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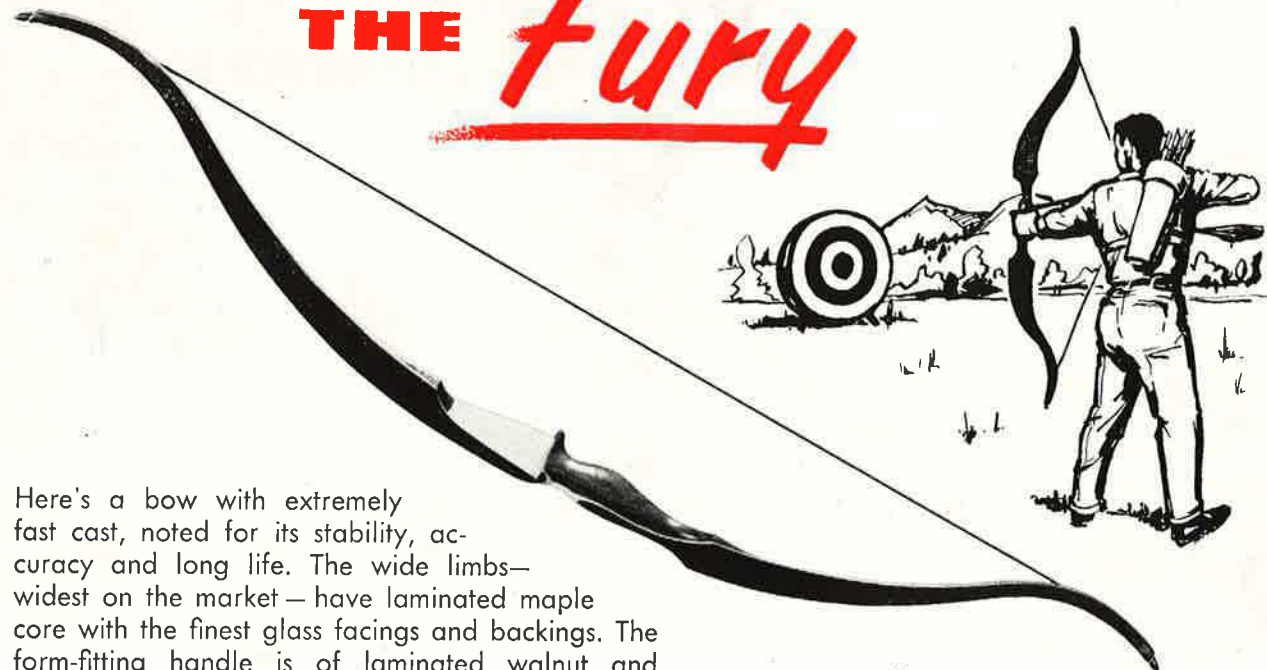
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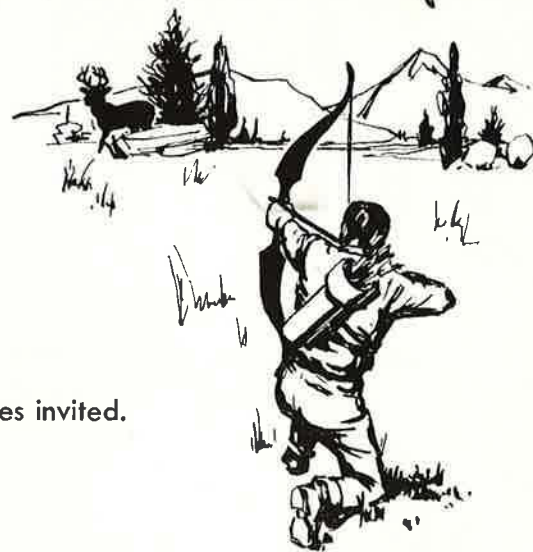
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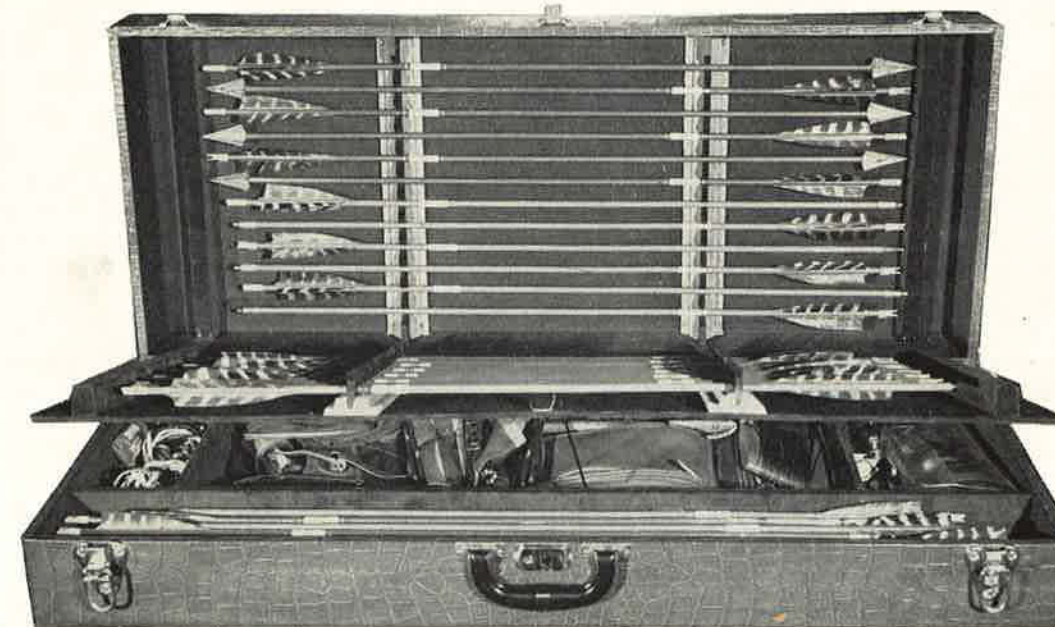
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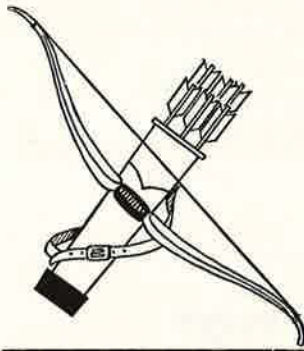
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Merry Christmas Happy New Year

Our Merry Christmas wishes and Happy New Year greetings are not directed primarily to those archers who downed a deer this past year. These archers are still feeling plenty good. Nor do we wish to single out winners of small game awards, 20 pins or state championships. They have our intense admiration, but as for congratulations, they've had plenty. No, we especially want to wish all the best to those bowbenders who missed that deer, failed to get out of the Archer class, broke that favorite bow or lost five aluminums in a single tournament. A Merry Christmas to them! And we want very much to wish them a Happy New Year—because we're sure 1958 is just bound to be better. P.S. All kidding aside, the best of everything to every archer reading this!

SOME THOUGHTS ON 1958 TOURNAMENTS

Right now, field archery clubs are planning the kind of tournaments they'll ask their state or regional associations to place on the schedules for 1958. In the past, too many clubs have dashed into this matter helter-skelter. Perhaps the most common fault has been the confusion of size with quality.

Specifically, we're referring to 56-target shoots. We can't think of much excuse for them, unless a club championship is at stake, or unless the tournament takes place in an archery-hungry area where there are few clubs or shoots. Tournament archery is fun, sure, but 56 targets are just too many for the average archer. 56-target shoots, which can consume an entire Sunday, discourage many archers—including us—from showing up at all. And we've noticed that these all-day marathons are attracting fewer and fewer competitors, especially if the tournament is a hunters' or a big game round.

Unless there are no other tournaments within easy driving distance, archers tend to stay away from 28-target hunters' and big game rounds, especially in the spring and summer. Let's face it: the 28-target field round is the most popular. If your club is after crowds, the field round will pull them in. The round offers the chance to advance in classification. The possibility of a 20-pin is always there. We've often thought that the hunters' round should be counted by the NFAA toward classification advancement and 20-pins.

But there's a paradox about the field round. Many archers, especially bowhunters, are tiring of field tournaments. They're getting sick of the big crowds that cause hold-ups at the shooting positions and force them to shoot in groups of six and eight. They're tiring, too, of the emphasis on trophies, high scores and yes, even on the added revenue a big shoot means to the club treasury.

So along with the 28-target field rounds, why not plan right now for a batch of informal Saturday afternoon tournaments—especially big game rounds? You won't draw crowds, but that's a blessing, because club members who are fast tiring of all the fuss will come out. These Saturday afternoon shoots, be they open or club affairs, offer the excitement and the incentive of competition without the crowds and the pressure to hurry. Remember that your club is made up of members—and remember, too, that archery is meant to be just one thing, and that one thing is fun.

First Contest Entry

Our first entry in THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER's second annual Prize Buck Contest is that of Mrs. Ethel Buckworth, whose magnificent animal is seen on this month's cover. Mrs. Buckworth's deer was the first ever killed in Maryland by a woman archer; it was taken on farm land leased by the Harford Bowmen at Aberdeen. The buck weighed 155 pounds; we're keeping the antler measurements in our quiver until the contest closes on Jan. 5. If you haven't entered your buck, there's still time. Remember, the buck with the longest main antlers with the widest spread wins. We need a letter with all the details, plus a good photo. Enter no matter what the size of your buck's antlers. You may win a silver mug or a dozen broadhead arrows!

Note to Clubs

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And Coming Up

Ever wondered how your club could afford to put up a really nice building in the headquarters area of your field course? Well, an article in next month's issue will tell you how one club did it, and at moderate expense, too; the article is designed to help you have your own clubhouse. And there'll be plenty more of interest in the January issue—including a thriller about some of the fastest bowhunting action you can experience!

THE FIVE RING

Most Eastern Bowhunter?

... May I qualify for the honor of being your most Eastern bowhunter? I'm with the Navy, stationed in Paris. I've bowhunted in France for deer, hare, rabbit, partridge, pheasant, crow and boar. I'm planning visits to the Medieval archery battlefields of Crecy and Poitiers, and I'm going to look into an extremely advanced bow being made in Germany. I'll let you know all about these trips, and I'll fill you in on European boar hunting, too.

Tink Nathan
Off-Dep-US-Cinc-Eur
APO 128, N. Y.

(Ed. Note: Watch for Tink's articles in future issues; we've urged him to fill us in).

And Thank You, Ed!

... Thank you for producing the greatest archery magazine in the country. Enclosed is a three-year subscription and one dollar for the months of August, September, October and November, which we missed. Good luck to you!

Edwin J. Beckley
215 Hamilton Ave.
White Plains, N. Y.



The Editor's

Arrow Barrel

Proved beyond all doubt this year: it doesn't necessarily take a heavy bow to kill a deer . . . Mrs. Ethel Buckworth bagged the animal shown on our cover with a 32 pounder . . . arrow shaft was found in deer's heart . . . some of the many answers to last month's questionnaire—send in yours!—indicate kills with 34, 35 and 36 pounders . . . if you can't hit your mark, a 65 pounder won't do you any good. But here's our rule of thumb: for bowhunting, use the heaviest bow you can accurately control.

Learned this season: you can miss a deer at 17½ yards. Discovered: best folding stool we've ever seen for still and blind hunting . . . it's a sturdy wooden job,

FLASH! July 28-31 are the dates for 1958's NFAA National at Grayling, Mich., announces Karl Palmatier, NFAA prexy.

imported from Yugoslavia, cost about \$1.25 . . . on top we placed a 1" rubber pad sold in hardware stores for housewives to kneel on when scrubbing floors . . . this pad slides on the seat, so you can shift your position to shoot . . . you can fold the pad up and put it in a pocket, too . . . great for softening up a rock or log or tree stump . . . another gadget that added to our hunting pleasure this year; a monocular, which looks like—and is—a binocular cut in two . . . we watched the biggest, blackest doe we'd ever seen for 45 minutes . . . we were on the edge of a huge soy bean field . . . doe came within 50 yards and seemed certain to come closer . . . field was in view of a road . . . some people in a car spotted the doe, parked the car and apparently worked down through adjoining woods to see the pretty deer . . . which took off when it winded the sight-seers, thus ruining that afternoon's hunt.

Our piece on the scatter-shot arrow—page 9—gives us the opportunity to explain one of our policies. You note that we state the arrow works "just fairly well," and go on to say why . . . we tried to make an honest test for you, because our duty is to you: you have faith in us, and we're not going to tell you that something is when it ain't. If we mention a product at all, we owe it to you to make our own evaluation. You know that THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER doesn't fill its columns with publicity releases praising products—or stating that such and such a firm has added a new factory wing. You, our readers, have told us you don't want to see these blurbs. We print the article on the scatter-gun arrow because there's been a lot of talk about the arrow—and no impartial information and no field test has appeared. We secured our test arrows from a dealer, not the manufacturer.

Tip: We've heard of one club that offers to register the arrow crests of visiting archers at its tournaments . . . thus arrows found in the woods can be identified and mailed to the owners.

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Figures Climb for Pennsy Season; Here are Some Statistics

By CLAYTON B. SHENK

(Secretary, PSAA)

Some interesting figures have come out of our state's '57 bow season, a week-long affair in which archers were permitted to take does as well as bucks. According to the latest reports, 55,200 archery licenses were purchased, and 1268 deer were taken. Pennsylvania has 930,000 licensed hunters—the second highest number in the nation—so the 55,200 means that 6% are bowhunters.

Of these 55,200 archers, 77 were arrested for game violations. Thirty one were apprehended for hunting after 5:30 p.m. and before 6 a.m. Most of these 77 left their bows strung a little late, or were ready to shoot a little too early. Eleven more were caught hunting from vehicles; some of these men pleaded ignorance of the laws, hardly an excuse. One "archer" shot a deer with a gun and claimed it as an arrow kill.

Sixty seven out-of-staters bagged Pennsy deer: 33 from Ohio, 14 from New York, 7 from Jersey, 7 from Maryland, 4 from Virginia, one from Delaware and North Carolina.

Fifteen minor accidents were reported, with 13 archers cutting themselves with broadheads, and two more tripping and jabbing hunting buddies.

Two Clinton Co. archers did themselves proud the first day of the small game season. They are Gail Williams and Bob Shaeffer, and each bagged the legal limit of four rabbits. Nice going!

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**New Yorkers Found Cost
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Unlikely as it sounds, you can go bowhunting for giant elk in the mountain wilderness of Wyoming—even though Wyoming is almost 2000 miles away from most Eastern states. You can hire the services of an outfitter, complete with guides, horses and all the rest of the expensive-sounding gimmicks—even though your pocketbook, like most of our pocketbooks, isn't exactly bulging.

Nonsense? Well, Paul Hermance, a veteran bowhunter from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., made such a dream safari this September. He and a buddy, Paul Garz, drove out to Dubois, in west central Wyoming, a distance of 1967 miles from the Lincoln Tunnel. After purchasing their \$100 out-of-state licenses, they jeeped 27 miles to a comfortable base camp in the hills, and they spent a week, much of it on horseback, bowhunting for elk. They hunted deer, they were charged by a surly moose, they knocked over partridges, they fished in mountain streams. The elk Hermance bagged—or partially bagged, for after his arrow struck, the elk headed into an impassable canyon and was shot by a guide—was cut up and shipped home.

The cost? \$600 for each man, everything included—that means travel, the licenses, everything, in short, save whiskey. Now \$600 isn't peanuts by any means. But it can be saved up over a couple of years. And that \$600, says Hermance, buys an experience you'll never forget. Hermance, in fact, is already saving for a '59 repeat!

Because a trip like Paul's is so much within the realm of possibility, we asked him to fill us in on the things you should know to plan your own safari. After you've saved your dough, says Paul, your first move is to pick a registered outfitter with horses, tents and a permanent base camp. "Demand references, preferably from Eastern hunters," he cautions, "and check the references before making a choice. We hunted with Jack Bettinger of Red Rock Ranch, Dubois. His outfit is great." (Ed. Note: info on outfitters can be secured from George Reynolds, Box 378, Wyoming Game & Fish Commis-

sion, Cheyenne). It's best to plan your trip at least six months in advance.

The cost, says Paul, should be between \$35 and \$40 a day, and this should include everything—horses, camp, food and extra pack animals to haul your game out.

In preparation for the trip, make sure you learn to ride, and ride well. "Those cow horses are tough, mean critters," Paul remembers. "They'll scamper up a cliff like a cat. They're good. But they'll toss you just for laughs. The hunting is rough, and you have to be in top-notch physical shape. In the daytime, for example, the temperatures get up to 60—but they drop to zero when the sun goes down. So plan your clothing accordingly."

Paul suggests you go to Wyoming the first week of the season, which falls during the first week of September, or around the last week, around Oct. 31. "The first week, the elk aren't spooky from rifle shots, and it's easier to get within bow range. By the last week, the snows have come to the mountains, driving the elk down into a smaller area. The snow makes stalking easier, too."

Hermance and Garz took three days to drive to Dubois. Thanks to the turnpikes, they made 800 miles the first day, at a cost of \$14.45 in tolls. Motels cost \$15 for the trip, gas came to \$47. Cost one way for two was \$76.21, exclusive of meals.

"I'd advise getting to your jumping off point, a day or two early to accustom yourself to the 7000 ft. altitude," says Paul. "At first, the least movement causes shortness of breath; you get used to it in a day or so. You'll hunt at between 8000 and 10,000 feet, depending on the season and the weather. We spent the first day at Red Rock Ranch (catching 5lb. trout). Your \$100 license covers that. It doesn't cover moose; that permit is \$75, and it's chosen by lottery. Antelope permits are \$25. We saw literally thousands of antelope in the plains about 150 miles from the Wind River range.

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CONNECTICUT

Francis Hill, Danbury, is First Conn. Archer To Take A Black Bear

By H. B. GIFFORD

(Eastern Bowhunter Correspondent for Conn.)

One of our Connecticut bowhunters has scored an impressive archery "first" for the state. He's Francis Hill, of Danbury, and he downed a 150 lb. black bear in New York's Adirondacks.

Hill is a real bowhunter, a sportsman with a deep reverence for the outdoors. I think you'll agree when you read his account of the bear kill—and the rich years that led up to it.

"My dad, Elroy H. Hill, has been an ardent outdoorsman all his life," says Hill, "and he gave me a great love of the outdoors. I've hunted and fished with my dad since I was old enough to handle a rod or gun; I started hunting about 22 years ago, when I was 12. My dad and I have spent many, many memorable hours hunting and fishing together.

"It was mainly through the efforts of my dad that our Pocono Bowmen club was born. Today, we have 65 members. Last year, the fellows got together and surprised my dad at our annual dinner-dance with a plaque inscribed to him. 'Presented in appreciation to the father



Francis Hill, lower left, is first Connecticut bowhunter to bag a bear. Others in the photograph are Harold Levy, kneeling, and George Fairchild and Jim Pawloski, standing

of the Poconos,' it read. I think the plaque is my dad's most treasured trophy.

"In addition to big game hunting with the bow, my favorite pastimes are wing shooting with shotgun for upland birds and waterfowl, fly fishing for trout and fly tying, which I do semi-professionally. I like small game bowhunting, too, and I have the NFAA small game pin with three silver arrows.

"The bear was the culmination of many years of hunting. I got him on a hastily-planned weekend hunt near Raquette Lake in Hamilton Co. I made a running shot, broadside at 15 yards. Using a 56 lb. Jaguar bow and a home-made arrow tipped with an MA-3, I shot completely through the bear's chest cavity, collapsing both his lungs and slashing his heart. I've killed five deer with a gun, but this was the quickest I've ever seen a big game animal go down. He ran ten yards and dropped dead, much to my astonishment. At 150 pounds, he wasn't large, but to me this was the biggest thrill and most unbelievable experience of my outdoor life."

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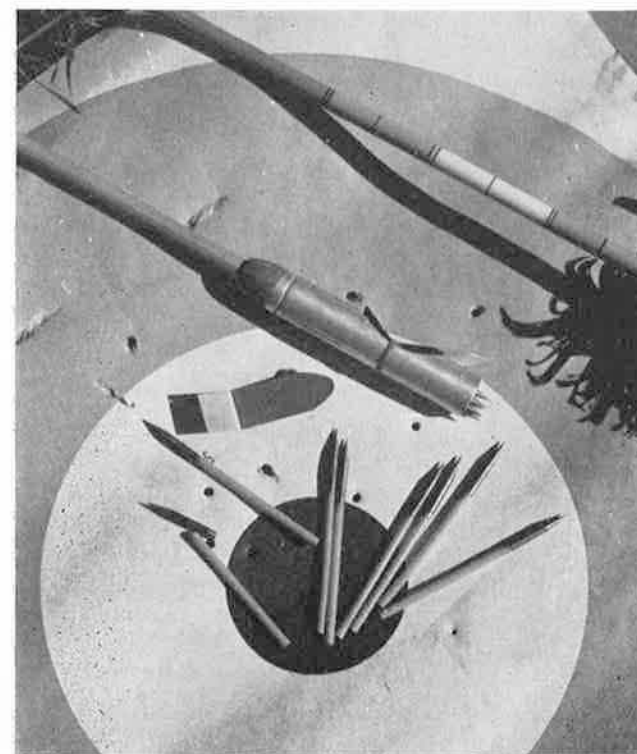
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Scatter-Shot Arrow—A Field Test

We Fired This Invention At Pheasants and Paper Targets; Here are the Results

Knowing you'd want some straight dope on this much talked about archery development, we've field-tested the new scatter-shot arrow—or the shotgun arrow, as the manufacturer calls it. We tried it out on pheasants at a commercial shooting preserve, and we fired it time and time again at a field face. To sum it up accurately, it worked fairly well.

What is the scatter-shot arrow? Well, it's a flu flu with a long, tubular aluminum head that looks something like a steam whistle. Into the head you pack eight pointed missiles, each mounted in a yellow plastic tube about three inches long. The missile points look like phonograph needles, except they're a little bigger.



Archer about to release scatter-shot arrow. Photo below, head and components. Rubber band should slant back at the bottom. Holes in target face were made by steel missiles.

About a third of the way back on the head, there's a crescent-like opening. A light aluminum clip, the first third of it bent, fits into the opening to press down on the tube part of the missiles, holding them firm. The clip is held in place by a rubber band that circles the head assembly.

How does it work? About five to ten yards after the arrow is on its way, wind gets under the protruding forward edge of the clip and pushes it back; the missiles come streaming out. Being lighter than the arrow itself, they go faster than the shaft and outdistance it. On shots up to 20 yards, they strike with apparent force.

This was proved in the pheasant hunting. As we walked through the crackly Autumn fields of John Hammond's Long Acres preserve, a ringneck burst up in front of us. We're not the best shot in the world, and on this one we didn't lead the bird enough; we saw the yellow tubes go streaking past the tail feathers. The next bird was a different story. The missiles hit the pheasant, and down he came. Five of the eight missiles had struck, two in the head; they buried themselves about a half an inch in the bird. In practice, we'd found it best to aim the arrow a little under the target, because the missiles gain altitude as they streak away from the head.

On another shot, which looked to be perfect, the missiles failed to leave the head. This happened once more. Why? We figured the rubber band was seated in the bend in the clip, and not set slightly back as indicated in the photo on page 25.

And while walking through some briars we failed to hold the head up and the missiles fell out. You have to be careful here; you can't let the clip jar out of place or, of course, catch in the brush. You should pack the plastic holders in such a way that two of the holders rest on top of the others with the bend of the clip pressing down on them.

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68 Deer Fall on Island in One Day; N. Y. Conservation Programs Discussed

By KARL SCHULTZ

(Eastern Bowhunter Correspondent for N. Y.)

Some 600 archers were expected for the first of three one-day hunts on Howland Island—and 1200 showed up. Most of them got to hunt the 3600-acre island, though, and they accounted for 68 deer! That must be an all-time one-day record for any single area.

New York's programs for the restoration and development of wildlife facilities will profit by more than a million dollars in 1958 through the federal aid fund allocations recently announced by the Dept. of the Interior. The money comes from the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, and it means that our conservation department will have \$1,099,184 for fish and game projects in '58 above its regular income.

With the state compelled to put up \$1 for each \$3 of federal funds, you have a sizeable figure. There are several new programs that should be carried forward right away. Of great importance is the Fish & Wildlife Management Act, passed by the '57 legislature and effective next April. The act attempts to solve one of our most serious fish and game problems—the alarming de-



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Alligator—Yes, That's Right!—Killed by Archer in Adirondacks

Now there's no cause for New York's big game bowhunters to get excited: you won't find yourself up to your—er, knees in alligators in the state's mountain wilderness. Or anywhere else in New York. In fact, George Murphy's bowhunting "first" was undoubtedly a bowhunting "last." But the fact remains that Murphy bagged hisself a 'gator none the less.

Murphy, who lives in Latham, was bowhunting with Parker Bloomfield along Stony Creek between Hope and Wells. They heard a splash in the creek; Bloomfield investigated. "Hey George!" he shouted. "You won't believe it, but there's an alligator here in the water!"

"You're right," Murphy replied. "I won't believe it." But the intrepid archer went over, and there was a 'gator floating in 18" of water. The monster was about 32" long, and Murphy considered taking him home alive. Then he got a look at those wicked teeth, drew back his 65 pound bow and let fly—thus assuring himself of a niche in New York's bowhunting Hall of Fame.

Murphy and his buddy reported this big game kill to state Conservation Dept. officials. They had no expla-

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crease in public hunting and fishing opportunities on private land. Major objectives of the act are to provide greater public access on private lands for hunting and fishing, furnish benefits to private landowners to encourage them to permit public hunting and fishing and to adopt good fish and wildlife management practices on private lands.

Because we have one of the most progressive conservation departments in the nation—spearheaded by Sharon J. Mauhs, commissioner, and Justin T. Mahoney, deputy commissioner—the act should be a success. Of course, the commission has its problems. About 93% of its income comes from the sale of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses. There has been no change in license fees since '49, and with increased costs, it seems to me that the fees should be increased, too.

Most of these facts were taken from *The New York State Conservationist*, published every two months. It's a fine magazine, and worth the \$2 a year; the address is 417 Arcade Bldg., Albany.

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Lefty Kreh, whose fox calling skill was described in August's EASTERN BOWHUNTER, experimented with deer calls this season just past.

The word? Deer calls work!

Kreh, a fantastically experienced outdoorsman, believes firmly that any game animal with a "voice" can be lured close with a call. "Animals make sounds for the same reason you make sounds," Kreh reasons. "They make them for purposes of communication. The sounds can be a challenge to combat. They can be a cry for help, or a mating cry. And you know, I think animals sometimes make sounds just to talk!"

Lefty experimented with two different types of deer calls in a particularly hot game area. The first device was a long-distance call, the second a short distance one. The two are as different as night and day.

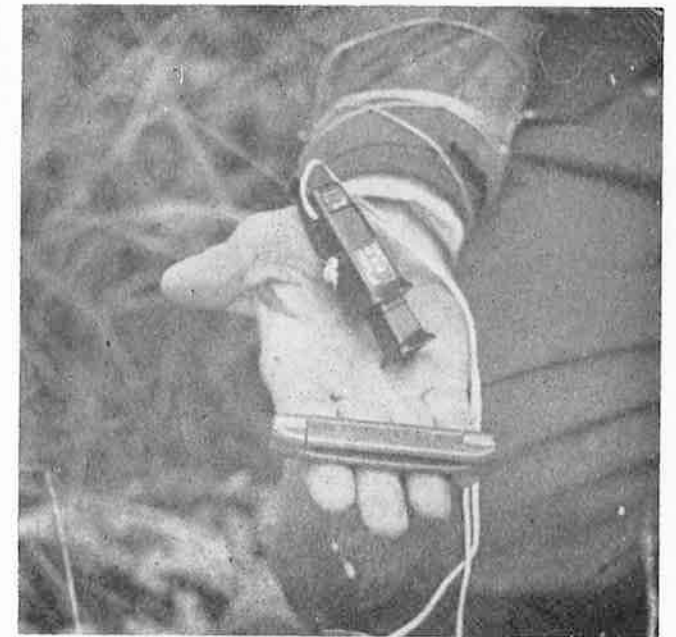
The first call, the long distance job, is a Burnham D-4. In appearance, it's similar to a plastic referee's whistle, or a fox call. "I use this one to call in deer at distances over 100 yards," Kreh explains. "I'd say the noise could carry up to half a mile. The noise is a surprising one; it sounds like the combination of a siren, a braying mule and an injured lamb; I learned how to make it with the aid of phonograph records. You wouldn't think a deer could make a noise like this, but I've talked to experienced hunters who've heard it.

"I blow it every five minutes for 15 minutes; if no deer come within that span, I figure no deer in the area. Usually, a deer will appear in five minutes. I tried the call when some were in sight, but it scared them away. This may have been my lack of skill, but I think the loud noise frightens the animals in the neighborhood of 100 yards and less. Deer called from afar have come running to within 35 yards of me."

The second call is designed for deer seen or expected to be within that 100 yards. Made by Sport Lure, of Denver, it's a plastic job that resembles those toy penknives sold in dime stores. A taut, wide rubber band runs the length of the bottom of the call, and goes through the middle.

"You breathe softly into this call," Kreh says, "and the sound is a soft, fluttering bleat. It's such a soft sound that guys standing 15 feet away can't hear it. I make four soft notes at intervals of a minute or so. And I've had deer walk up within 20 yards. The lure doesn't spook them at all.

"Now that's the important thing about a call. Even if the deer don't come up to you, the sound doesn't alarm



Top to bottom, long-range and short-range calls. Below, call in action. Note the ready position of hunter's bow.

them, and they'll go about their business. But the lure always stops them in their tracks. I spotted a doe in some brush; it trotted into a clearing. I made a note, and the deer stopped short, thus offering me a wonderful 35 yard shot."

Of course, you don't just buy a lure and go into the woods without testing it. Kreh practiced for many hours simulating the various deer sounds. Indeed, that's the reason we're printing this article now instead of next August. If you've a mind to try a call, get ahold of one soon. Follow the instructions that come with it. And better still, take it into a deer area and see what you can do. That'll be an extremely interesting outdoor experience in itself—and the knowledge you acquire may help you get a deer next year!



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Maine's Deer Kill Low; Six Out-of-Staters Score

By DOT JONES

(Sec.-Treas., Maine State Archery Association)

Some people have all the luck! Not content with just one deer from the Rangeley region, the Poissons of Sanbornville, N. H., scored a double. Norman shot a small buck at 30 feet, and the next day wife Jean got one at 30 yards.

Other Maine archers weren't as lucky; only 15 deer have been reported, although the wardens say all the information isn't in. Of 523 Maine bowhunters, nine got deer; the other were killed by six of the 70 out-of-staters. Largest, a 200 lb. buck, seven points, was shot by Gerald Day, Beverly, Mass. Scene of his kill was Buck Stream, Alton.

State Senator Rogerson, of Houlton, got a 110 lb. buck. Bill Batty, Spruce Head, bagged the oddity of the season—a 113 lb. "calico" deer, very unusual in appearance.

Now that the bow season is over, club activity is picking up. The Tri-City Bowmen of Hallowell have designed a tournament well-suited to our cold climate. Half the targets—game faces—are shot outdoors; the other half are shot indoors as a Flint round.

Teddy Bear Williams is an American Indian, and proud of it. He's a member of the 7 Clan Bowmen, the only known Indian field club in the country. Members are Tuscaroras from upper New York state.

New York's 7-Clan Bowmen Is Only Indian Field Archery Club in Nation



Are American Indians interested in modern field archery and bowhunting? They are indeed. Here's the story of a New York club made up largely of Tuscarora Indians. We've met the author; in fact, we're privileged to call him a friend. You'd like him, too. Amazingly he's a free stayer, and at the National, he placed third among the sight-shooters in the Archer class.

By TEDDY BEAR WILLIAMS

Many, many years ago there dwelled a tribe of American Indians, the Tuscaroras, in the area now known as North Carolina. Tuscarora means "wearer of the cloth shirt," for this peaceful tribe had learned the secret of weaving. Strong in numbers, they had several envious rival tribes nearby. Early white settlers, learning of this, organized these tribes to massacre and drive north the few remaining members of the Tuscaroras. Joining and becoming the sixth nation of the Iroquois Confederacy, they settled near Niagara Falls where they are now situated. Pieces of clay pipe, flint arrowheads, and human bone and teeth are still to be found along the escarpment where early tribes fought to secure this section of land.

And now the descendants of those early Tuscaroras have taken up the modern bow, forming a club we call the 7 Clan Bowmen. But isn't it only natural that we, American Indians, would succumb to the ages-old lure of archery, even though many years have passed since our people depended upon the weapon?

Yes, archery and woodlore are part of our heritage—a heritage that our people have never forgotten. Stories have been handed down from generation to generation about that heritage; many's the time my father, Chief Eleazer Williams, has told me of the old tournaments when the tribes gathered to test their skill at lacrosse, track, wrestling and archery. Many of the stories came down from Col. Nicholas Cusick, a Tuscarora who served as Gen. Lafayette's bodyguard in the Revolution. Once he was given a bow by an old brave who, at a

tournament, cut it from sumac, strung it with a gut thong and outshot everyone else. He got results because the sap was still running, and he wouldn't exchange the bow for the painted, powerful bows of the most expert braves—because, he said, the bow would crack the next day, so a trade would thus be dishonorable.

The heritage is strong, very strong. Chief Williams has often told me of a walk Col. Cusick took as a boy with the old warrior; it resembles walks many of our young fellows have taken with our fathers and grandfathers. "Note," the old man says, "the tracks of the rabbit and squirrel. The running tracks of animals will tell you if they climb trees or not. The front feet of the rabbit, dog or deer family's front feet strike the ground first, whereas the squirrel, cat and bear family's front feet strike the ground together, side by side."

Presently the young lad sees and kills a cottontail with a blunt arrow. The old man takes the animal and commands the boy to count to ten. Each number is a two syllable word in Tuscarora. The old man grabs a handful of loose belly skin and with one cut, opens the rabbit up the front. Working one hand beneath the skin, he grasps the animal about the spine and with the other hand holding the loosened hide, he pulls the body completely out its skin, except for the head which he twists off. The count is now "waht-heh" or ten. Nearby is a fallen elm tree. Ants have hollowed a medium sized limb. With his hatchet the old man cuts off a section of this dry limb and splits it. One half he lays hollow side down on a log and sends the boy to find a mouse nest.

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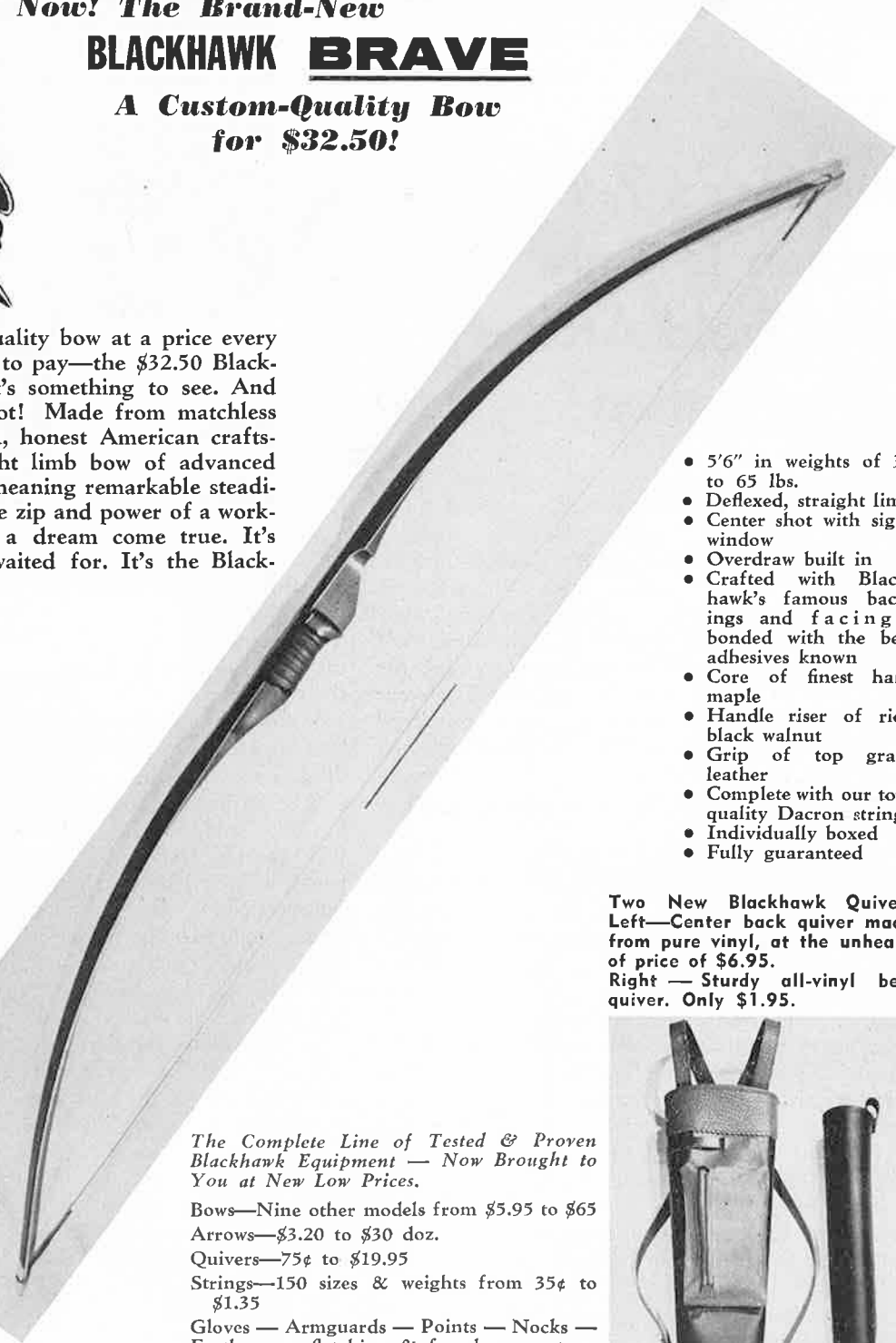
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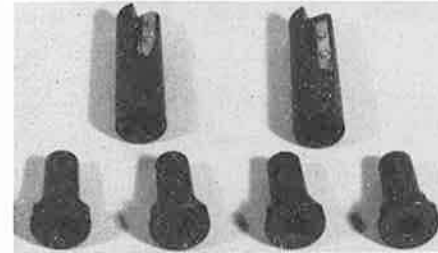
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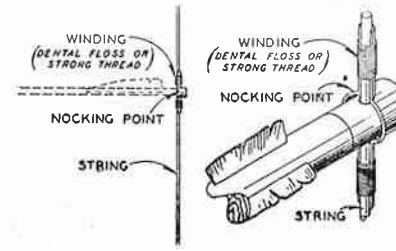
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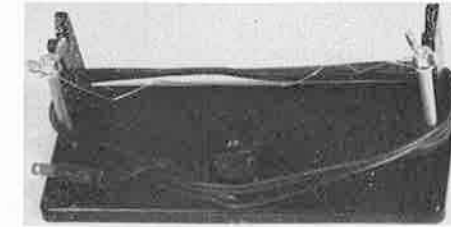
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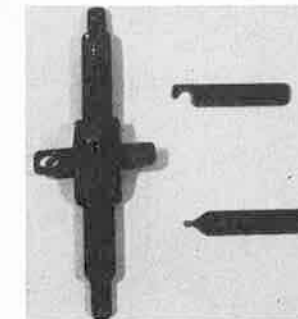
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Jersey Has Big Season; Commission Praises Conduct

By BOB DEGENHARDT

(Eastern Bowhunter Correspondent for New Jersey)

According to Dr. A. Heaton Underhill, director of the state Fish & Game Division, bow license sales may reach 25,000 for the season which ended Nov. 8. This would be an increase of 3000 over '56. Scattered reports also indicate a substantial increase in the kill.

Dr. Underhill counted the season a success from the Division's point of view. "This is a good sportsmanlike endeavor," he said, "and we hope bowhunters strive to keep it that way." The director mentioned a few self-inflicted wounds and a few minor violations of the legal time limits, but very little incidence of bows of inadequate weight. He said he hopes to see passage of the proposed bill requiring instruction and testing of juveniles and first-year license applicants, with clubs helping out.

Jack O'Leary, Livingston, got his ninth deer with bow and arrow, a possible Jersey record . . . Dick Sage, Fanwood, took his sixth, Wes Hall, Linden, his fifth . . . Dr. James Westman, Rutgers University, bagged his with "more excitement than when I got my Ph.D." Real estate operators cleaned up, with Jack, Jules and Stan Bystrak, Don Schulte and Rudy Cammarata all scoring . . . state field champ Wally Copensky nailed a young buck in the heart, knocking it off a stone wall at 90 yards . . . Joe Chanda, who'd hunted unsuccessfully with a gun since '51 switched to the bow and got a kill this year . . . Charley Montana took his first deer after 15 years of bowhunting . . . this writer, most miraculous of all, got a button buck, his third deer.

Jersey Notes: Lloyd Corby won the state target championship for the men, Jean Tomlinson for the women, a complete reversal from '56 when Lloyd's wife, Ann, won for the women, and Jean's husband, Jim, took men's honors.

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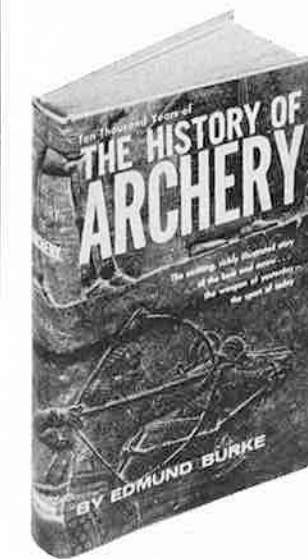
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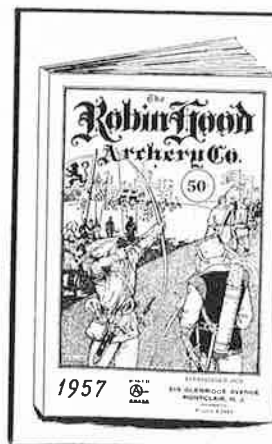
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The average archer, shooting throughout the year at stationary targets, is distressingly lacking in the ability to estimate how much to lead his game when it sprints across the countryside or lights out into the sky. He simply isn't accustomed to this type of shooting and therefore misses consistently, usually putting his arrows behind the target. When he tries to change this condition, he overcorrects his aiming and shoots too far ahead of the game. But with a little training the archer can overcome this deficiency and have a lot of fun in the process.

To set up this practice game, try to do your shooting in a place with a hill immediately behind the shooting area. Primarily this is a safety measure, but it's also a means of providing a backstop, so you won't have too far to go to retrieve your arrows. The problem of arrow collection is minimized if you use flu flus, although you should practice with the same style fletching you'll use in the field. Flu flus definitely should be used for wing shooting practice, while for both airborne and running shots your points should be blunts. You have several choices on this score: metal blunt points, .32 calibre cartridge cases or rubber blunts.

Your targets can be anything from vintage but valueless music platters to discarded Frisbees. Tops of bushel baskets or peach baskets, round pieces of cardboard are good, as are pie tins. Actually any round object less than 24 inches in diameter can be used, but steer clear of heavy things like garbage can lids. If you score a hit and the lid rolls over on the shaft, your arrow has had it. You may be surprised at the way your metal blunt-

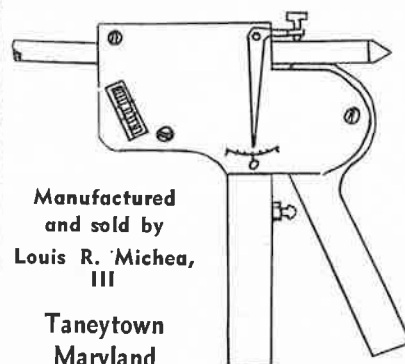
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will be traveling at top speed or just trotting. To add to the variety, different size targets can be used. And, so the hunter won't get into a rut (no pun intended), the colors should be varied whenever possible. Occasion-

ally, two targets can be presented together and the archer must decide which one to concentrate his aim on. And don't make every one a broadside shot—mix them so that some will be quartering away from or toward the shooter.

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Hill is First Conn. Archer to Bag a Bruin

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The bear created a stir of excitement in Danbury. A picture of Hill and the bear made the front page of the local paper, and Hill was interviewed on the Danbury radio station. "I took advantage of the opportunity to give archery a boost," Hill says. "I also explained the deadliness of a modern bow and pointed out its dangers in the hands of youngsters and uninformed persons. I urged parents to direct their youngsters to our club or to an experienced archer."

The bear meat was distributed among the Pocono members who accompanied Hill—Jim Pawloski, Lou and Harold Levy, George Fairchild, John Ziolkowski and Art Desrosiers. They all reported some excellent eating. Hill says the meat was like the most delicious, tender beef he'd ever tasted; his wife removed all the exterior fat and cooked it like a pot roast, flavored to taste with onions and garlic. The meat was cooked in its own juice with only a little water added.

Although bear fat is supposed to be the best shortening for frying, Hill admits he didn't have the nerve to try it. But the fat didn't go to waste; local archers are using it as a boot dressing. The bear's head? At a taxidermist, of course. "I'm having the hide tanned," says Hill, a lab technician who tests experimental aircraft and missile control system components for Manning, Maxwell and Moore. "I'm going to make a quiver, with the fur left on and decorated with the claws of the hind paws. If any hide is left, I'll use the hair to tie trout flies."

Packboard & Quiver

By CAPT. JIM PURDY

My column this month is written especially for archery wives, sisters and sweethearts. It's Christmas shopping time again, girls; bear in mind that the shortest route to a mink stole or a man's heart is through the quiver. If you're a lady bowhunter yourself, you can find below a number of useful articles you need; if you're an archery widow, you'll find numerous Christmas possibilities moving in price from a dollar upward.

If the man in your life, like the majority of us, missed his deer this year, you've already heard several reasons for his failure. These alibis or excuses (let's be kind and call them explanations) can possibly clue you for a Christmas gift with a double purpose—you'll have meat on the table next Fall and a pleased man, too. For example, if he lays the blame for his erratic aim on crooked aluminum shafts, he'll be a prospect for an arrow straightener. There are several types from a super-duper bench job to the handy pocket model. Or if he didn't get a crack at a deer within reasonable range, put a deer call in his stocking. He can start practicing right after the holidays and will be so proficient come next season that he'll wait for a shot a real trophy buck.

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L. G. Kesteloo, Va. Fish & Game Comm.

Camping equipment as well as archery tackle will be appreciated by every bowhunter on your 1957 Christmas list.

recommend a gift certificate unless you can enlist his hunting buddy to help you choose the right model and weight). Or if his gear is scattered about the house, get him a tackle case or an arrow rack. Camouflage suits were successful this year in the hunting field; they can also be used for hunting groundhogs and foxes.

If your one and only has everything (in archery equipment, that is), there are many new products which will surely interest him. There's a make-it-yourself quiver, a really handsome kit. There's a hunting knife with a hone and file encased in the sheath. There's a cigarette clip, so he won't have to waste his smokes when he's field shooting. He never gets enough practice; so get him his own target matt or one of the new, durable rubber targets on a stand. And you can't go wrong on a new tab or shooting glove.

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By ARNOLD G. BESSETTE
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Bowhunters in Vermont broke all records with a kill of 142 deer during the recent 10-day season; 84 does and 58 bucks have been reported so far. The '56 season saw only 62 deer taken by 3500 bowhunters; in '57, there were 1000 more hunters and 80 more deer.

This record kill will certainly mean more bowhunters next year. Many of the hunters this season were out-of-staters, lured to Vermont by news of the growing deer herd.

Vermont's Fish & Game Service was pleased with the results; it credits them to more liberal game laws and the deer increase. The Vermont Bowmen, Inc.—our state association—has battled through many legislatures to obtain the present laws; we're still striving to better the sport in the state through publicity. Any Vermonters unfamiliar with the association should write the secretary, Leland Buckbee, 305 North St., Bennington, Vt. My address is Rt. 1, Salisbury, Vt.

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By ROBERT A. PRATT
(Eastern Bowhunter Correspondent for R. I.)

Right now, Rhode Island archers are scouting and planning for our state's second annual bow season, which takes place Jan. 5-25. Our deer herd is small; the best hunting areas are around Wakefield and Wickford.

All '58 tourney dates must be submitted to the RIFAA at the association's January meeting . . . voting cards out for election of '58 officers . . . President LaPlante running unopposed . . .

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How You Can Hunt For Elk in Wyoming

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After the Easterners got to the permanent camp—and mighty comfortable it was—and began hunting, they wished they'd rigged up bow scabbards for their saddles, because riding the Wyoming horses is a two-handed job. Incidentally, Hermance urges you to take an *all glass bow*. "Bows take a beating from the brush; your horse likes to brush you up against trees. The changes in temperature are a factor, too."

The hunting? It was exciting, Hermance recalls with awe. "You roll out of the sack before dawn, and eat a huge breakfast; sometimes it includes vegetables. The wrangler saddles the horses, and you head into the hills with your guide, one guide for every two hunters. You travel maybe 15 miles. Your guide sometimes uses a wooden or rubber whistle to call in the bull elk; the rest of the time, you stalk them. It was in this manner that I got a hit on a cow elk. It wasn't good enough to drop the elk, and she ran a few hundred yards, passing our guide, who shot her. So I really can't claim that elk as a bow kill.

Moose are numerous—too numerous in the rutting season. Once, a huge fellow came for Hermance and his horse. The horse skedaddled, Hermance hanging on



If you go, learn to ride; you're in the saddle all day. It was in this country that Hermance bowhunted for elk.

for dear life. One night, a bull moose actually kept the returning hunters out of the camp. Next time, Hermance says, he's going to concentrate on moose, even though he feels that elk hunting isn't as difficult as it's made out to be. As for deer, they were plentiful, and so were bear, but the Easterners spent little time hunting them. The partridge were almost too tame to hunt.

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There are millions of details concerning big game hunting in the Wyoming hills, and we can't begin to cover all of them. If you have any questions, Paul Hermance invites you to write him; his address is simply Bennett Rd., Poughkeepsie, N.Y.



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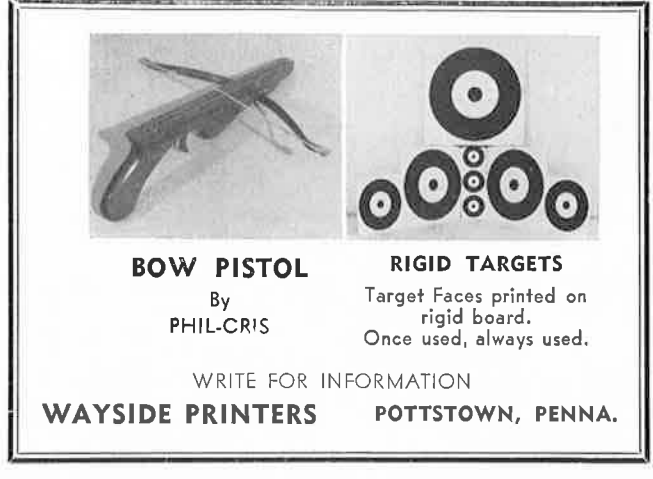
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Indian Field Archery Club

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bursts the tinder into flame. Sticks are added and a fire to roast the rabbit is built.

As they sit eating and resting, the old man gestures to the stump of the fallen elm. "See the tree rings on his side? They show a greater growth on the north and north-east side. Even the bark is thicker. It is a good compass." Now the old man slides off the log and walks towards a marshy section. There he picks a last year's stalk of poison hemlock. He cuts one of the bamboo-like sections so that one end of the tube is closed. Punching one large hole and several small ones, he fashions and plays a mellow flute. The curious boy's eyes have now grown very large. But it is time to go home.

And now to the present.

The Tuscarora tribe and reservation is quite small, numbering about 300. Modern civilization and schooling have brought about modern interests. Recently, however, several members have become interested in archery and have formed the 7 Clan Bowmen.

The archery bug lay hibernating dormant among us, now and again erupting in Murray Printup, Howard Hill (coincidental), Ronnie Mount Pleasant, Leroy Ferguson, Leo Printup or myself. Ronnie and Murray were the first to try deer hunting, Ronnie killing two. Several more went for the 1955 season but without success. It is interesting to note each archer's tackle changes after his first hunt. Usually he starts with an all wood bow, often hand-made, and also hand-made accessories. The

next year he sports a composite recurve and the new hunter carries his old bow. Several more thus became interested, including Truman Johnson, Harrison Printup, John Loomis and Harold Bissell, his wife Phyllis and his two sons Harold Jr. and Grant.

When the Niagara Falls Bowhunters formed, several of us joined. That winter while shooting indoors in Truman's garage, we discussed the possibility of forming a club on the reservation. Not limiting the membership to Indians, we received much help from Larry Robinson, Jake Toner and Roy Hockaday. Club membership now numbers 30. A 28-target course has been built on the Upper Mountain Road. Our Fourth of July shoot, despite rainy weather, brought 60 archers from 13 different clubs. Al Schrader, Niagara Falls, won top honors with a 409, also winning the first club "20" pin. It is an authentically chipped flint arrowhead made by club president Howard Hill.

The club has joined the New York State and the National Field Archery Associations. The seven clans represented on our emblem are the Eel, Deer, Snipe, Black Bear, White Bear, Turtle and Wolf clan.

At the NFAA National at Watkins Glen our club took part in the archer's parade; we won prizes for the best marching group, for the best banner and best individual costume. In the tournament, John Loomis, Larry Robinson, Jr. and I won some round and aggregate prizes.

Perhaps in the near future more of our woodland secrets will be printed in *THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER* to help you when you hunt.

Scatter-Shot Arrow Test

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Shooting at a 24" field face from 15 yards, about half of the missiles penetrated all the way through the corrugated cardboard backing; a few, however, went in only a sixteenth of an inch. Sometimes, the steel missiles flew off the plastic tubes; sometimes the tubes were carried all the way through the target, and sometimes they stuck out.

What about shot patterns? On the 24" field face, the pattern ranged from 12 to 18 inches at 15 yards. There seemed to be no real regularity in the patterns; perhaps the variation of the packing of the missiles played a part in this. Shooting from ten yards, the pattern, of course, was much smaller.

The scatter-shot arrow, available from EASTERN BOWHUNTER advertisers, costs \$3.85; that includes one field load, and a box of BB shot. The manufacturer, National Marine Co., Cadillac, Mich., suggests that the BB load be used for clay pigeons and practice; the BB's are packed into the rear of the head, and the long part of the clip is secured in the hole to prevent them from falling out. An extra 25 hunting loads, with clips and rubber bands, costs \$6.25.

The scatter-gun arrow has its idiosyncracies. It doesn't work unless the missiles are packed just the right way. The clip must be seated exactly right, and the rubber band secured as shown in the picture. When you're in the field, the constant checking of these points gets a little annoying. But the arrow works—presuming the speedy missiles hit vital areas. One thing is a must: before you hunt with the arrow, test it thoroughly. First, shoot at a field face and second, have a buddy toss objects into the air. If you plan to hunt rabbits with the rig, shoot at some fast-rolling object, like a tin can. If you're not thoroughly familiar with all the details of packing the



The missiles packed in the head with clip and rubber band correctly positioned. Great care must be taken in packing.

missiles and shooting the arrow, you won't be successful when you go after game—small game, of course, because it's obvious that the missiles won't penetrate anywhere near enough to take game larger than a rabbit or maybe a groundhog, if you hit the groundhog in the head or heart.



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New York Alligator

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nation. But **EASTERN BOWHUNTER** reader Charlie Ganance knows the story—and curiously, it has another archery angle.

It turns out that Ed Murray, former president of Schenectady's Niskayuna Field Archers bought the 'gator for his dad. Murray Sr., who came to know and admire the reptile, brought it with him when he moved up north from Florida.

Last summer, in June, the 'gator got away. The Mur-rays looked long and hard for it. No luck. Only the exploit of George Murphy brought the 'gator to light.

The editors of your **EASTERN BOWHUNTER**, being of an inquiring turn of mind, have a few questions. First, does Murphy qualify for a New York State Field Archery Assn. big game award? Second, will the NFAA recognize the kill? Third, will the state's Conservation Department move to protect alligators? Note to NYFAA prexy Hayward: check this out, will you?

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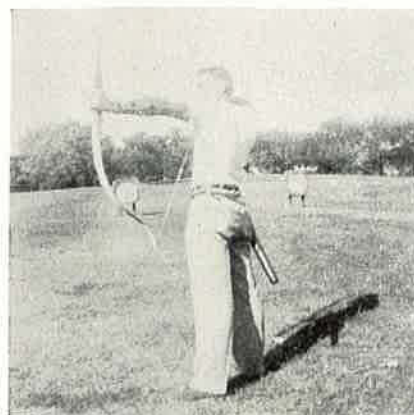
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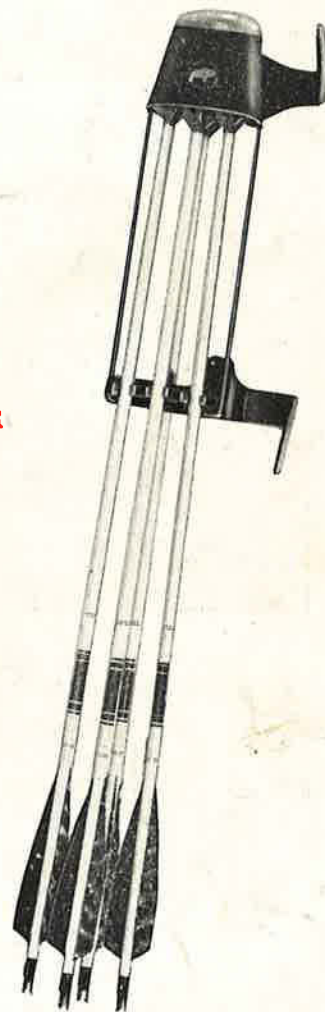


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