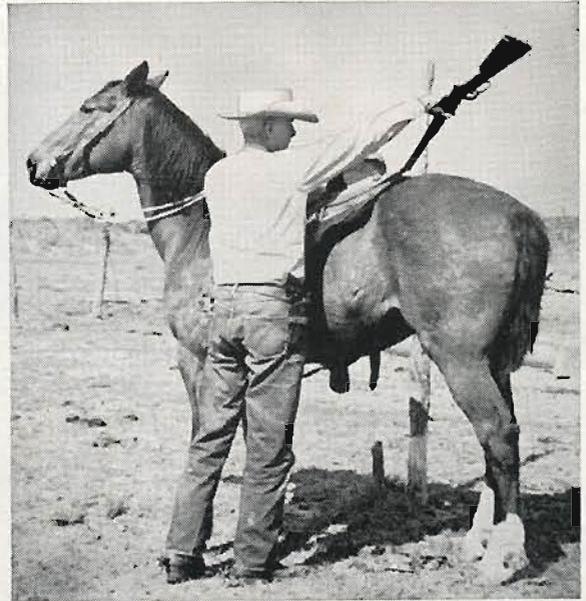
Down along the sun-scorched Rio Grande, riding the rough string in thorny mesquite and cactus, sharing campfires with grizzled old cowmen, prospectors, hunters, trappers, and grim-faced gentlemen wearing the small five-pointed star of the Lone Star State, I got much word-of-mouth information, and many demonstrations on gun-handling. One old Ranger cussed me out proper when he caught me trying to pull a bead on a tin can with my hogleg. He taught me to lay my whole front sight against it, and shoot at the ground beneath the can. That one tip-off increased my gunspeed over 50 per cent with knowledge never published.

I'm talking, of course, about guns and cartridges—and shooting methods—now considered obsolete. I know some about shooters who brag about dime size groups made out yonder further than I'd care to ride a horse on a hot day; but what I'm trying to get over is—it don't take a quarter-mile gun to kill a deer in a forest.

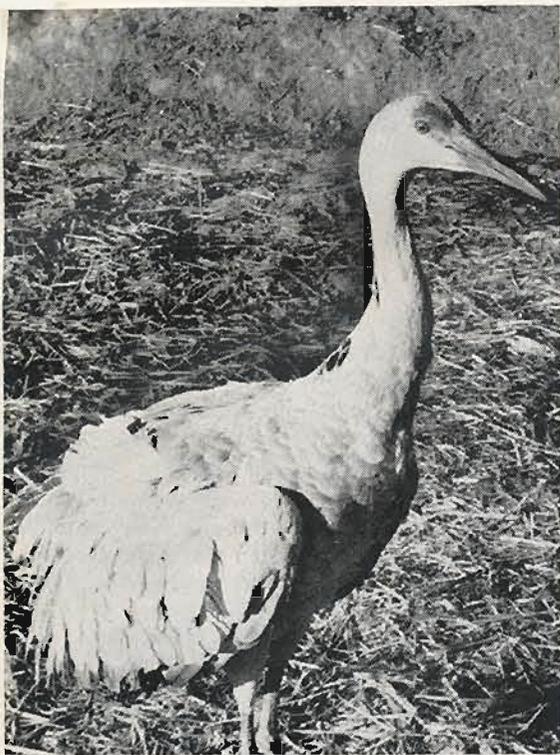
High up in the northwest corner of New Mexico some three years ago, Conservation Officer Don Price and I were patrolling a big game hunt together. A large old mule deer buck, so fat on piñon nuts that he was running all spraddled out, came dusting out of a sagebrush flat on our right, crossed our trail some quarter mile ahead, and plowed up a steep mountain (Continued on page 54)



This is the Model 94 Short Rifle, caliber .25-35, with heavy octagonal barrel and sheared gold front sight—the gun that helped to kill the big Jicarilla mule buck.



"I hang the little gun low, so if I have to make a hole in the end of my rope and lay it over a cow's head, I won't snag my loop on the gunstock. The gun goes into or comes out of the scabbard from the nigh side easily, even on a snorty cayuse."



Sandhill cranes are big birds, blue-grey with scattering of brown feathers, weigh 6-12 lbs.



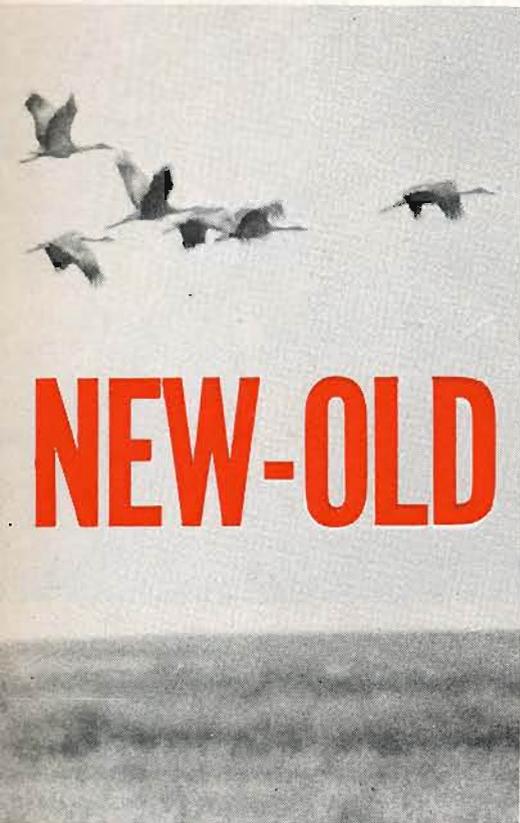
Birds are sharp-eyed, too smart for simple "quicky" blinds. Pioneering this old-new sport, New Mexicans found decoys most effective. Flat cardboard cutouts, larger than life, seemed to work better when painted darker than shown here.



PROTECTED FOR MANY DECADES,
SANDHILL CRANES ARE NOW ON
THE GAME LIST IN CERTAIN AREAS.
HERE'S THE LOWDOWN ON THIS



NEW-OLD SHOTGUN TARGET



By BYRON W. DALRYMPLE

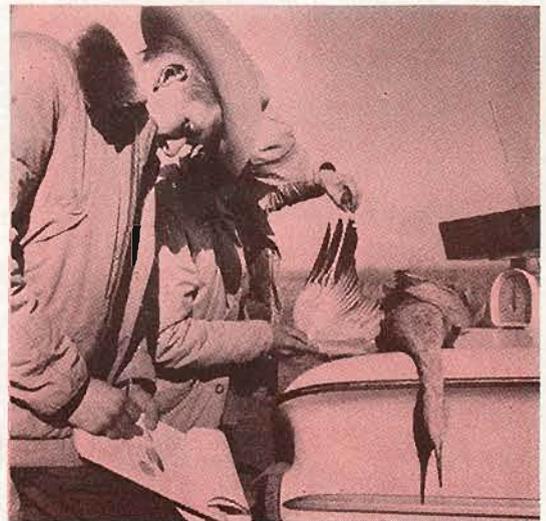
FLOCKS of gangling but great-winged birds riddled the dawn with their din as they rose from the shallow alkali lake in Eastern New Mexico to silhouette themselves against a sky richly tinted by the rising sun. There were literally thousands of them—each bird measuring roughly four feet from tip of beak to tip of toe, six feet from wing-tip to wingtip. These were sandhill cranes—one of America's oldest, and certainly America's newest, game-bird target.

With two shooting partners, I lay in a ditch a quarter of a mile from the lake, watching flock after flock pass, out of range. Big though they are, these are deceptive targets. You *know* how big they are, but it is hard to make your shotgunning reflexes believe that a bird that looks two feet across is still far out of shotgun range!

Finally, a small flock swung toward us. They would pass almost over my partner down the ditch to my left, and I wondered if he could wait while those birds loomed bigger and bigger. He waited—stood finally and poured a 12-gauge load at the leader. The big wings folded, the legs dropped, the bird tumbled. And suddenly we were all running, careless of our own chances for shots in our eagerness for a first close-up of this new game trophy.

The sandhill crane is blue-gray in general color, with a light scattering of buff-brown feathers. The top of the head is featherless, a bright red-orange. The bill is long, heavy, sharp; the legs and neck are very long. The birds are amazingly light for their size, ranging from only six or seven to ten or eleven pounds. They are probably the most wary, the most difficult to hunt, of all migratory species.

When the U.S. was first settled, cranes were among the



Bob Kinghorn takes wing measurements, Don Price records data to be used in positive identification of lesser sandhill cranes.

most highly prized of all our game birds. Great flocks of enormous whooping cranes, white with black wing tips, came trumpeting southward each fall, and when they alighted in grain fields they stood regally, five feet tall. The greater sandhill cranes were resident by tens of thousands on the plains and other good feeding areas; and their cousins, the "little brown" or lesser sandhill cranes were just as numerous.

Possibly the birds were more naive then, but they were difficult enough to get near. Because they stayed in flocks, stood so high, liked to feed in open country, and were amazingly sharp-eyed, they could spot danger quickly and at long distances. Their "approach distance" was several gunshots at best. However, settlers had found out quickly enough that the breast and legs of the cranes were utterly delicious, that they were among the most delectable of all dark-meated birds. Their substantial size and fine flavor put them immediately into the delicacy class. The hunter who contrived to bring down a crane had a real prize.

During those years, there were (Continued on page 50)

Latest of the 7 mm Magnums is Remington M-700. Author used new rifle on a Kodiak bear hunt in spring of '62, killed this husky 9-footer with one well-placed shot.



THREE GUNS CAN MAKE YOU A REASONABLY WELL EQUIPPED HUNTER, IF YOU PICK THEM ACCORDING TO THESE SUGGESTIONS

Taking advice of Guide Les Bowman, Herb Stone dropped big elk with .300 Weatherby Magnum on Wyoming hunt. The rifle pictured above is one belonging to Askins, a .280.



Flat-shooting, hard-hitting new .243 caliber is hard to beat for those longer shots at whitetails and pronghorn antelope as pictured above.

Urial sheep is not a trophy the novice hunter is likely to get. Herb Klein took his in Iran with .300 WM; calls this ideal all-around rifle.



A 3-Gun Battery For the New Hunter

By COLONEL CHARLES ASKINS



Best first-handgun choice is a .22 automatic. A dandy learner's gun, it is good for plinking and small game.

NOBODY seems to know exactly how many new sportsmen join the hunting clans each year, but one thing is certain: they number high in the thousands. Magazine editors as well as the makers of guns and hunting equipment are keenly aware of these new Nimrods—well aware, too, that a high percentage of them need advice and guidance in the selection of their equipment. Here are some tips that may help. No claim is made that these are the only answers; they are, in fact, strictly one man's opinions; but they are based on a considerable number of years of experience, and they may at least guide your thinking in the right direction.

To any neophyte, the field of guns and shooting must seem vast and full of mystery—loaded with a lot of confusing terminology and laden with a bewildering overabundance of guns of many makes, more models, and a plethora of calibers. He hates to expose his ignorance by



Author says choose the action you like, but a 12 gauge with 28" modified barrel is the best all-around choice.

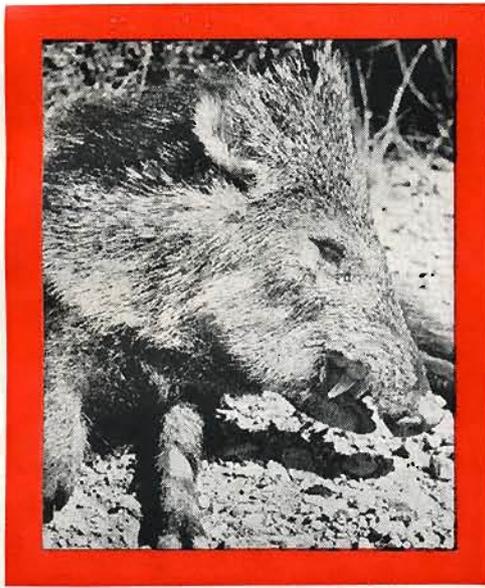


Fine Browning over-under puts both hands on the same level, making gun point better, hitting targets easier.

asking questions, yet he needs answers to many questions if he hopes to invest his money wisely. Which guns should he buy?

Let's face it: telling a novice which guns to buy is a lot like telling a man which gal he should marry. The best anyone can hope to do is to offer a practical, workable, understandable set of values. In the case of guns, let's say that the guns chosen should be well made, accurate, reliable, and as versatile as possible—this is, useful in different kinds of hunting. For the sake of brevity, let's limit our recommendations to new models or new calibers wherever possible. To be sure, each new model and new caliber will have its counterpart or near-counterpart (maybe several of them) in older guns; but once you start measuring guns in terms of use and effectiveness, you can pretty well follow your own likes and dislikes in selecting guns of nearly equal characteristics.

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Not big but fast on his feet, the wary javelina tusker is an illusive target.

First Find Your JAVELINA— Then Hit Him!

**A FOOTBALL BOUNCING DOWN THE ROCKY SIDE OF A MOUNTAIN?
THAT'S WHAT IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU GO FOR ARIZONA PIG**

By RALPH A. FISHER

Rough, brushy terrain adds to a hunter's problems. But those who sample the sport come back for more, are not even deterred by rising fees for licenses.



I BROKE THROUGH the dense mountain brush, slid, fell, swore, dug in, gained traction, then halted as the boar flushed. I took one squint through the Bushnell "Scope Chief" 4X, located the target, squeezed the cold trigger of my Savage Model 99 .300—and the 150 grain Nosler bullet knocked the javelina kicking.

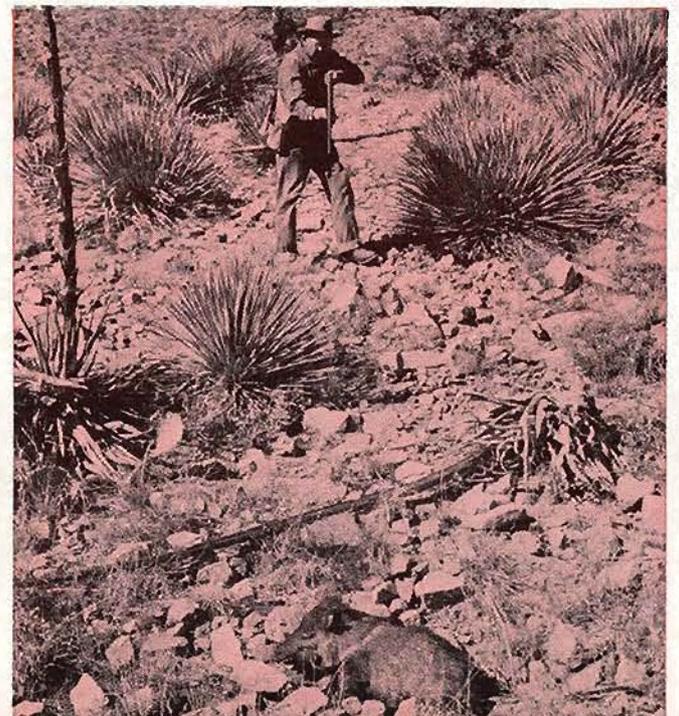
Pauline Doescher, standing downhill and to my right some 50 yards, fired her .257 Roberts a second later, and her 100 grain Silvertip handload spun another running pig into a long slide that ended as it dug into the brush and rock cover.

This fast action took place during the third year that Pauline and Ted Doescher hunted javelina with me in Arizona in midwinter. For two years, during the statewide open season when the non-resident hunter could purchase a javelina license for \$5.00 and a game tag for \$1.00, my two guests had failed to score. In 1958, Pauline spotted game deep in a sandy wash at the foot of Ox Bow Hill under the rugged Arizona Mountain Range one afternoon; but you don't track and trail javelina in silence for an hour, then crawl from beneath a tight barbed-wire fence strung along a hogback ridge, stand up, yell "There they go!" and expect to tag one of them. All that any of us could do that time was to whisper, "There they go!"

But Pauline and Ted are great sports, and hunting javelina is in their blood. So, when they departed our home in Payson, Arizona, in late February, 1958, their promise, tucked in with a warm good-by, was, "See You Next Season!"

Between the seasons, many things can take place. The increase in license fees on many of our game species caused much concern, for the \$5.00 fee jumped to \$20.00,

EVER TRY TO PUT A BULLET INTO



plus the one dollar fee for a tag. That made pig hunting for out-of-staters a bit steep. My friend, Sam Johnson of Phoenix, a licensed guide, had 13 hunters withdraw reservations that year when they heard that the price of pig-meat in Arizona had jumped to \$21.00. (Javelina are listed as big game in Arizona but non-residents hunt 'em on a small game license.)

The Doeschers hunted dove with me that September, and we told ourselves over and over that "The third year will be the lucky one" for javelina. Then, on February 4, 1959, the well-laden "Country Squire" drove into my driveway. "Any pigs, Ralph?" Pauline asked as she deposited no-smear lipstick over my whiskers.

"We'll find 'em," I told her, "if it takes all winter!"

We took off the next morning, well armed and hopeful. Pauline's rifle was a .257 Roberts on an FN action, with 4X Bausch & Lomb scope, loaded with 150 grain Silvertip handloads. Ted carried a Marlin carbine in .35 Remington caliber, with a 2½X Bushnell scope on Pachmayr Lo-Swing mounts, using 150 grain Peters ammo. My own rifle, in case you're interested, was a .300 Savage Model 99, with a Bushnell "Scope Chief" 4X scope. There's a wide latitude of

choice in rifles for javelina; the main trick is to hit them!

It was a trick we didn't accomplish that day. We were hunting the Fred Chilson range, with results that were pretty discouraging. The waterholes were dry, and the pig sign we found was old. Then, as I was beating the brush on a sandstone ledge above a brushy dry wash, a lone sow darted out and down the shadowy trail some 40 paces from Pauline. The .257 cracked, but the pig never wavered. It was a clean miss, but not one to shame any hunter. A pig running downhill through brush and shadows is a testing target.

Sitting around a cheerful fire of juniper logs that evening, Ted and I brushed down three dusty rifles and repeated our slogan: "This is the lucky year!" "At 21 dollars a pig, it had better be!" Ted grumbled. "Let's pick only the big ones!"

Next morning, at 4 A.M., we found ourselves with another hunter. Outside our door, parked in the early morning frost, was a Ford four-wheel-driver with a camp-equipped interior—its driver, Marshall Smith of Phoenix, fast asleep inside.

We acquired still other (Continued on page 68)



Fisher, at left and in top picture, is long-time Arizona guide who likes hunting the wily pigs, has written "Guide To Javelina" book.



Pauline Doescher wears victory smile as she displays her Table Mountain trophy.



There is no "best" rifle for pigs. Take the one with which you are most familiar.



Getting those bucks into the Jeep was a problem; getting the Jeep out of that canyon was another. But we made it.

BIG MULEYS

HUNTING MULEYS is a man-to-buck proposition—the buck trying to see you first and leave you behind him with those great, rubber-ball bounds; you trying to see him first, trying to cut him down with your favorite rifle.

And just in case you had other ideas about it, muleys are not boobs. You may see them, picture-wise, on an open slope, before the season; but let a gun or two crack off in season, and mule deer get downright crafty. Oh, you may blunder onto a big buster, but that's usually a case of such mutual surprise that you may not even react in time to pop a cartridge. The buck will react fast—that much I will promise. They always do.

Wyoming muley licenses are easy to come by and, although the State is divided into assorted deer-hunting areas, your license is good anywhere during the individual area open seasons. Most areas permit the taking of a deer of either sex, which allows you to hunt for a bragging buck, or to take a doe, at your option. This light control of the hunter harvest adjusts the number of deer surviving each season, and their prospective fawns, to the available forage, insuring strong and healthy herds. It also, when combined with the long hunting season which Wyoming has in common with all other muley-rich Western States, practically guarantees that even the slick-eared greenhorn will get his chance at venison. Note that I said "His chance." Nobody guarantees nobody more than that, with muleys.

I live right on the transition line between the habitats of whitetails and muleys. Where whitetails begin to taper off in population the burgeoning muleys rapidly take over. In some places, where suitable



Game-wise guide Ed Rickman, who put the hunters close up to two muley trophies.

habitat exists for each, they may be very nearly 50-50 in distribution. But such areas are limited.

The Allemand ranch, where I had been invited to hunt, offers a choice deer-hunting area approximately 100 miles from the ranch headquarters. We could have had good hunting right on the ranch premises, but I chose the more distant area. Muleys should be, I feel, hunted in woolly wilderness. The hunter who doesn't enjoy new country should confine his exercise to the bridge tables.

To my vast delight, the map given me led into the famous Hole-in-the-Wall country—the area where "Butch" Cassidy and his Wild Bunch of train and stagecoach robbers holed up between raids. This was also the hangout of the Hole-in-the-Wall Gang of horse-thieves and cattle rustlers. Both groups of outlaws lived in peace with the legitimate local ranchers of that era; what friction developed was strictly confined to wrangles between the outlaws themselves and with various law-enforcement agencies that tried to "smoke up" their hideouts.

Following my map, I got to the very edge of the red-limestone wall from which this country got its early-day name. There Ed Rickman met me with a Jeep, and we trundled another 15 miles back, paralleling The Wall for a third of that distance, into the fringes of the Big Horn mountains. Our headquarters were to be, Ed said, in a line cabin at the very edge of where four-wheel-drive vehicular

travel came very close to its good-weather end. It sounded like pure wilderness, which suited me.

We found the line cabin humming with evening activity. Two other hunters, the MonteVerde brothers, Joe and Rich, of California, were there. So were guide Warren Chadwick and his young son. But, two hours later, the only sounds were the final pops of burning wood in the range, an occasional bit of bed restlessness, and the outside scrabbling of a pack-rat that could smell the goodies inside the cabin.

After a rib-sticking breakfast we split up. Joe went with Warren and his son toward The Wall to scout that country for muleys. I joined Rich and Ed in the Jeep, with cameras, binoculars, and rifle, for a long day of exploring the higher levels. We were in no hurry. We wanted to get oriented with those new surroundings and observe the game.

We saw some 30-odd muleys that day, plus an early-morning bobcat. It was highly significant that the young bucks were running with mature does and fawns. The mature bucks were still herding off by themselves. Wyoming's very sensible early deer season offers the great advantage of hunting bucks before they go into the rut. It takes only a few days of avid doe chasing to run off much of the tallow which gives muley venison its fine flavor. Once the rut gets under way, the bucks eat little, travel a lot, gaunt up rapidly, and their (Continued on page 52)

ARE SMART!

By BERT POPOWSKI

IN THIS RICH MULE DEER COUNTRY, YOU CAN
FILL YOUR TICKET FAST, OR YOU CAN PLAY IT
SMART. BUT LUCK HELPS, IF YOU LIVE RIGHT



Popowski beams over a muley buck taken on another hunt; "a hat-rack for sombreros!"

Another hunter smiles proudly over a fine black-tailed buck, this one taken when he crossed an opening in less rugged country. As writer says, they're where you find 'em.



Target carriers are easily portable, can be set up anywhere, for bullseye or silhouette targets.

By COLONEL LYMAN P. DAVISON

DURING SOME recent test firing, the need for portable target frames and barricades produced the most practical solutions I have encountered.

With just some rough ideas in mind, I requested my associate Lawrence A. Severson, to design and construct a portable target frame or standard, and a stable, portable barricade.

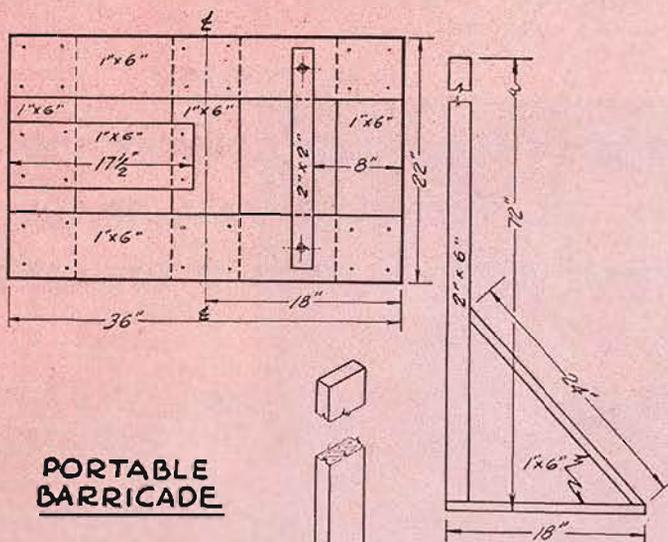
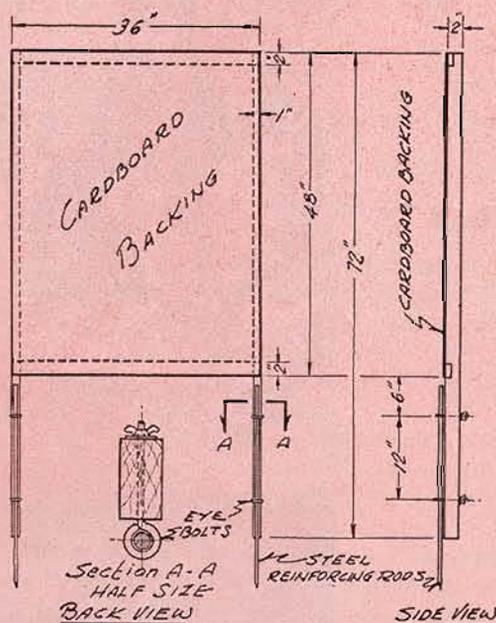
The target frame had to be light in weight, and yet be capable of being set up on any type of terrain. Once set up, the target frame had to remain stable even in a fairly high wind. These requirements posed some problems. However, Mr. Severson solved the stability problem by the ingenious use of four eye bolts and two sections of steel reinforcing rod.

The target frame can be easily set up by simply dropping a section of the reinforcing rod through each set of eye bolts, and driving the rod from several inches to a foot into the ground, depending upon the firmness of the ground.

Properly constructed, stable barricades for use in simulated combat firing of the handgun are not always available even on the better (Continued on page 58)

HOW TO MAKE A PORTABLE TARGET FRAME AND BARRICADE

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The New Block-Buster

By PAT SNOOK

A wall of regular block and mortar construction was built as a target.

LIVES WERE SAVED in World War II when our GIs, mopping up in towns and villages during Allied advances, blasted their way from house to house rather than through streets vulnerable to enemy fire. Every test I made with the AR-15—that sleek, light, high velocity, little rifle-submachine gun developed by Armalite and manufactured by Colt—increased my respect for the amazing power it delivers at point of impact, and when a buddy reminded me of that house-to-house fighting in Europe, I decided to try an experiment. I'd build a masonry wall and see if the AR-15 would shoot through it.

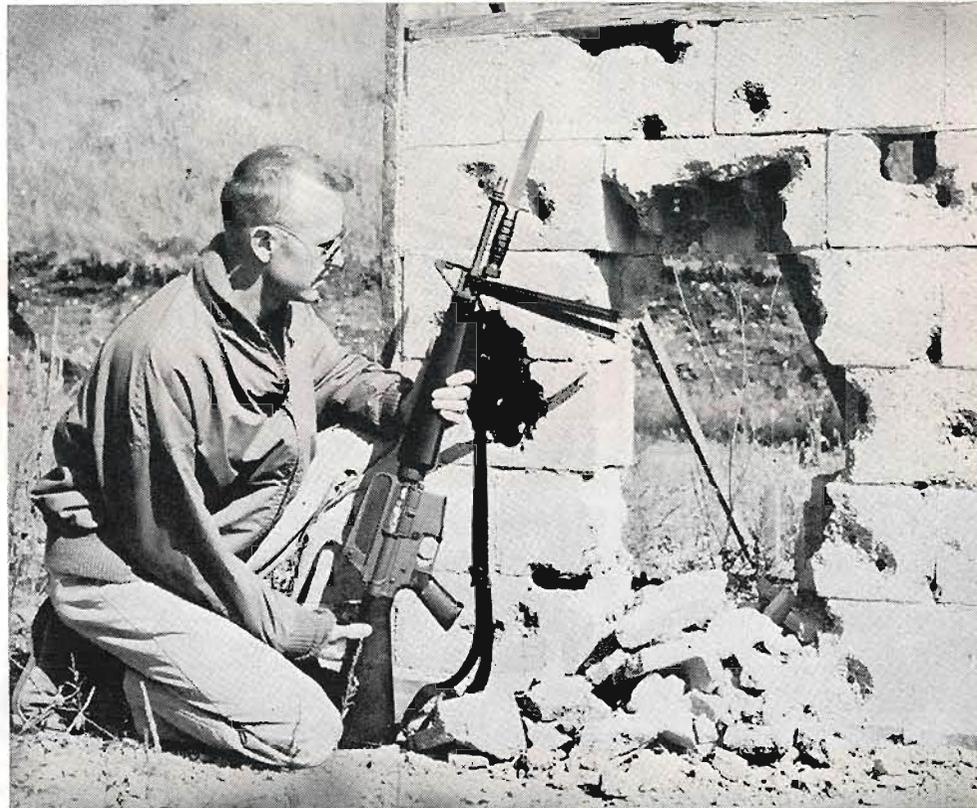
GUNS gave you a thorough run-down on the AR-15 ("New Gun Against Crime") away back in April, 1961, so all that is needed here is a brief synopsis. The AR-15 fires a 55 grain, .223 caliber bullet at a muzzle velocity of 3300 feet per second—with accuracy enough to hit a man's steel helmet at 500 yards, and with enough terminal energy at that range to bore straight through both sides of that helmet. I know, because I've done it.

In my opinion, the AR-15 is so far superior to the M-14 rifle adopted many months ago for U. S. ground forces (but so far supplied to less than 10 per cent of the troops) that any comparison is ridiculous. The M-14 weighs 10 to 12 pounds, the AR-15 weighs only 5½. Figure that in the weight of the AR-15 ammo, and you've got some 200 rounds ready to fire before the M-14 soldier ever picks up a cartridge. A 500-round magazine for the AR-15 weighs less than 20 pounds, is carried on the back, feeds into the gun through a flexible chute. Ten men so equipped would carry firepower of 7,500 rounds per minute, with almost 400 tons of energy!

Words are not needed to tell the story of the results of my test on concrete masonry; the pictures tell the story! A man armed with an AR-15 doesn't need a bazooka, or tools, to help him through a wall like this; he can cut his own door!



Hip-held and firing full automatic, the AR-15 cut its own door through the masonry. Lighter than Army's M-14, new gun has great firepower.



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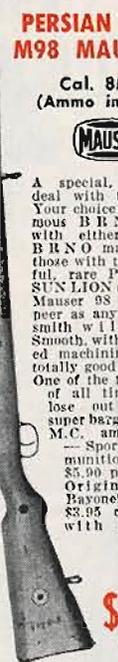
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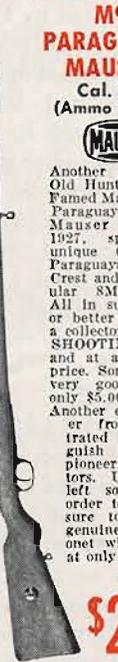
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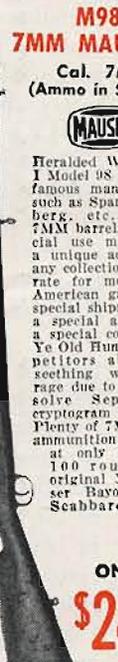
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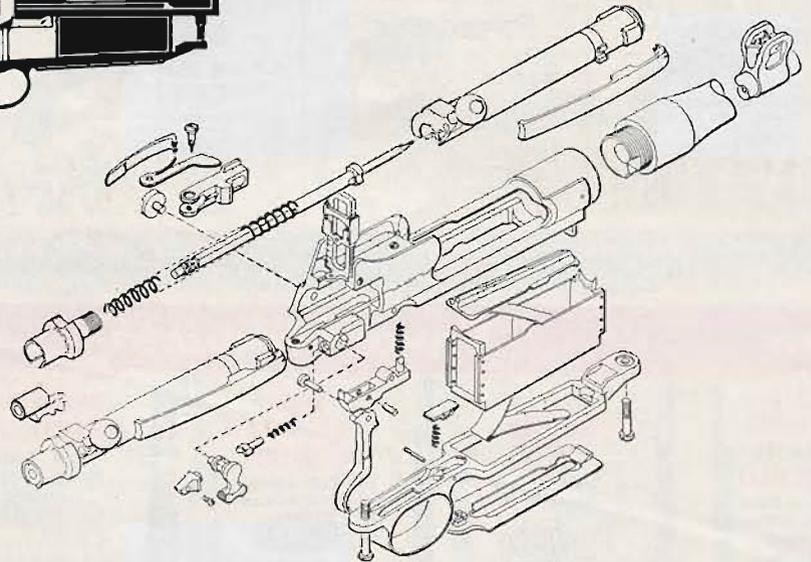
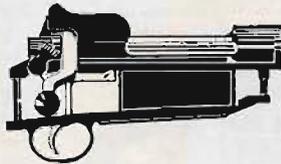
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AT THE ENFIELD RIFLE

By SHELLEY BRAVERMAN



IN 1917, the United States solved a critical shortage of Army rifles by adapting the British Pattern 1914 rifle, then being made in large quantities by American factories, to the .30-06 cartridge.

The Enfield '17 is a very strong action. About a quarter century ago, Griffin & Howe rebarreled an Enfield for the .300 H&H Magnum, and this gun won the President's Hundred at Camp Perry.

As issued, the bolt cocks on the closing stroke. Some owners find this objectionable; others value it for easier extraction. Custom gunsmiths, in converting Enfields to sporters, frequently alter the cocking cycle. Almost always, the trigger guard is straightened, reducing the magazine capacity to four cartridges, and the protecting "ears" of the rear sight-complex are removed.

The commercial Remington Model 30 series was based on this action. Introduced in 1921, the Model 30 was a popular item for 20 years, and was used by sportsmen all over the world.

About the only delicate part is the slender arm of the ejector, which acts as a spring and is susceptible to breakage. This may be corrected by drilling a small hole into the edge of the ejector, and installing a coil spring.

The '17, as issued, had a 26", five-groove, left-hand-twist barrel, with a groove depth of .005" and a bore diam-

eter ranging from .300 to .303". Later production had two-groove and four-groove barrels with standard Springfield specifications. The thumb-safety and the oddly shaped bolt-handle (which permits of low telescope mounting) are also attractions for converters.

Bolt disassembly is tricky. After withdrawal from the action, the cocking piece must be held out of engagement with the bolt body in order to allow the bolt sleeve to be unscrewed. In most Enfields, the cocking-piece has a "safety dismounting notch" around which a piece of strong twine may be looped. By pulling and turning at the same time, the striker assembly may be removed from the bolt-body. Placing the nose of the firing pin on a wooden surface while pressing downward on the bolt sleeve, will allow the cocking-piece to be given a quarter-turn and separated from the firing-pin body. In very early issue Enfields, the "safety dismounting notch" does not appear. In these models, the cocking-piece may be held away from the bolt sleeve by the use of a coin inserted between the members by manipulation of the bolt while in the action, with safety in the "on" position.

WARNING: Under no circumstances should an Enfield be carried with the firing-pin resting on a cartridge in the chamber.

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BIG GAME "DOWN UNDER"

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specimens up to twenty feet. There are bigger crocs than this in the northern rivers of Australia. These giant, wily old saurians have stayed alive because they are too clever for the fast-working professional who hasn't time to waste stalking one croc when he could shoot three smaller ones in the same time. But these giants occasionally fall to the gun of a keen trophy hunter with the time and inclination to stalk them.

In addition to buffalo and crocodiles, northern Australia offers the sporting hunter plenty of other targets. These include wild pigs, kangaroos and a profusion of teeming wildfowl that would make any American scatter-gunner gape in disbelief. Once again, because they are present in such abundance, there are no permits, licenses, or regulations of any kind on wild-fowling. You can shoot all you like. It isn't expensive, either. In fact, the cost of joining an Australian big game safari is only 25 dollars a day. For this you get transport, shelter, food, guns, ammunition, and a guide! If you happen to be interested in fishing (and the fishing in northern Australia is as fantastically good as the shooting), you also get rods, reels, lines, and bait supplied.

For transport to, around, and from the shooting areas, you travel in 4-wheel drive, go-anywhere Land Rover safari waggons. Accommodation is in tents, fly and mosquito netted; this includes your eating quarters. You sleep on fold-away camp cots. The food you eat, apart from tea, coffee, canned vegetables and such, is largely the fresh produce

of the land: delicious fish such as barramundi, ducks, geese, kangaroo-tail soup, turtle eggs, and so on. This food is cooked rather primitively, on Australian-designed iron "camp-ovens," heated above the coals of your camp fire. But brother, wait till you taste it!

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The only additional costs you can incur are for the skinning of your crocs or buffalo, or the mounting of your trophy heads. For this work, native camp helpers are available. It's all a matter of bargaining, with money and cigarettes (no liquor); but you can take the average cost at about \$5 for removal of a croc or buff skin, and perhaps \$10 for preparation of a trophy head for either animal.

If you like, you can bring your own shooting irons. There are no difficult customs regulations. You can bring them ashore at the north Australian sea- and airport of Darwin without difficulty. (No pistols, though.) For buffalo, you need a caliber at least the equal of the Australian favorite, the .303. A .270 is satisfactory for other

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north Australian game, including crocs, pigs, kangaroos, wallabies, and dingoes (wild dogs).

Australia's main big game areas are located in the remote, almost uninhabited Northern Territory (523,620 square miles—white population only 18,000; native population 17,000). Apart from Darwin on the north coast, and Alice Springs almost 900 road miles to the south, there are no sizeable towns in the entire Territory. The nearest towns of even moderate size are the ports of Cairns, Townsville, and Rockhampton, 1,500 miles east on the coast of lush, tropical Queensland, inside the world-famous Great Barrier Reef (Australia's biggest tourist attraction). It's a vast, remote, sparsely settled area, this new Mecca for big game hunters.

Until only three years ago, there were no facilities at all for visiting sportsmen. American shooters turned up occasionally in Darwin, usually on world ship tours, and persuaded a professional buffalo or crocodile shooter to take them out for a few days' sport. But conditions on these trips were too spartan for most tourists, and although the game was plentiful, not many came back a second time!

A shooters' club operated briefly at Karumba, a thousand miles east of Darwin on the shores of the Gulf of Carpentaria. A few charter boats from Cairns and other north Queensland ports still take croc shooters up to Cape York and around into the Gulf of Carpentaria; but these trips cost real money and crocs are the only target. There is no chance of getting amongst the buffalo, pigs or kangaroos.

The first north Australian safari service, designed specially to cater for overseas shooting tourists, was started in Darwin three years ago. Its charges were around \$45 a day, and it served up to a dozen shooters at a time. Today its future seems uncertain.

However, an ex-professional buffalo and crocodile shooter has since established the safari already briefly described, and is doing good business with "foreign" tourists, particularly "Yanks." The organizer of this safari is a 33-year-old Australian, Don McGregor, who calls his outfit, simply, "Don McGregor's Safari." His headquarters are at the tiny one-hotel, one-shop settlement of Pine Creek, about 150 miles south of Darwin. McGregor takes only four guests at a time, so that he is able to give plenty of individual attention to each customer. His pretty blonde wife, Nola, acts as chief cook and hostess on the safari, while a small team of native "boys" and "girls" do the usual camp chores (breaking and setting up camp, firewood gathering, game skinning, waitressing, etc.).

The McGregor safaris range over thousands of square miles of completely virgin buffalo and crocodile country between the South and East Alligator Rivers, right on the border of the forbidden (to white men) 31,000-square-mile Arnhem Land aboriginal reserve. There is no hard and fast itinerary, and McGregor takes his guests where they want to go, in search of whatever game interests them most.

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No one has ever estimated the crocodile population of north Australia. Professionals have thinned them out in some rivers, following almost 30 years of continuous shooting. But there are scores of rivers and hundreds of creeks and billabongs spread along 1000 miles of coastline east and west of Darwin, all inhabited by crocodiles (excluding the Arnhem Land native reserve).

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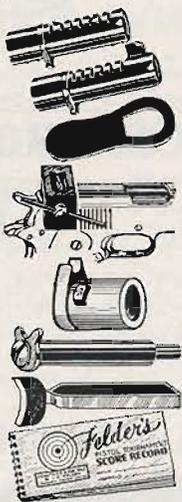
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When making up guest lists for his safaris, McGregor usually studies the game preferences of his intending customers (from their letters), and arranges groups with similar interests. His safari itinerary changes with each trip. If guests are interested solely in

buffalo shooting, nothing else is done. If they want only crocodiles, then that's OK with McGregor.

However, McGregor finds most of his guests want to try a little of everything, during the usual seven day safari. (Some last only three days, others 14 days, depending on the guests.) With such groups, a few typical days might run something like this:

During a seven day safari, the average all-round sportsman can usually bag several buff trophies, at least one croc, half a dozen each of pigs and kangaroos, maybe a wild dog, all the geese and ducks he can carry, a couple of barramundi up to 40 lbs., several rock cod up to 20 lbs., dozens of hard-fighting saratoga and perch, and similar numbers of mullet and other saltwater species.

Cost for the seven days would be \$175 to McGregor, perhaps \$25 to natives for skinning and trophy mounting, \$10 for return bus fare from Darwin. Total: \$210, plus your cigarettes and liquor. Not bad.

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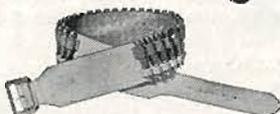
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THREE-GUN BATTERY FOR NEW HUNTERS

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A vast majority of "first guns" are rifles, so let's look at them first. And since more "first hunters" hunt whitetail deer than any other big game animal, what's the best rifle for whitetails? We've got 'em literally by the score, each likely to be touted as the best by some expert. ("But," you say, "my first rifle was a .22, and my first game animals were squirrels and rabbits." So you were lucky. And you probably have enough gun savvy by now not to need these suggestions. This is for the guy who didn't have that kind of parents!)

The rifle that has belted down more venison, over the years, than all others put together is the old Winchester Model 94, in .30-30 or kindred calibers. There just ain't no better whitetail rifle, within its limits. Up to about 150 yards (and, in expert hands, a little further), that 170 grain slug pelting along at 2200 feet per second will get the job done. It is well made, reliable, and plenty accurate for its purposes. It's only in versatility that gets a poor score on our table of values. Sight it in at 100 yards and then face a target 250 yards distant, and you've got to figure that your bullet will drop 17 inches below point of aim by the time it reaches the target. True, most whitetails are killed within 100 yards of the shooter; but maybe you will be shooting in prairie or mountain country, where longer shots are frequent; and maybe you'll want to hunt antelope also—and antelope may laugh at your efforts to get within .30-30 distance. So, for versatility, let's look at some other rifles.

The best of these, in my opinion, are the .257 Weatherby Magnum, and the .243. The .257 WM fires its 117 grain bullet at a muzzle velocity of 3320 fps, delivering a blow at the muzzle (muzzle energy) of 2850 foot pounds. At 300 yards, it has a midrange trajectory of only 4.4 inches. This means that, if the gun is aimed on the button at a target 300 yards distant, the bullet will never be more than 4.4 inches above the line of sight at any point throughout that distance. This means that the gent who is pretty poor at estimating distance can miss-guess the range by 100 yards or more and still hit where it will count, providing he can aim well. This is a real advantage to the average hunter.

The second number mentioned above, the .243, is not quite up to the first one in zip or smash, but it is still a fairly hot cartridge. Its best bullet is the 100 grain slug, which it drives at 3075 fps, with a muzzle energy of 2100 ft. lbs. If you sight in the .243 at 200

yards (as you should), at 250 you will be only 2 1/2 inches low—not enough to miss a jackrabbit—and at 300 yards it is low only 7 1/4 inches—not enough to miss a deer.

Not only are these both fine deer rifles—both are also real meat-in-the-pot guns for long range antelope, for coyotes, for woodchucks, and hawks, and other such specialized fauna as the javelina. In fact, I would be perfectly content anywhere east of the Mississippi and south of Quebec with either of this pair.

Weatherby makes up the .257 on his ex-



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cellent Mark V action. It is a splendid gun. The .243 is offered by several thoroughly reputable manufacturers. Typical is the .243 Sako "Forester" model, distributed by Firearms International. This 6 1/2-lb. lightweight, with 23-inch barrel, is made up on the highly improved and modernized Mauser-type Sako action, especially tailored for the short .243 cartridge. The receiver is milled out to accept the scope mount without the use of the scope blocks, and the short-throw bolt with its countersunk bolthead and adjustable trigger pull make this one of the neatest packages on the market.

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(In the .243, the choice is broader. The Remington Core-Lokt 100-grain is a very consistent performer. It holds together very well and kills consistently. The Nosler bullet is not available in .243 unless the shooter handloads—in which case it is available and is a sturdy performer.)

Veteran hunters may speculate as to why such perfectly good deer rifles as the .250 Savage, the .257 Roberts, the .270 Winchester, the old 7x57, the .280 Remington, the .30-40, the .300 Savage, the .30-06, and others, have not been named. Go back to our opening statements. We're picking the new ones. If you prefer an old one with roughly similar characteristics, or characteristics you like better—it's your money.

Let us pass on now to that intermediate field of our game animals which includes species which may range up to one thousand pounds in weight—including such fauna as the wapiti (elk), and the bears (excluding the Alaska brown and the polar)—and including all our four species of mountain sheep, the Rocky Mountain goat, and the caribou. It is a fairly large group, and it contains some toughies—targets which can soak up lead and keep going, and other targets which have been known to fight back. It contains, by the same token, game which is relatively easy to kill, like the sheep and the caribou. (These latter species might have been bracketed with the deer, but have been listed with the larger animals because, all too frequently, shots must be made at longish ranges, and this necessitates a rifle of larger caliber with added power in addition to that essential faculty for flat shooting.)

Best for the grizzly-elk-sheep-goat-caribou cartridges, for my money, is the .300 Weatherby Magnum or, equally good, the new .308 Norma Magnum. The ballistics of the two are practically identical. Both use 180-grain bullets driven at 3100 fps, and both produce about 4,000 ft. lbs. of muzzle poosh. The .300 WM is a complete gun-and-cartridge combination; the .308 Norma Magnum is a fine cartridge. At this time, two of the commercial manufacturers are in production of a rifle for this sterling round, and within the very immediate future, Savage will chamber their excellent Model 110 rifle for this cartridge.

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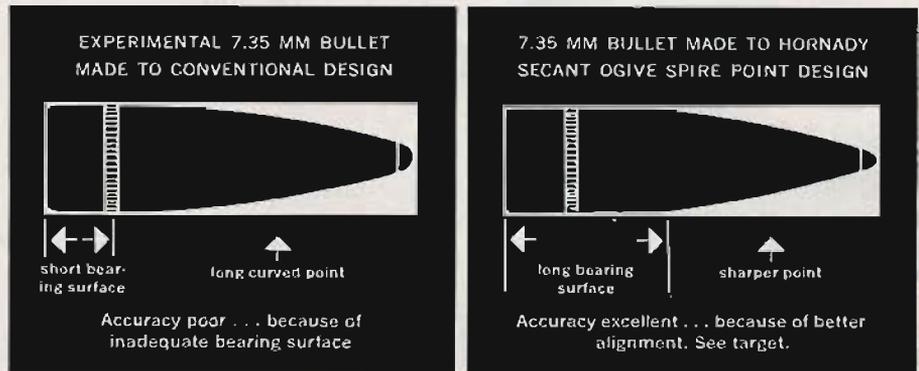
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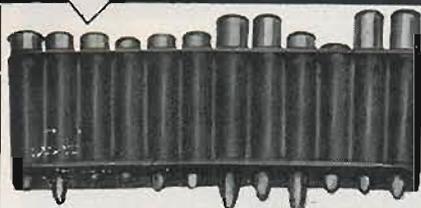
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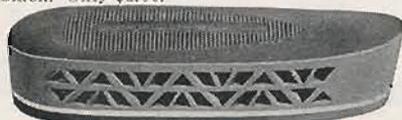
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In second place behind the .300s for this class of game, in my book, is the family of 7 mm magnums. There are a number of these, only two of which are made by our commercial people—the brand new 7 mm Remington Magnum, and the 7 mm Weatherby Magnum. There are several wildcats (i. e., custom-made rifles) chambered for such high-performance 7 mms as the Mashburn, Ackley, and other handloaded cartridges. My choice of these is the 7 mm Mashburn Magnum. Ballistics for all of them are essentially pretty much the same: all will drive a 175-grain bullet at 3100 fps and deliver a muzzle smash of 3500-3600 ft. lbs. With one of these, sighted in for 250 yards, the 175-gr. slug will be 1.8 inches high at 100 yards, .8" high at 200, dead on at 250, 6 3/4" low at 300, and 21 inches under at 400.

For third place in this category, I'd pick the .264 Magnum. This is an excellent cartridge which drives a 140-grain bullet at 3200 fps and attains 3200 ft lbs of muzzle force. Sighted in at 250 yards, the bullet falls 3 inches out to 300, and is down only 13 1/2 inches at 400. Greatest handicap the .264 suffers is the lighter bullet. The big 7 mm magnums get the benefit of those excellent 175-grain slugs.

My choice of rifles for the .300 magnum is the Weatherby on the superb Mk V action. Best of the 7 mm magnums is the new Remington Series 700 rifle. This rifle replaced Models 721, 722, and 725, and is an improved rifle from butt to muzzle. It retains, basically, the 721 bolt action, which is light but very, very strong.

In the .264 caliber, I go for the Firearms International 'Finnbear' model. This is a Sako with a somewhat longer action, a receiver painstakingly tailored for the magnum cartridge. The Finnbear utilizes the most modern of all modified Mauser actions, features a 3-lug lock-up, a bolt with recessed head, and scope mounts which are milled integrally with the receiver. This is a superior rifle in every respect.

These rifles all need 4X hunting scopes, set up in sturdy bridge type mounts—rings like the Buehler and the Redfield. All are kickers, and so should be equipped with good recoil pads.

In these selections, we have deliberately skipped over many old shoes, for reasons already stated. If you prefer the old .30-06, or the 7x57, or the .270, or the .280, as I said before, it's your money. These are my

choices, and that's all I promised.

Now for a look-see at the scatterguns:

The best shotgun is the 12 gauge. So old Judge Bean said, "That's my rubin'," and I'll debate it with all comers! It can be shot with cartridges loaded as light as a 20 gauge, or the ambitious one can find hulls for it charged as mightily as the 10 bore. It is the most versatile of the smooth-bore family.

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Most popular of the several models is probably the pump repeater, although the new crop of self-loaders have made great gains on the public fancy—and no wonder, with such auto-loaders as the Remington Models 58 and 878, the Winchester Model 59, and the Sears and Hi-Standard gas-functioning guns to choose from. At any rate, the American shotgunner is a firm exponent of the magazine scattergun. He has been nurtured on them, believes in them, and more power to him.

Your shotgun should be stocked in standard dimensions—unless, of course, you know your measurements or can afford to have the gun custom-fitted. Standard measurements are: stock length, 14", drop at comb, 1 5/8", and drop at heel, 2 1/2". The stock wants a recoil pad. Best length of barrel is 28 inches, bored modified choke. A ventilated rib is a nice thing to have but not essential.

This brings us to our final selection for the 3-gun battery—the handgun.

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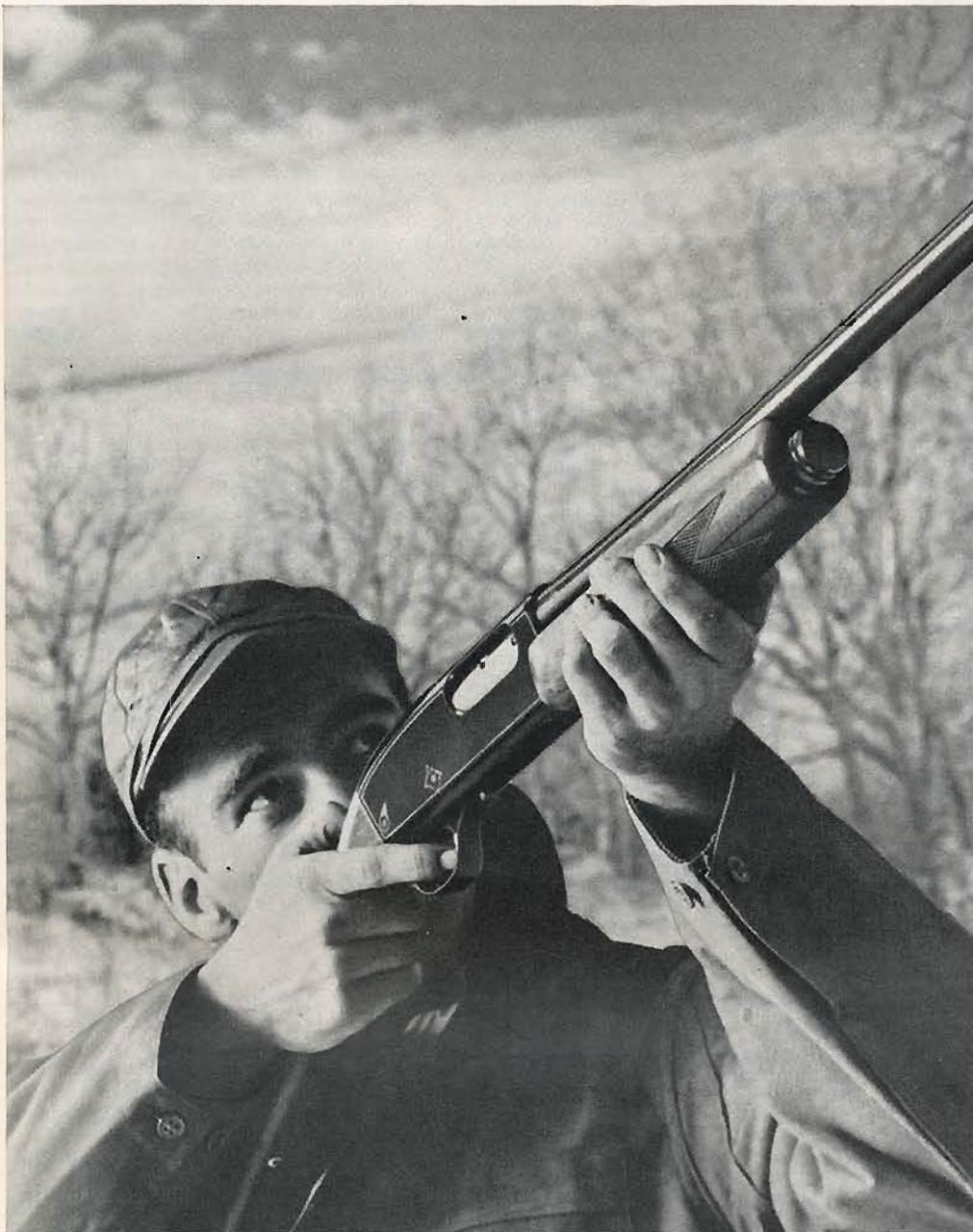


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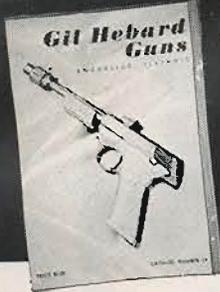
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has bent the barrel of your shotgun, the .22 is not the medicine. For these emergencies, a .357 or .44 Magnum would be preferable. More and more hunters are carrying business-size belt guns on their meat hunts, for various reasons, and I approve wholeheartedly. But we're talking about the beginner, and we've limited ourselves to a 3-gun battery. With those restrictions, the .22 auto is the pistol; and it will always be worth its weight in your camp gear, regardless of how many guns you later assemble.

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A NEW-OLD SHOTGUN TARGET

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no shooting seasons or limits. Birds were taken in spring during their northern migration, as well as in fall. It was not long until the flocks dwindled noticeably, and by the turn of the last century, feeling was strong to do something to save the cranes. To that end, full protection was awarded, and for almost a half century—right up until two seasons ago—no crane was legally shot in the U.S.

Few hunters today even know what cranes are. Many otherwise knowledgeable hunters have asked why I would want to shoot "those half-tame fish eaters." The trouble is that over the years, all sorts of long-necked, long-legged birds have been called "cranes." The dull-witted blue heron, not even closely related to the cranes, became a "blue crane."

Egrets, ibises, white herons, as unwary as the blue heron, became "white cranes." Even the bittern was dubbed a crane, and every tall bird, of whatever color, seen wading along a lake shore or salty lagoon was called a crane.

There are very striking differences between these birds and the cranes, and the prospective crane hunter, now that we have open seasons, should know them. The tall wading birds are fish eaters; the cranes are grain eaters. That is what makes them such excellent table birds. The cranes roost by standing in shallow lakes. They never sit on the water like a duck or goose, nor do they perch in trees, like the herons, egrets, and ibises. The cranes feed on dry land; the other tall non-game species wade for their food.

But one of the most striking differences between these birds is their manner of flight. All the others fly most of the time with the neck crooked. Cranes fly with neck and legs full outstretched. In fact, they appear much like geese in flight, using formations, talking as they fly. Even experienced waterfowl hunters, often confuse them with geese. But, the crane's wing motion is somewhat more casual than that of geese, and their trilling call is totally different. Too, cranes often circle, riding thermal currents, going higher, higher until they sometimes go completely out of sight—something geese never do.

Like other colonial, gregarious species, cranes will select certain spots for feeding. I have seen fields in west Texas, in New Mexico, and far down in Old Mexico, that seemed solid with sandhill cranes. Sometimes four or five thousand will settle in one grain field. They require a great deal of food because of their size and numbers, and

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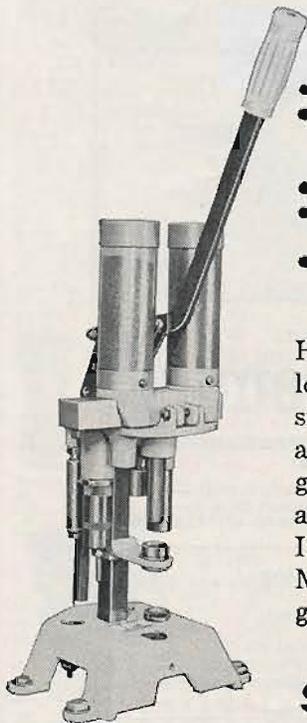
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because they do concentrate in vast groups where feed is good, they have become a serious problem in both the Canadian grain-growing provinces and in our southwest. This, in fact, is how a season came to be opened on them.

Like all cranes, the lesser sandhills (the only species on which there is an open hunting season) form routine flight paths by following each other. If one flock crosses a certain area, other flocks behind it usually travel the same course. The trouble is, if you so much as drive near or under them, they will change the flight route and you will never get a shot. You have to select a well-used spot and get into it when no cranes are in the sky. And you must stay hidden and stay still. Cranes have eyes like hawks' and

eration had ever hunted cranes!

The first time we tried the decoys, we set them out at a time when no birds were in the air, then hid ourselves and waited. The first flock passed well out of range, then seemed to see the decoys, and turned, heading back straight toward us. Another flock winged by, well to our left, saw the decoys, wheeled, and swung toward us. Almost jittering with excitement, we waited for them to come into shotgun range . . .

Then, suddenly, every flyer in the flock set his brakes. Still out of range, they swerved, chattering wildly, wings thrashing in swift climbing turns that took them speedily to far places. I don't know what they saw; I don't think one of us moved so much as an eyelash. But they were gone, and nary another bird came near us.

The one encouraging point was, we knew now that cranes would react favorably to decoys—at least up to a point. We tried the decoys again, and again, and yet again, with similar results. We got no cranes, but we learned a point or two on each occasion. We learned some of their favorite feeding spots, when and by what routes they went to feed, when and where and by what routes they flew to roost. We tried other methods of hunting too, with singular lack of success.

Then one evening, with decoys set, we watched a flock pass us some 75 yards away and, suddenly, wheel like a well-trained drill squad and wing toward us.

The birds kept talking. I remember one voice lower than the others, and I recall thinking that this must be an old bird telling the rest that those decoys were the McCoy. Then they were there, right on us,

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dropping in with great wings set, legs reaching down. As one man, we rose. The sky was suddenly wild with wings and with careening birds towering to gain altitude.

Then the guns began speaking. But not for long. Luckily, each shooter had picked his birds, because it was over as suddenly as it had started. A few seconds, after days of hard work, exasperation, frustration. Yet those few seconds were well worth all the shivering, the waiting, the rising long before dawn, the walking, the crawling, the waiting. This time, we had scored! I walked forth to retrieve my two birds. That was my bag and season limit. I lifted one to admire it. The thrill was like the modern renewal of an ancient gunning sport. This intelligent, regal, delicious game bird, one of the oldest of U.S. winged trophies, had become its newest, for a new crop of hunters.

The idea of opening a hunting season for cranes drew bitter opposition, at first, from various groups. But game conservation experts pointed out that the object was, by offering some birds to hunters, to scatter the flocks over broader regions and thereby lessen the burden of damage to localized groups of farmers. Hunting would not harm the flocks, they argued—and this point has been proved conclusively by the extremely low percentage of hunter-success. The flocks are huge, and the birds know how to take care of themselves.

The first year (1960), only a few counties in the Portales-Roswell area of New Mexico were open. A few counties in Texas had been given permission for a season by federal authorities, but state laws had to be changed before crane hunting could be permitted. The next year (1961), portions of Texas also had a crane season; and present indications are that both New Mexico and Texas will share the season for 1962.

Rifles are illegal for crane hunting; and, since these are migratory birds, shotguns are limited to three-shot capacity. I can't im-

agine anyone scoring well or often on cranes with anything less than a full-choked 12 gauge. The birds have greater areas of wing, leg, and neck than geese, but they weigh about the same, are at least as hard to kill as geese, so honker loads are recommended. My own armament for geese is a 12 gauge loaded with short magnum (2 3/4") shells, No. 4 shot. I personally like this load better than 2s because of the greater number of pellets; and it has, I'm sure, enough penetrating power for the job. One thing—if you break a wing, the bird will come down, but beware how you approach him! These birds can and will wield those heavy bills with great dexterity and telling effect on an unwary hunter!

Cranes generally leave their lake roosts at dawn, fly out to feeding fields, scatter and feed until mid-morning. Then they sit around in grassy places, or gather at small waterholes, including windmill-fed water tanks. They fly to feeding fields again about noon or soon thereafter; and in the late afternoon, they fly back to their roost lake. Most early hunting successes were made near the roosting places, at early morning or in the evening; but shooting near roost lakes is outlawed now. Conservationists learned that disturbing the roosting places would drive the birds away, and the lakes have been made bird refuges.

So that's the story; the story of the bird that has come back into huntable category after many decades of protection. Hunting them is an exciting experience, one every wildfowl hunter should seek, at least once.

And eating them is an experience, too! Take one of these large, dark birds and roast him (sniff that delectable aroma!), broach a bottle or two of claret—and fall to. If, after the final mouthful, you don't agree that this refugee from another century makes this century a good one to live and hunt in—you're a hard man to please, amigo! Try it . . . and see.

BIG MULEYS ARE SMART

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meat toughens by the day. This is a fact that more Game Commissions should consider in setting seasons, since well over 50 per cent of the hunters hunt for meat and not trophies.

Perhaps this is the place to further clarify the significance of young bucks running with does and fawns, while the mature bucks were herding separately.

With the adult bucks herding by themselves, where their several sets of senses would warn them of danger, we knew that we'd be dealing with super-wary animals, several of them in each band. During the day we had seen only two loners, as compared to three bucks in pairs, and one herd of five mature bucks. But all, Ed told us, "were just average. When we find one that's big in both antlers and body, we'll shoot." This was the object of our "look" hunt-

ing—and the difference, incidentally, between the seasoned and the novice hunter. That very evening, we met two Chicago hunters who had driven nonstop for 1,200 miles, arrived at the lower camp the previous evening, then gone out and, within two hours, busted a big doe and a forkhorn buck. Tomorrow, their tags filled, all they had to look forward to was another long cross-country ride, back to Chicago. Maybe it was worth it, but I like our way better.

Chadwick, who had guided the two mid-westerners, had actually come up to set up a date for tomorrow; in addition to the Chicagoans, he had a Texan with a muley permit to fill. So, when we met next morning, Chadwick had Joe in his pickup. His helper, Eldred Classen, and the Ft. Worth Texan were in another.

On the way out, we saw several muleys leaving the Blue Creek bottoms after a

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night of foraging—all does and fawns but no buck, not even a spike. The first interesting game was a fantastically wild band of ten antelope, including a very average buck. This excited our Californians, Rich and Joe, for they hoped to fill out on antelope as well as muleys. But the problem looked bigger than the mediocre trophy to the rest of us—and, as it turned out, it was lucky that we waited. Less than a mile later, when we split up to investigate some sheltering draws, a buck antelope broke out of one of them and raced full tilt across our front. Rich and Joe were instantly at work. Bullets from both rifles, all landing behind, spurred that buck to top speed. Then, suddenly, he faltered, wilted along for 20 yards, and then went down.

I've never seen a happier hunter than Joe was at that moment. His hands trembled in his eagerness to get out his antelope tag, sign it, and tie it on the buck. He insisted on that bit of claiming ownership before he'd let anyone put a knife to it to dress it out. It was a wonderfully ecstatic moment to watch and remember.

"Where'd you hit him, Joe?" asked Chadwick. Joe, still speechless, pointed to the blood-stain on the lower frontal chest. "I'll bet it's through the heart," said Chadwick. And, when Classen ripped open the carcass and lifted out the critter's pump, sure enough, it was torn nearly in two. That easily doubled Joe's pride and pleasure.

Minutes later, we were on our way to check out more of the wind-sheltered draws which might house muleys. Joe again rode with Chadwick, while Rich elected to join Ed and myself in the Jeep. The three vehicles now separated, the better to use our manpower in combing out more muleys.

I don't know about these Californios; they just must live right. We came to the upper end of a series of dry washes, steep-sided as small canyons, and I hopped out and led off to the left, seeking the wind-sheltered areas upwind. I was smart—the old hand at this business! But Rich went to the right, where his scent would be almost certain to flow toward any potential game the draw might contain. Ed, meanwhile, planned to drive the Jeep to where these draws met, to cover that junction against any chance of muleys sneaking down them.

Neither Ed nor I reached our appointed places. The rattle of gunfire jerked us both around. Ed piled out of the Jeep and raced toward Rich, whose red hunting cap hadn't yet dropped out of sight. And I, thinking the shooting might have spooked game in my draw, hustled on to cover the junction that Ed had abandoned.

When the boys didn't show up after a 15-minute wait, I headed back up the one Rich had elected. The Jeep was my location point and, when I got almost opposite it, there were those two jokers, grinning and chatting and completely oblivious of anything else in this wide-open western world. And Rich, a never-come-off grin on his face,

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was fingering a dandy rack of muley antlers. But this didn't account for all the shooting. Choosing the gentlest grade, I reached its bottom fully 50 yards below Rich and Ed. And there, shortly, I found a three-point muley in full velvet; a big-bodied deer any hunter would be proud to claim—fully dressed out and already cooling. Then, rounding the next bend of the draw, I came back to the heart-warming threesome: Rich and Ed, and the splendid five-point muley which Ed was cleaning.

Briefly, Rich's story was this: He had sighted the three-point, velvet-antlered buck and, startled, threw two quick shots at him. Hit once through the liver, the buck plunged into the draw and around a turn, out of sight.

"I was sure I'd missed him, but didn't even have time to swear," said Rich. "Because this big boy popped out of the side draw and looked me in the eye at about 100 yards. So I shot twice at him, hit him once through the shoulders, and he half-dove, half-fell into the draw. I could see he was hard hit. So I reloaded and closed in."

"When I got here, Rich was mooning over this big one," chuckled Ed. "It wasn't until five minutes later that he mentioned there had been two bucks. So I went around the turn of the draw and found Number One!"

Loading those fine bucks into the Jeep was a project unto itself. I would estimate Young

Velvet-Antler dressed out to 175 pounds or more, and the five-pointer topped that by 20 pounds. Getting them and the Jeep out of that deep wrinkle in Mother Earth's hide was another problem. The snow had been just deep enough so the sun made a slippery track of it. But, at the intersection of the two draws, it had melted off and the ground was dry. So, with me standing on Ed's running board, I held it against grade and the Jeep, in super-low, crawled us out of there.

My buck? Well, he was strictly anticlimax. He was killed beyond our line camp, in high limestone country—an area of magnificent scenery, where mountain mahogany grew eight feet tall in spots, yet was deer-pruned to the weird shrubby shapes you may have seen on landscaped city lawns.

His antlers? Oh, he was five-and-four, meaning the points on respective main beams. He was also an elderly gent, about to go over the hill. His front teeth numbered only five, of the normal eight, still in condition to permit him to browse. But, old as he was, his meat was excellent.

Where'll I be next year, at the opening of muley season? I seek refuge behind the Fifth Amendment. I just don't want to have my hunting premises cluttered up with eager Chicagoans, or Texans, or sharpshooting Californios. Next season, I'd like to get in some bragging shots myself!

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side on our left like a locomotive pulling a heavy freight. Don was driving, and raced up to where the buck had crossed. We both piled out, climbed a steep slope swiftly, and glimpsed our buck angling across above us, headed for a narrow opening he'd have to cross. We were some 30 yards apart, Don being on my right. When the buck's head swung into our vision, we both lifted and fired. Neither of us heard the other's shot.

When we'd climbed up to examine our trophy, the dust had settled enough to reveal blood trickling from a hole in the center of his neck on the right side. He had been crossing to our left. My .25-35 caliber slug, out of an old 1894 Winchester, had entered his neck about midway. Don's .30 caliber, out of an old Remington saddle gun, entered four inches to the right of mine, and back toward the deer's shoulder. They angled together and made their ill-shaped exit through the same hole.

Ten of us were patrolling this hunt. Most of these boys were armed with the latest in sporting rifles. One of them had been lamenting a buck and a day lost. He'd

wounded the buck at long range and spent the day trailing it, but let it escape. That evening in camp, this officer remarked to me that if he'd had my gun, he wouldn't have let that fine buck escape wounded. When I explained to him that my gun wouldn't shoot that far, he said, "That's what I mean!"

The shots Don and I made were not remarkable. This is the kind of gunning I've seen men do all my life. But remember this: you do not hold and squeeze under those conditions, regardless of what's published to the contrary.

Another day, several hundred feet above timberline on a spur of the White Mountains of New Mexico, the wind was having itself a jubilee. It would pick up scads of white powdery snow and hurl it skyward, then forsake it, and come bouncing back from another angle to intercept it in a blinding swirl that would blow a man plumb out from under his Stetson.

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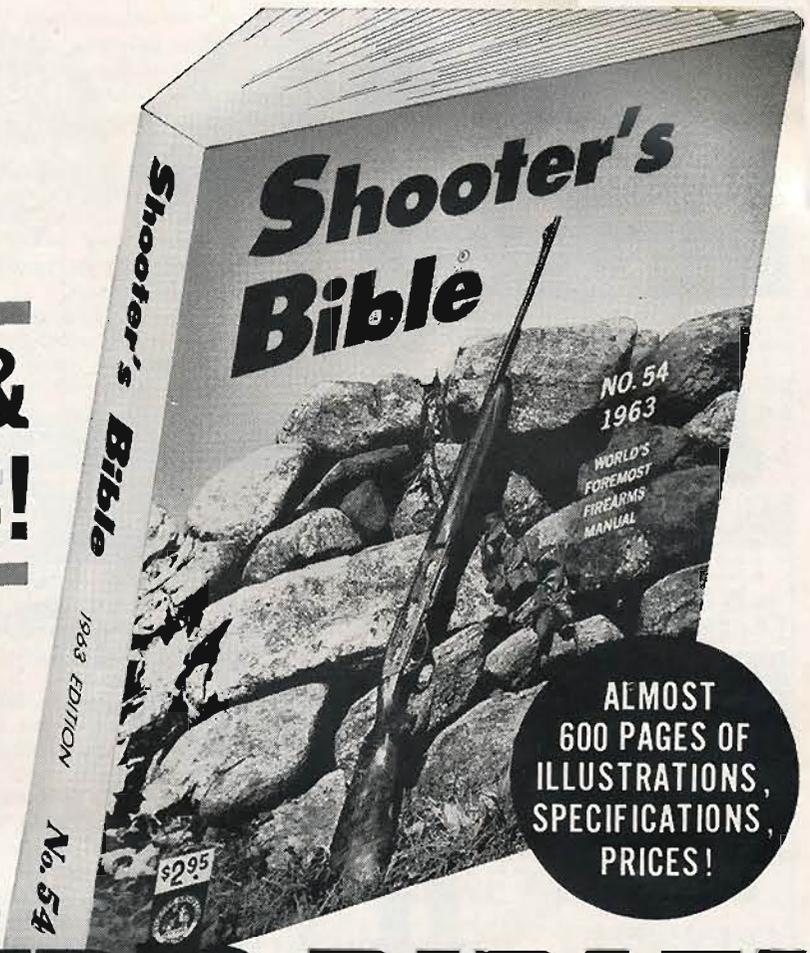
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elements. These were wise old boys who, by sheer obedience to instinct, had saved their fat rumps from becoming skillet meat for seasons. Up here, where there is no protective forest, and no sounds of the dreaded rifle shots, men just don't go. Or do they?

This day, they did. This day, two long, shadowy members of the species *Homo sapiens* stood with their forked ends down atop an icy ledge of rock, peering carefully through the swirling snow.

A delicate nostril lifted and twitched as the hated man scent spelled out danger in great big deer-language letters. There was a shrill whistling snort, and two long gray forms topped with wide spread antlers sprang out and down from the ledge. Two battered old carbines lifted and roared out two fist-fighting cracks into the swirling snow. Two levers swept down and up as the old buttstocks settled again into hunched shoulders for fast repeat shots that were not needed. The two wise old bucks were piled up in their wisdom, in the loose shale below. Two calloused and half frozen thumbs lowered hammers to the safety notches, and the two waddies looked at each other and grinned. Their deer hunt of 1961 had progressed to the point of cutting and packing piece-meal down to two saddled broncs in the timber below.

Darkness here would force them to squat around a small fire all night in sub zero weather. They "layed out with the dry hunch," as one of them told me later. "It was colder'n hell with the fires out, and our wood was soggy. But we couldn't risk break-in' a bronc's laig on that mountain in the dark." . . . Old-fashioned men, with old-fashioned guns; but they'd got their meat, clean-killed—what dude could do better?

On our hunt-patrols, we keep certain check-forms which provide the Game Department with much valuable information needful in better game management. In one of these narrow columns, we enter the caliber of the sportsman's gun. I was becoming much interested in this collection of gun information, and while I sat in my pickup at the mouth of Tortolito Canyon going over my forms between checking cars, I made certain entries in my personal handbook.

The driver of a good looking car greeted me with a broad grin and showed me his trophy, a half-grown fawn. It had been shot twice through the guts with a .30-06. His sights, he explained to me, must have been off a bit. He had only scored those two hits

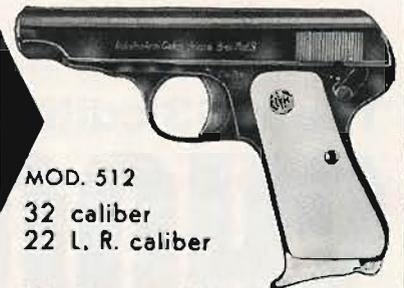
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out of five shots at three hundred yards.

Back in my cab, I acknowledged to myself that that was darned good shooting—but I sure did wish they wouldn't practice it on game!

I was totaling up two days of gun-caliber columns on my books, when the old battered pickup came jouncing down the icy, rutted trail. Mudchains were clanging away at flapping fenders. But atop the camp gear rode a majestic pair of mule deer antlers.

A Mexican ranch hand followed a heavy mustache out of the cab and advanced toward me on a pair of muddy, high-heeled riding boots, fishing in his pocket for his hunting license. "You've got a nice buck there," I told him, and asked what caliber gun he was using. He looked at me quizzically for a moment, then showed a perfect pair of tortilla chompers in a wide grin. "Oh! you see I'm not spik those Englishes very few. My gon? Oh! she's jus' a old darty-darty. But I'm not shoot so very far. You see, I'm walk on my knees in the snow, and the bock she's not see me."

His buck was shot once through the heart. This man was a hunter. Back in my cab, I pencilled another .30-30 in my column, and added, "One male deer; One shot."

It was near dark when another ranch pickup stopped at my road-block. It was pulling a two-horse trailer. I noted the rope burns on the saddle horns, and the catch ropes coiled at the right of each pommel. Beneath each right stirrup leather was an old scratched up carbine scabbard. Muzzle ends pointed forward and down. I knew exactly where the buttstocks of the carbines would ride, just below the animal's hips.

The two lank bewhiskered waddies grinned and told me "Howdy" in their slow, soft-voiced way, as they fished out their licenses. Two majestic pairs of antlers rode atop their camp gear. It being late and cold, I invited them to sit in my pickup and drink vacuum bottled coffee with me while I wrote up their hunt. It was here that I heard the story of the two wise old bucks, told earlier.

Their gun calibers? They looked at each other sort of sheepishly, and the elder replied, "Just thutty-thutty's. Reckon them ain't much guns nowadays; but, shucks! We're sort of used to 'em."

Later, tallying up my personal copy of the guns checked in a two-day patrol, the score was: .30-06, 58. .30-30, 54. .270, 17. .308, 9. The other 49 guns ranged in caliber from .222 to .300 Magnum, and there was one

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old .45-70. My calculations on this, and many other hunts of recent years—revealing that there is more trophy-size game taken with the .30-30 than any other gun, and more clean one-shot kills—does not indicate that it is the best deer gun. But it does reveal something of the characters that animate these old models of '94 . . . and men who use them.

Most of these old guns belonged to Dad, often to Grand Dad. The boys that inherited them grew up with them. They are hunters by nature. Constant experience in ranch-life use of these guns includes everything from knocking the head off an angry rattler to stopping a marauding bear. Their experiences have taught them that regardless of how far a man's gun will shoot, trajectory wise, the man is hard to find who can stand up on his hind legs and place his shots consistently into a lethal target under normal hunting conditions further away than the .30-30 will shoot accurate and hard.

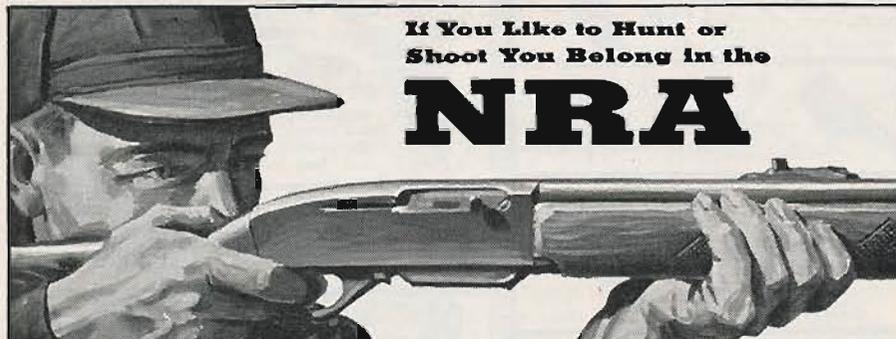
They know that a miss spells a wild bullet plunging across the range, maybe to be stopped by man or beast. They know that, if they miss a coyote at 150 yards—and we all do—that modest .30 caliber slug will be in the ground where it belongs before it travels another 200 yards. The average hunter today cannot stop in stride and whip his shots consecutively into a running 12-inch target at 50 yards—even though he may be carrying a quarter-mile gun.

My job is primarily that of Predatory Animal Control. I'm shooting every day, not at paper but at animated targets. My hat is off to Col. Chas. Askins and his wonderful article, "Long Shots Are for Bad Hunters" (GUNS Feb. 1962).

I'm not arguing for the .30-30. I am arguing for medium-range shots with guns with sufficient punch to make clean kills within the accurate range of the shooter's ability, with a trajectory high enough to put a missing slug into the ground before it kills or wounds some hunter that you didn't see.

I've used them all. After 50 years of active professional hunting, I still cling to my old slab-sided saddle gun, with which I can deliver a clean-killing punch anywhere within my ability to shoot. That ability cannot be improved with flatter trajectory than the .30-30 is capable of. When you've found and dispatched as many wounded deer in the forests after a seasonable hunt as I have, and have found as many dead deer that died slow torturous deaths after being hit 500 yards from some hombre's custom job, you'll discard some of this dime-size group ideas out there far beyond any living man's ability to shoot offhand with his breath wheezing and his feet all tangled on a steep slope.

Don't get me wrong: the modern sportsman is just as good a man as the cowboy who grew up on dad's old place, and his guns are better—for special jobs. But taking deer in crowded forests is not that kind of special job. The average deer is killed at much less than 100 yards. Please! fellows, use some common sense about this! Concentrate on your shooting ability, not on how far your gun will reach! A clean kill at 50 yards gives you more to brag about than a buck hit at 500, wounded, but left to die for the wolves to eat. Buy yourself a super-speed rifle if you must, but don't let it convince you that you're as good as it is! There's more to hunting than the rifle—and more to sportsmanship than yardage!



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ranges. For example, the barricades in use during the recent International Police Combat Pistol Matches, sponsored by Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company, Inc. with the Indiana University, clearly demonstrate a need for uniformity and stability. The photograph accompanying W. T. Toney's excellent article on these matches, in the February 1962 issue of GUNS, make this point clear.

One might argue that an officer cannot count on always finding a nice, steady platform when actually faced with combat in the line of duty. To this I would agree. However, in simulated competitive firing, each shooter should have exactly the same conditions in effect at his firing position as those of his competitor.

The testing I had in mind demanded a stable barricade that would allow me to concentrate on my testing, and at the same time permit me to place firm pressure against the barricade. The barricade I used and intend to use in the future is illustrated herewith by a working drawing. I might add that the portable target frame and barricade would be ideal for those club ranges where it is necessary to bring in and lock up these items when they are not in actual use.



*From the book "Basic Marksmanship With The Modern Handgun," By Lt. Col. Lyman P. Davison and Lawrence A. Severson.

HANDLOADING BENCH

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Perhaps he put some Bullseye in a 2400 can and got himself all mixed up. His loads go up a gun with unburned powder. 2400 is for Hi-V.

My recommended .22, .357 and .44 Magnum standard loads of 2400 take Magnum primers without any charge adjustment. With hell-for-leather top loads I advise cutting the charges 2.0 grains. You can often work back up a grain or more. The velocity increase and more uniform spread is worthwhile. Sticky cases often, but not always indicate excessive pressure. Guns that eject all cases simultaneously give hard extraction quicker than single-action guns. Sometimes a bur on the extractor causes hard extraction, often detected by a scratch on the hulls.

I've fired terrific overloads before listing maximum charges in this column. Our test guns take a beating, so listed loads will have a large margin of safety. To determine how much 2400 was "too much," I deliberately overloaded a Harvey Kay-Chuk until two chambers expanded. A .44 Magnum wouldn't cooperate with 2400, but we deliberately expanded a chamber with Unique, and one with Bullseye. A S & W .22 Magnum (Jet) was overloaded with 2400 to nearly 50 per cent over factory pressure without damage. Rather than ruin another good gun I stopped right there, although cases were still extracting easily.

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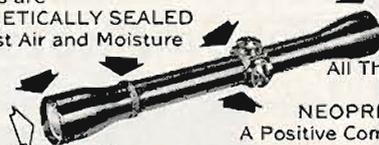
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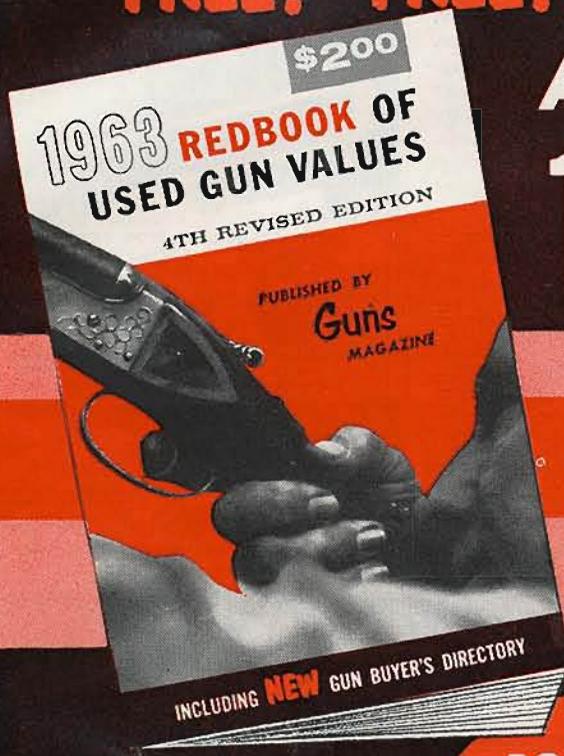
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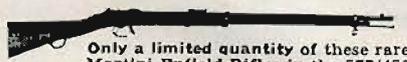
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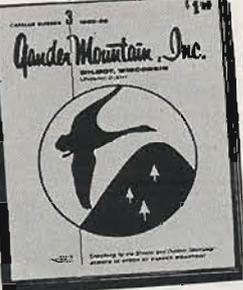
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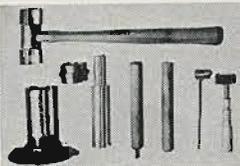
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THE GUNS OF DEATH VALLEY

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of the Sierras, wandered into Death Valley in late 1849. Prior to this time, the quiet of the area had been disturbed by nothing louder than the whistle of a Shoshone or Piute arrow. But at last the white man had come—and from the beginning he faced trouble. The oxen of the '49ers were worn out, the people were discouraged, food was about gone. No pass over which wagons could travel could be found to the west. This set the stage for the heroics of Death Valley's best known '49ers, William Lewis Manly and John Rogers.

Manly, armed with a Paterson Colt revolving cylinder gun, and Rogers, carrying a double-barrel caplock shotgun, made a hazardous journey afoot across the desert, painfully locating a route into California's rancho country. After obtaining supplies, Manly and Rogers returned to Death Valley and then led the remaining members of their party to safety. Without their guns to shoot the game which sustained Manly and Rogers on this journey, they and all the others would have perished.

Before continuing further with an account of events and the characters who played leading roles in Death Valley's drama, it may be useful to identify weapons we know to have raised their voice there. These firearms might be considered typical of the early models used throughout the west. Around Death Valley in those pioneering days there prevailed a very rugged way of life, and guns were a party to much of the violence; but the guns were also a means of protection and were providers of food. Without firearms, everyday existence would have been impossible, as the Manly-Rogers affair has indicated.

Along with double-barrel shotguns and the Colt revolving gun already mentioned, the '49ers carried with them an assortment of weapons. Half-stock caplock rifles, sometimes called plains rifles, were favorites, and one of these guns, carried by a '49er named Doty, may be seen at the Death Valley Museum. A somewhat similar gun was the sturdy Hawken caplock mountain rifle favored by many.

As later parties followed that first group of '49ers, we learn of side-arms such as pepperbox pistols, boot-leg pistols, and the big "horse-pistols" of Aston type. Then came the big Colt Dragoon holster pistols, and the little Colt .31 caliber pocket pistols. But

most popular of all, prior to the Colt Single Action Army .45 of 1873, was the .36 caliber Colt Navy model. This was a popular pistol all through the early west.

The model 1841 "Mississippi" rifle, employing a heavy ball that was effective on big game or Indians, and being of very sturdy construction, was carried by some. And, of course, Sharps carbines were well thought of because they were simple in operation, shot a powerful charge, and could be quickly reloaded. Desert-weathered specimens of many of the weapons mentioned here have been found, substantiating old accounts of their use in Death Valley.



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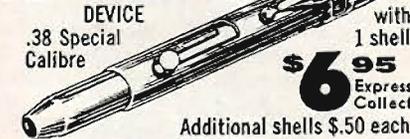
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lever-action rifles, from models of 1866 to 1895, would see use around Death Valley.

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There were times in Death Valley's history when guns passed into the wrong hands, as we shall now be made aware.

After the advent of the '49ers in Death Valley, quite a few years passed before substantial exploration or settlement were undertaken there. One of the Jayhawker group of '49ers had lost the blade from the front sight of his rifle as they made their way out. He had picked up a thin, metallic-looking sliver to replace the blade and, upon arriving at the Sierra mines and taking his gun to have the sight replaced, found the make-shift blade to be pure silver.

Thus was born the legend of "The Lost Gunsight." This incident eventually led to unsuccessful, years-long searches to find the silver ledge from which the make-shift sight blade had come. This silver search, rumors of the Indians having objects of pure gold, and man's fascination with the prospect of quick riches, all served in due time to draw men to the forbidding valley and the mountains which encircle it. Among these was a rough character known as "Bellerin' Teck."

About 1870, Teck had found a good supply of water down on the floor of the valley at the present site of Furnace Creek Ranch. He decided to do a little farming. From up Utah way, a Mormon named Jackson came into the valley and stopped at Teck's camp. Teck took a look at Jackson's fine team and Jackson's new rifle. A deal was made on the spot whereby Jackson was made a partner—provided he turned his team and the rifle over to Teck.

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By 1870, the Death Valley stage was set (Continued on page 68)

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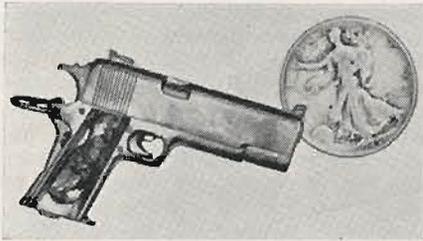


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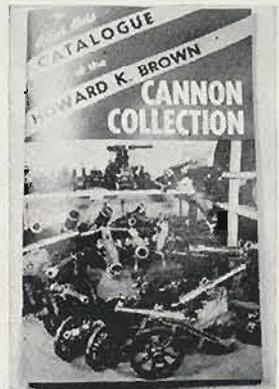


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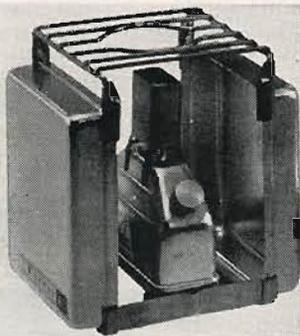
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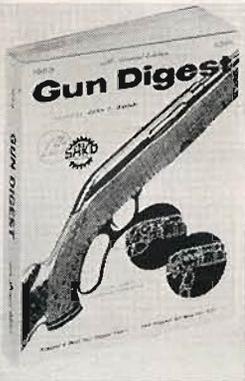


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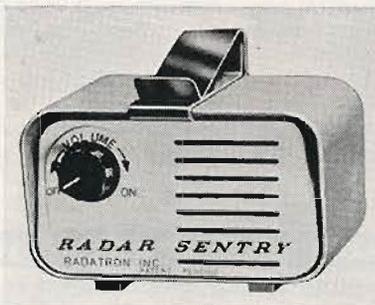


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for 40 years or more of rip-roaring events. The lure of gold and silver drew good men and bad and scattered them throughout the mountains which rimmed the valley and down into the strange and colorful formations of the valley itself.

In the end, it was not the scattered deposits of precious metals that brought the greatest commercial prominence to Death Valley—it was borax. That cardboard carton with the picture of a twenty-mule team on it found its way to almost every kitchen shelf in America. There is a story about the man who discovered Death Valley's first borax deposit which I shall now relate, as guns played a vital role.

A short distance east of Death Valley, at a place called Ash Meadow, lived Aaron Winters and his Spanish-Indian wife Rosie. Aaron was content to scratch out a meager living on his little ranch, but Rosie was more ambitious. With Rosie's urging and help, Aaron Winters made the Death Valley discovery which began the borax industry.

In the course of time, Aaron sold his claims and became a man of substantial resources. One day he was carrying \$1200 in cash, the proceeds of a borax deal. En route home, he stopped at a stage station where he proceeded to have a few drinks with some friendly strangers. When Aaron went to his wagon to resume his journey home, he found the strangers had reached the wagon first. In their hands were Aaron's \$1200 and a pistol Aaron had left with the money in the wagon jockey box.

But Aaron did not seem as alarmed as the situation might warrant. One of the men brandished the pistol he had stolen, and

threatened Aaron. Quickly drawing another pistol from his belt, Aaron shot and killed the man who had threatened him, and marched the second man back to the stage station. It was found later that the pistol Aaron had so conveniently left in the jockey box could not be fired. Aaron's few neighbors chuckled at his shrewdness; none questioned the propriety of his action.

Fred Hinkle, a Death Valley teamster, is credited with another ruse with guns. After several of his fellow teamsters had been robbed, Hinkle put two pistols loaded with blank cartridges into holsters and placed them in plain view of his wagon seat.

A short time later, two robbers sprang into the road and stopped Hinkle's team. Hinkle appeared to be frightened almost to a state of collapse. The robbers snatched the pistols from Hinkle's wagon seat and then turned to search the wagon for the payroll they believed he was carrying. Suddenly drawing two fully loaded pistols which had been concealed under his coat, Hinkle shot straight and brought the careers of the two highwaymen to a sudden end.

While the borax proved to be the most profitable substance taken from the earth of Death Valley and is the product usually associated with this area, the mining camps provided the most colorful news. The output of the mines up in the Panamints, or those of Rhyolite, Beatty, Bullfrog, and Greenwater, was relatively small, but these camps did generate a lot of excitement. Into the bawdy life of Death Valley's boom towns came miners, promoters, gamblers, merchants, saloon keepers, and highly-perfumed women of easy virtue. We'll have a look at these colorful people in a concluding installment.

FIRST FIND YOUR JAVELINA

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"helpers" when we landed on the shoulder of Table Mountain that morning. There was a pickup, with a Gambel quail decal on its doors—the emblem of our Arizona Fish & Game Department. It was empty, but I knew the answer: the Ranger was bow-hunting. . . . Then rifle fire broke out far away on the brush-covered foothills northwest of Table, and I credited the pickup with a second passenger. The rifleman would be the Ranger's brother-in-law; they often hunted together.

I sent Marshall to the top of the rim with instructions to keep me posted as to the location of the two hunters, and also to report any game movement. I spotted Pauline on a ledge above the canyon, and sent Ted to guard the Y of the canyon below the

Table. Then I cut a new trail downhill to the frosty floor of the canyon.

There was the sign we had so long anticipated. It had been three long years since I had seen so much of it. A dense, steep slope fell away from the 600-foot rim of the mountain, and the wet floor of the canyon was thickly marked with javelina tracks—fresh ones that told me the pigs had crossed here early that morning.

We learned later that the firing we had heard on our arrival had occurred when the Ranger's brother-in-law had spotted pigs on the lower hill, stalked them, and made one kill—a sounder. But now the Ranger cut loose a pistol at running targets above us. That turned the pigs toward us.

"Here they come!" Marshall shouted, and

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his .30-06 started talking. He wounded one pig that holed up in deep brush on the slope. Then three tuskers came charging down the canyon, and my Savage knocked one into a hole beneath a boulder—and Pauline busted another just below me. I cased my pig, hung it in the shade of a pinon pine, and went to help Pauline. Just as I reached her, Ted fired at another running target. He scored, but the blood spouting pig kept going; we could hear the brush popping as pig and hunter smashed through it. Then the pig fell and rolled toward us, creating a minor avalanche. Pauline caught sight of it—drew a bead on it—waited—then killed it. Some pigs die hard.

Minutes later, Marshall's .30-06 cracked again, and I had another sow to dress. But that ended the action.

Sunday, February 8th, 1959, was born with wind. There was a scudding overcast, as well as a falling temperature. Nevertheless, we beat the cactus brush to find a pig for Ted. Pauline walked into a Sunday siesta of nine javelina, and we tried to direct Ted to them, but it was no go. A little low-flying cloud cried a few tears on us, but the javelina evaded us. Finally, we went back to the car and spent an hour eating as the light grew darker, and the scud lowered, and the wind grew stronger.

Lunch finished, we headed right back into the same area we had covered. Ted was skeptical, but I figured that the weather would keep those pigs bushed; and, anyway, it was our last chance.

It was a chance that paid off. Within 15 minutes, I walked into a secret hide-away and porkers flushed like startled quail. Ted was not within firing range, but Pauline watched a pig stop in what he thought was adequate cover, and her shout rang out over the mesa. "Ted, here's your pig! Come here quick, and shoot him!"

As if her call were the signal, the rain came down in torrents. But Ted joined her, spotted the squatting pig through his Bushnell scope—and fired, twice. Both 150 grain slugs scored, and I dressed the sow out in the downpour, then carried it a good mile to the waiting station wagon.

One thing I didn't hear till later. When Ted joined Pauline and spotted the pig under the muzzle of his Marlin, he waited long enough to murmur, "Do you think it's big enough, dear? After all—twenty-one dollars..."

What Pauline told him wasn't quoted.

On Monday morning, the ground was covered with five inches of wet snow. That ended pig hunting for the time being; but we were happy. We had pig on the table... from under the Table.

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Loading Data

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The Remington factory load with the 150 grain bullet attains a muzzle velocity of 3135 fps, while the 175 grain pill travels 2990 fps at the muzzle.

Rifle: Rem. Model 700 Cases: Remington
Barrel: 23 1/2" Primers: CCI 250
Twist: 1-10"

7mm Remington Magnum
130 Grain Speer Bullet—
Catalog No. 284-130-6-SP

Grains	Powder	Muzzle		Grains	Powder	Muzzle	
		Veloc.	ity			Veloc.	ity
83	H-570	3191	57	4320	3244		
81	H-570	3137	55	4320	3177		
79	H-570	3024	53	4320	3076		
77	H-570	2952	51	4320	2995		
75	4831	3384	57	4895	3155		
73	4831	3306	55	4895	3054		
71	4831	3207	53	4895	2968		
69	4831	3095	51	4895	2878		
71	H-450	3291	57	4064	3231		
69	H-450	3199	55	4064	3124		
67	H-450	3138	53	4064	3020		
65	H-450	3038	51	4064	2948		
69	4350	3372					
67	4350	3279					
65	4350	3206					
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83	5010	3115	67	4350	3226
81	5010	3035	65	4350	3121
79	5010	2946	63	4350	3012
77	5010	2848	61	4350	2926
83	H-570	3156	56	4320	3065
81	H-570	3066	54	4320	2994
79	H-570	2974	52	4320	2915
77	H-570	2892	50	4320	2820
73	4831	3254	56	4895	3039
71	4831	3173	54	4895	2929
69	4831	3070	52	4895	2854
67	4831	2944	50	4895	2779
69	H-450	3114	56	4064	3072
67	H-450	3015	54	4064	3011
65	H-450	2932	52	4064	2907
63	H-450	2855	50	4064	2974

160 Grain Speer Bullet—
Catalog No. 284-160-6-SP

Grains Powder	Muzzle Velocity	Grains Powder	Muzzle Velocity		
83	5010	3103	66	4350	3118
81	5010	3023	64	4350	3065
79	5010	2946	62	4350	2993
77	5010	2858	60	4350	2919
83	H-570	3113	54	4320	2924
81	H-570	3026	52	4320	2836
79	H-570	2962	50	4320	2776
77	H-570	2891	48	4320	2670
72	4831	3146	54	4895	2866
70	4831	3051	52	4895	2777
68	4831	2966	50	4895	2723
66	4831	2881	48	4895	2627
68	H-450	2991	54	4064	2903
66	H-450	2912	52	4064	2837
64	H-450	2826	50	4064	2735
62	H-450	2735	48	4064	2648

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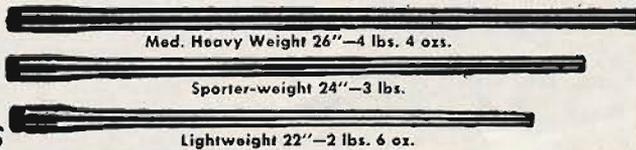
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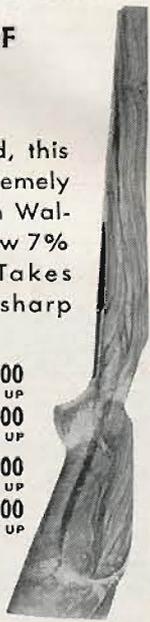
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The fun began when we took some of Federal's new .22 shotshell ammo, fed it into our Ruger Single-Six, and started blasting at the flying cans. The tiny number 12 shot just barely dents the cans, and even a small supply of cans makes for an afternoon's shooting fun. Calling for the target and firing at a distance of about 25 feet, the contact of pellet and can was quite audible. But you had better be prepared with lots of ammo—this can be a very humbling experience; those cans are easy to miss!

This sort of shooting is a lot of fun, requires relatively little space, and it does help to sharpen your eye and trigger finger. Why not try it soon?

Dumoulin Rifles, Carbines

The name Henri Dumoulin should need no introductions to expert riflemen, and the Mannlicher stocked carbine in .338 Winchester Magnum we recently put through the ringer demonstrated that Dumoulin does a superb job on these guns. Kurt Moersch, who imports these guns (Tyrol Sports Arms Co., Box 85, Englewood, Colorado), referred to the gun as a nice looking gun. He was wrong. It's better than that; it's a beauty! Or maybe this is merely evidence of prejudice for Mannlicher stocking? At any rate, the carbines are ideal saddle-guns.

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Our test carbine was a hunter's delight, but these short 20" barrel jobs with the FN 300 actions and a 3 pound trigger pull are for big game hunters with experience only. Other Dumoulin rifles and carbines can be fired ad nauseam, but that .338 WCM spoke with a great deal of authority. The gun is tapped and drilled for scope mounts and receiver sights; the three-stage safety is positive and smooth; the trigger is fully adjustable. The carbine checks out at a bit over seven pounds, and the French walnut stock with the Monte Carlo cheekpiece is a joy to behold and handle. It should be noted that the stocking takes into account the fairly hefty recoil of the big game carbines, and even after 20 rounds from the bench, no adverse reactions were noted by two test shooters.

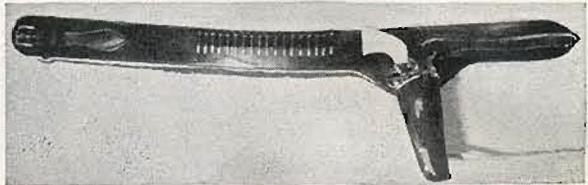
We mounted a 4X Texan scope, and later a 4X Nickel scope, checked our scope setting with the Sight-A-Line, and started shooting. Using Winchester ammo, both in 200 and the new 300 grain version, and holding at 6 o'clock with a 25-mile-an-hour cross wind, we grouped the gun at a bit under two inches at 100 yards. At 200 yards, the performance was equally good, although rapid firing and heating the barrel made the last

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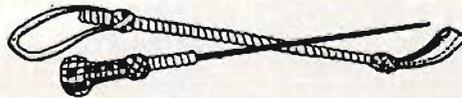
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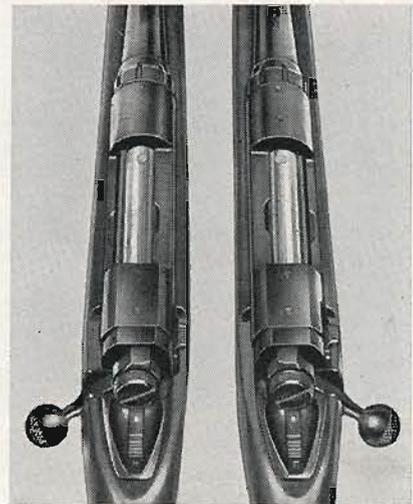
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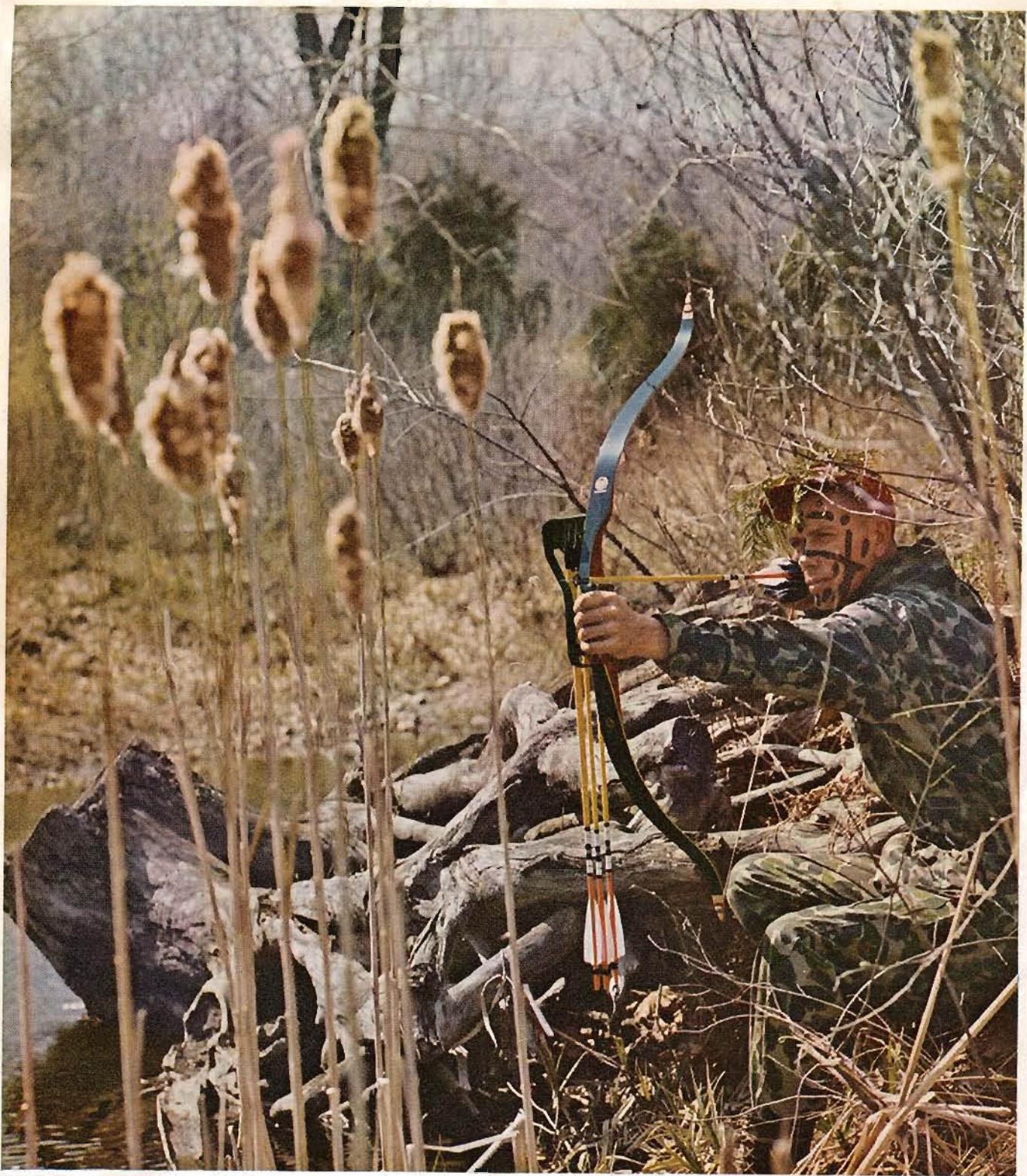
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