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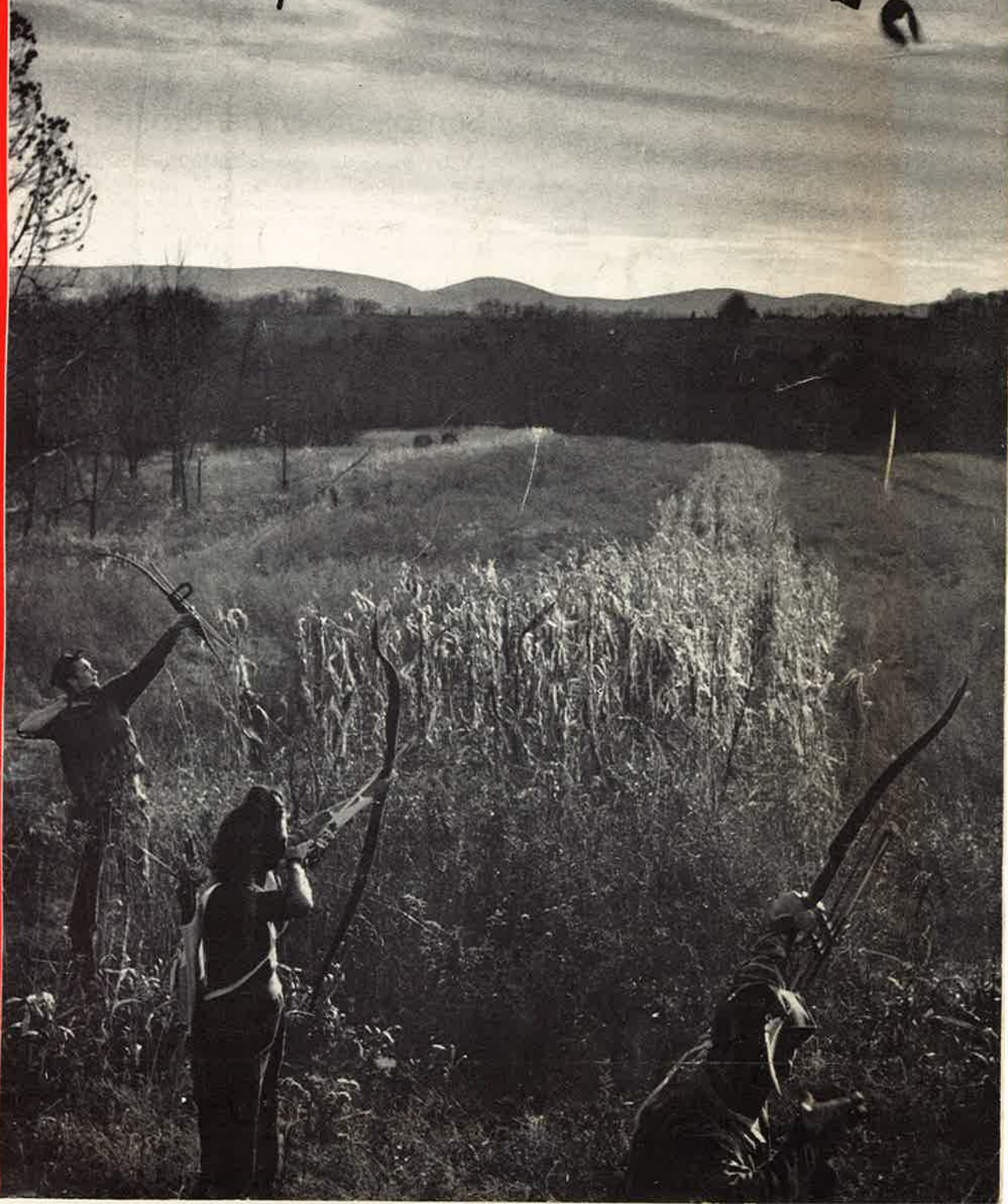
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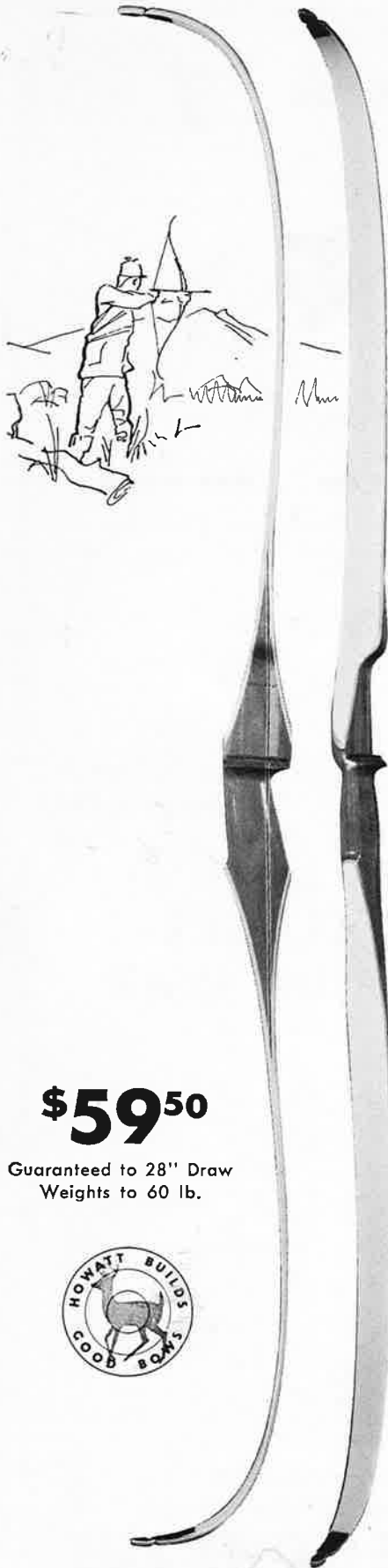
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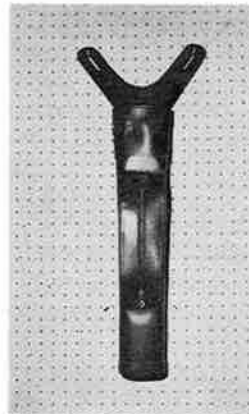
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AN INTERVIEW WITH LON STANTON

How Does the NFAA Champion Shoot? What's His Advice to You? Here are the Answers

Forty-nine-year-old Lon Stanton, the NFAA national champion, has a face that may have been carved from Missouri limestone. It's a rugged face, an intelligent face; it's apt to break into a wide grin any time—and does. "The old man from the Ozark hills," Stanton calls himself in his easy, Missouri drawl. But there's nothing of the old man about Lon Stanton, in spite of his balding pate. A vigorous specimen, he has the relaxed bearing of a champion.

Stanton's victory at the great '58 National was not luck; you'll recall that he shot a 478 field round, for example. How does he shoot? What advice does he offer you? What is his archery background, his archery philosophy? Knowing you'd want answers to questions like these, we asked the man from Lake Ozark for the word:

Q: Lon, our readers were amazed when we reported that you won the National after only four years' experience. They were intrigued, too, to learn that you took up archery as therapy for a badly broken leg. Tell us how you became interested and how you learned the sport.

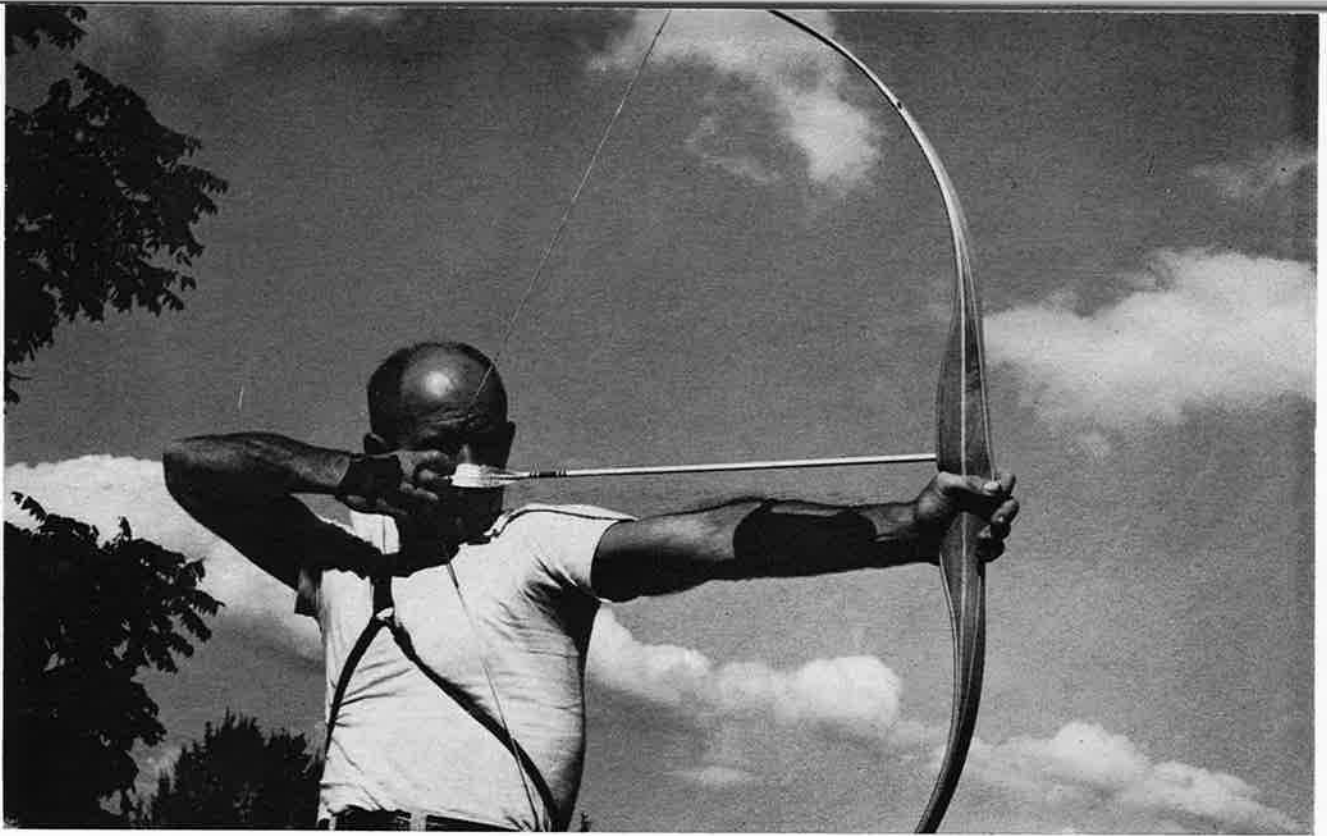
A: Well, you asked for it, so I'll begin to brag and swell my ego. You readers bear with me; your time will come when you can knock me off at one of these Nationals!

My first association with archery goes back to 1915 when my uncle and I would meet in a large cave along the cliffs of the Glaize River on snowy days and whittle bows from red cedar and arrows from pine crates; baling wire made our bowstrings and sheet metal triangles, rolled into cones, were our broadheads. We used a pinch draw. We had no tabs or other accessories, no special method of shooting. I might add we couldn't hit much of anything.

After I graduated from engineering school in 1932, and until I went to work on the supervisory staff of General Electric, Bridgeport, Conn. at the beginning of the war, rifles consumed all my spare time. In Bridgeport, I went to a department store to buy an archery set. The clerk tried to string the bow; it broke into a million pieces. I hastily gave up the idea of archery. And from 1946 to 1953 all hobbies were shelved while I built the Stanton Novelty Co., Inc., manufacturers of wood turnings, souvenir merchandise, special wood parts. (We make the Weems Wild Call for Wayne Weems of Ft. Worth, Texas.)

In '53 my family and I were driving on our vacation when we hit a car head-on. It was driven by an elderly man who died of a heart attack at the wheel. We all suffered various minor and major injuries. My worst injury was a busted knee cap. While convalescing I pur-

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"I line up my arrow with the aiming dot . . . I try to forget I have a release hand."

chased an archery set—with a lemon wood bow, and began plinking. I used the pinch draw same as I did when a youngster.

I was really introduced to archery when my good friend Buford Foster asked me along on a rabbit hunt. That day, I met Earl Hoyt and several of his friends and, for the first time in my life, saw the three-finger draw. Amazed at the accuracy, I went home and found that my 20 lb. lemon wood was easy to draw. So I ordered a 60 lb. lemon wood. I couldn't string it. Finally I lay on the floor on my back, put my good knee against the handle, grasped the tips with my hands and asked my wife to put the string on!

Soon afterwards I bought a 45 lb. Hoyt and found what I'd been missing. Right off I decided I'd make my own arrows; I had a dowel machine in the plant and figured I could make them as good as anyone else. The wood? Red cedar. The spine? I'd never heard the word. They looked better than the ones in the quiver of Owen Jeffrey, the state field champ whom I was shooting with one day. But they went all over the place. Owen, chief bowyer for the Hoyt Archery Co., told me why.

For almost a year I used the chest draw instead of the conventional anchor point. I understand the Indians shot that way. I killed plenty of rabbits and could beat most of the local shooters. One day, shooting at a tin can, I drew to the cheek. The arrow hit exactly where I was looking. Ever since I've used a high anchor. I might add that I learned plenty from such good Missouri archers as Buford Foster, Owen Jeffrey, Paul Jeffries, Leroy Young, Norm, Jack and Bob Wilson and many others.

Q: Did you employ a lot of trial and error to become a good shot, Lon? What are factors, in your opinion, that made you a good archer and enabled you to win the National? To put it another way, what are the ingredients—emotional,

An Auto Accident Started

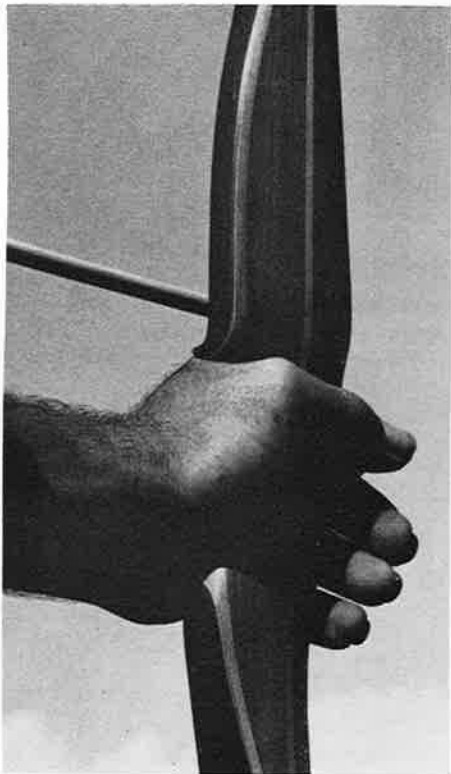
physical, mental—that make a good tournament archer? Does tournament pressure bother you?

A: I've always remembered my father's advice: "When you have a problem, you first must have all the facts relative to that problem before you are qualified to solve it intelligently." Now in archery there are many basic facts that have been proven through the years. But I'm not a person to eliminate or use any fact because someone said it was good or bad until I've thoroughly tried it and convinced myself of its merits. In other words, there might be a better different way for *you* to shoot even though it may be unorthodox. So use trial and error methods. When the day arrives that I can consistently shoot a 560 field round and have all the arrows grouped in the center of the black dot, I'll feel I've exhausted all the trial and error methods—and I'll start looking for a new hobby.

Thanks for calling me a good archer. I won the National with some good shooting and some good luck. It takes both. The top ten shooters in a tournament of that size are so nearly equal in shooting ability that the outcome can't be predicted.

The ideal archer would be emotionally as solid as a rock. It's a question of self-control. It's a human failing to think of the reward before we've earned it. If one is not careful when he goes into a major tournament he concentrates on the glory instead of the job at hand.

To shoot at the best of one's ability requires regular practice and proper rest and sleep—but you just try and sleep at a National when you are out front and the pack is nipping at your heels! Mentally, you must be so convinced that your equipment and your ability are the best that there is no doubt in your mind; otherwise, there's a



Lon in Archery

At left, Lon's bow hand; he says he makes a "conscious effort" to keep hand still when he shoots. Right, a Stanton deer; he likes bowhunting and tournaments equally well. Below, Lon and 13-year-old son, George. All in the family shoot

lack of confidence that will surely show on the score card. No one is qualified to judge your equipment; if you think it's the best, it is the best. Trial and error determines that.

Tournament pressure? Yes, it bothers me. I think it bothers everyone who thinks he has a chance of winning. Experience lessens it. Tournament pressure shows a lack of confidence.

Q: Let's get specific about the way you shoot, Lon. Let's assume you step up to a medium-range field target. How do you judge the distance—or don't you? How do you aim, hold, release and follow through?

A: I can look at a target and know immediately if I can hit it. When you get through reading all this, walk outside without your bow and pick some object you judge to be less than 50 yards away. Stare at it intently and imagine that you're at full draw and ready to shoot. You have a feeling of confidence that you can hit the object. Now pick another object and look at it the same way. The same confidence! Then pick another object at 100 yards or more; notice the difference in your confidence. You think you could make a fair shot at it, but you don't have the positive confidence you did before. I often find myself practicing without my bow by looking at objects of varying distances and taking imaginary shots.

So I step up to a medium-range target. I look it over, look over the lay of the ground—and know before I shoot if I can hit it. I position my left hand carefully on the bow grip, come up to full draw, line the arrow up with the aiming dot—and mentally picture the path the arrow is going to travel. I hold for a few seconds to get into a

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ABOUT OUR NAME CHANGE

The Eastern Bowhunter hereby changes its name to BOWHUNTING.

There is absolutely no change in ownership. William Stump and G. Howard Gillelan, who founded the magazine in 1956, are still the editors and publishers.

And there is no change in basic policy.

Eastern archers, who consider this *their* magazine, need have no fear that their interests or their part of the nation will be abandoned or neglected. Far from it.

The change is a matter of our catching up with our coverage. The Eastern Bowhunter has long been national. We have, for example, hundreds of California subscribers. And there are subscribers in every state—including Alaska.

That's because we've long published material designed to be of interest and information to archers everywhere.

Lon Stanton, to cite an example, is a Missourian—and the NFAA national champion: our exclusive interview should interest all field archers. Our recent article about the correct ways to sharpen broadheads was as valid in North Dakota as in North Carolina. This month's pheasant story, set in Pennsylvania, is applicable in all 38 states having pay-as-you-shoot preserves. If we write about moose or elk or sting ray hunting, we strive to tell you what *you* need to know—including the cost of getting there.

To put it another way, we approach our work as though we were readers and not editors. We ask ourselves, will this article interest us as archers? Inform us? Help us? Add to our enjoyment and appreciation of the sport? This has been our criterion all along.

Our name change means an expansion that will enable us to give you greater coverage of subjects of universal archery interest. Archery is growing; in another five years it may be bigger than anyone dreams today. Being a part of our American free enterprise system, we intend to keep on growing with it.

Now don't expect to see the scores of a Nebraska novelty shoot in BOWHUNTING—or a Maine one, either. You won't find us devoting space to the election of club officers in Kankakee, Ill.—or in Mauch Chunk, Pa. We feel the space is better devoted to something instructive and entertaining for you.

One thing more. BOWHUNTING is independent of any archery organization. It remains as it has always been—for archery.

So here's BOWHUNTING. Like you, we'll have to get accustomed to the name.

Reader Service

Remember the leather chest protector Larry Walsh was shown wearing in last month's clout shooting article? A subscriber wrote us to ask where he could buy one; we referred him to a number of manufacturers and dealers. And we recently got a letter asking us about the different types of novelty rounds; the subscriber's club wanted to hold a novelty shoot; we sent the reader some ideas.

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THE FIVE RING

He Takes Issue With Us

... I recently mailed you a copy of a letter that was sent to 100 archery clubs and individuals throughout the country, with the request that it be published in the interests of archery.

I looked for the letter in the January issue. It was not published.

On page 4, in a statement of policy, you boldly proclaim your independence and at the bottom of the same page you give Roy Hoff a big pat on the back.

Later on, toward the end, you state you believe NFAA headquarters should be more centrally located.

Perhaps you didn't publish my letter for fear of offending Hoff, Palmatier and company? Or are you just inconsistent?

Letters from more than a few clubs and individuals and a phone call from Clayton Shenk have confirmed my belief that a few archers share the viewpoint of our Conference.

You have a good magazine—in fact the only one that shows any interest in Eastern archery. This is a crucial point in field archery. Eventually it will resolve into a fight between free style and instinctive archers. Should this be the case and free style wins out, then less than 10% of the archers will be left with the pot. But the pot will be empty. Instinctive field archery is the backbone of all organized archery and the NFAA.

The power of the press is very great. But impartiality is all I ask.

This is not a quarrel with Roy Hoff or any individual, but a matter of principle.

K. D. POUST, JR.
28 S. Broad St.
Hughesville, Pa.

(Ed. Note: The letter to which Mr. Poust refers was a mimeographed one bearing the salutation "To all field archers." In essence, it asked archers to protest the purchase of an NFAA headquarters in California. Mr. Poust said, and his statement has merit, that archers should have a voice in the location of the headquarters. On top of the letter he wrote: "Please print this in the next issue if at all possible." We receive a lot of letters. We can't print them all. Besides, we felt our editorial, in pointing out the advantages of a mid-west HQ, spoke for itself. No one has to support the California HQ plan. And intelligent archers, if they are against it, certainly have the sense to protest without being advised by Mr. Poust or by us.

Mr. Poust says we "boldly proclaim independence and at the bottom of the page give Roy Hoff a big pat on the back." Come, come, Mr. Poust. Our congratulations to Roy Hoff on accepting the position of NFAA secretary-treasurer has nothing to do with our independence. Don't confuse the meanings of "independence" and "impartiality," Mr. Poust. Independence does not mean we can't express an opinion or take a stand. What kind

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The Editor's

Arrow Barrel

A couple of issues ago this department zoomed like a satellite to the year 1970, and predicted, somewhat lightly, what archery will be like twelve years from now... You think it was far-fetched? ... Wait and see... For an equally dramatic contrast, go *back* twelve years and look at archery in 1946... The word "archery"—outside of a few states was synonymous with college gals on a lawn or kids playing cowboys and Indians... Wooden bows—lemonwood, hickory, osage—were the mode... bowstring made of linen... The big event of the year was the target National... white ducks and whispers on the shooting line... Field archery was a game played by some obscure oddballs in a few states... about as popular as croquet... Bowhunters were almost as scarce as shotguns at Grayling last July... You'd starve if you had to live off the number of deer bow-killed that year... Few states had archery hunting seasons in '46 and when a hunter managed to arrow an animal, it was front page news... Subdue an elephant with a bow and arrows?... about as likely as twirling a plastic ring around your hips...

The '58 bowhunting season reports show nation-wide increase again this year... Inquiries rolling in about BOWHUNTING's charter flight to Bend in July... Look for more archery on TV... Did everyone see the bowhunter with the tattooed hand in the cigarette commercial?... Every year we hear about more veteran bowmen passing up shots at doe and small bucks, holding out for trophy racks... Has any club tried a novelty shoot in which nothing but flu flus are shot in a 14 target round?... Increase in shotgun-type turkey shoots... novices, even non-archers, have as much chance as Ex-A's... good money raiser, too.

We note that the old Errol Flynn version of "Robin Hood" is being shown around the country on TV.

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At top left is Fran Hill, Danbury, Conn. His buck, weighing 207 lbs., won him second place. Center top is New Yorker George Treeter and sixth-place deer; at right is Bob Dickey, Butler, Pa. Bucks taken by these three archers were at full run when killed! Below, left, is third-place W. C. Bedall, Jr., of Staunton, Va., and right is Ernie Eyles, Ashby, Mass., with son Doug and last-place buck—but a buck any archer would be proud to bag.

LADY HUNTER WIN





Mrs. Genevieve Camp, a housewife from Galena, Md., won contest with this magnificent animal

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"My stand overlooked a field knee-high in hay; I glanced to my left and there, heading straight for me, was the biggest buck I'd ever seen. Boy, did I shake!"

That's Mrs. Genevieve Camp talking. And, shaking or not, she nailed the buck with a 25 yard liver shot—to become the first woman to win a major American bowhunting contest. That contest, of course, is this magazine's third annual prize buck competition, and we happily award Mrs. Camp the handsome, name-engraved beer mug.

Second prize, a dozen broadhead-tipped arrows custom-made for the contest by Bucktail Archery, goes to Francis Hill, a veteran Connecticut bowhunter (whose feat of becoming his state's first archer to kill a bear was described in a 1957 article). Hill's buck was downed in New York's fabulous Westchester County, and weighed 207 lbs. field dressed. As you know, the second prize goes to the *heaviest* buck taken, while first is awarded to the archer killing the deer with the *longest* and *widest* antlers.

Mrs. Camp's prizewinner, bigger in every way than Joe Keeler's first placer last year, had an antler spread of 23". The longest main antler was 25". Her buck weighed 230 lbs. before it was gutted. (Because she won first prize, she couldn't win second.) That's a mighty big whitetail—the second biggest whitetail killed in Maryland

by bow or gun in 1958.

The housewife got her buck close to home, near Galena, in Maryland's Kent Co.—a virtually untapped bowhunting paradise on the state's Eastern Shore. Her bow was a 44 lb. Bear Cub; her arrow was tipped with a Hill's Hornet. As you may guess, Genevieve is no bowhunting novice, although this is her first deer. She's been hunting for six years. Her husband, Gene, took an eight pointer in '55—the biggest Maryland deer for that year. And the Camps' 13-year-old son, David, is a bowhunter, too. He advised his mother to stay home this past season. He said she'd be wasting her time.

Genevieve reports that her buck was travelling with a doe and a smaller male. She shot just before dusk. When her husband and another lady hunter joined her, it was too dark to track effectively. But no matter: they found the deer the next morning, just 100 yards away.

Second-place winner Fran Hill (his buck's longest main antler was 21" and the spread 19½", although the weight, not the measurements, was the winning factor under the rules) bagged his animal when it was "running open throttle." Hill shot from 28 measured paces. "Penetration was through both lungs," he says, "and the buck dropped stone dead after he ran 109 paces." Fran shot a 55 lb. Jaguar; his arrow was home-fletched, his head a

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Fred Bear

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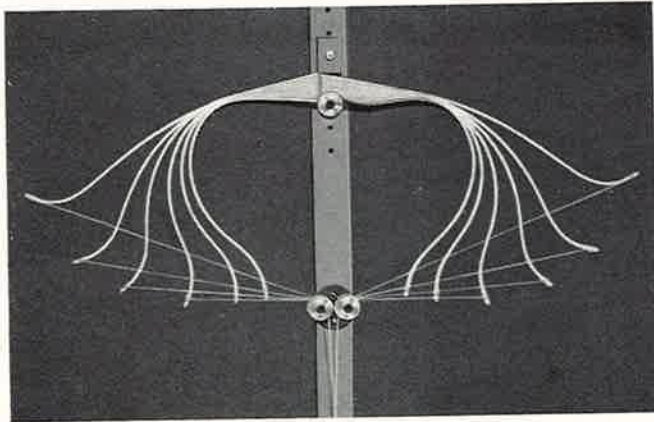


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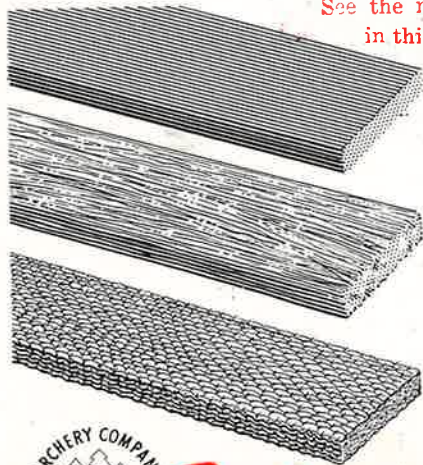
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THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ARCHERY. By Paul Hougham. A. S. Barnes & Co. \$5.

This book by Californian Paul Hougham really is an encyclopedia. Literally hundreds of archery terms and designations are listed, each with a description ranging from a sentence to a couple of pages; many are illustrated with photographs and drawings and diagrams.

Not much has been left out. Flipping through the easy-to-read pages we find, for example, *arbalest*, *arrow types*, *Art Young Big and Small Game Awards*. And *bow breakage*, *bow hand*, *broadhead round*. And *center shot bow*. And *paradox*, *archer's*. And *Robin Hood*, *Sagittarius*, *tillering jig*, "Timber!," *velocity*, *windage adjustment*, *working recurve*.

For a just-starting-out archer, Mr. Hougham's book will prove valuable indeed. And we'd like to see a copy in the hands of non-archers whose work requires a knowledge of modern archery - meaning outdoor writers, editors, conservation officials, legislators, sporting goods dealers. The veteran archer? He won't learn much about bowhunting technique, say, but he'll find out, and in compact form, how to set up a field course or stage a novelty shoot, and what he needs to know about the NFAA and NAA awards and rounds.

This is not to say that the author devotes insufficient space to hunting archery. He knows that bowhunting is important today, and the subject is covered in proportion to its popularity.

Whereas Mr. Hougham's descriptions on such things as bow physics and instinctive shooting are extremely thorough, a few things are rather sketchy. We turned to the listing entitled *archery* hoping and expecting to find an in-depth essay on the word and its historical roots - certainly a valid subject for such an encyclopedia. The author merely says that archery is "the actual sport of shooting with the bow and arrow," that it is old, that it is considered "second only to the wheel in importance to man" and that there are target archers and field archers today. His *Robin Hood* item? You could have written it after watching Richard Green. As for inaccuracies, there are few; our address was listed as "Riverwood, Md." and another publication was given the title it has not used for years.

But the book's importance lies in Mr. Hougham's complete and authoritative coverage of matters relating to the present day archer's participation in the sport and its crafts. Thus, it will be a worthy addition to your archery bookshelf. It is to ours.

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Magazine Plans July 26th Charter Flight to Bend, Oregon, for NFAA Classic

Jay Peake, 1957's champion, was one of the first readers to tell us he'd like to fly to the '59 National aboard the *BOWHUNTING Special*—the United Airlines DC-6B we're planning to charter to take *you* to Oregon next July 26.

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To make the charter a reality, we'll need a total of 59 archers. Present plans call for the charter plane to make up in New York or Washington, with a stop in Chicago. Round-trip charter fare will be \$245.68 if the plane is filled up in an Eastern city. The trip to Portland will take about 10 hours. At Portland, passengers will board a bus and be transported the 120 quick miles to a motel in Bend. The bus will stand by during the tournament to carry passengers back and forth from the tournament site at Shevlin Park, four miles away.

We've contacted a number of Oregon bus companies and at this writing it looks like the *total* individual bus fare will be about \$10 to \$15 for the five day period. (We'll fly to Portland Sunday, July 26 and return Thursday, July 30). Your motel cost—or hotel if it's cheaper—shouldn't be more than \$8 to \$10. So figure on about \$300, excluding meals and the usual \$8 tourney fee.

By next issue, we should have a motel picked out; naturally, we're determined to find the best at the most rea-

sonable price. We'll have the bus question settled, too. And we'll look into car rentals at Bend for those passengers seeking greater mobility.

If we can't fill a charter plane, we plan to reserve a block of seats on a regularly-scheduled United flight. This would boost the round-trip fare to \$343.97—much less if you board in Chicago.

For archers, this is a wonderful chance to see a new part of the U.S. Oregon archer Joel Callison reports that Bend is "in the center of Oregon's recreational area." It's lovely country, with snow-capped peaks, a sparkling climate, great trout streams. Callison tells us that ten courses are under construction at well-equipped Camp Abbott; he describes the terrain of courses and the general set-up as being similar to Grayling.

If your archery-widow wife has been after you to show her far-away places, it's your chance to make her happy—and have a great time yourself. If you're an archery manufacturer or dealer, here's a matchless opportunity to display your wares at archery's biggest get-together; you'll find all the Pacific Coast dealers on hand. What better way to make valuable contacts and have fun at the same time?

By next month, *BOWHUNTING* should be able to offer you a "package" that will include just about everything. *You* let us know if you want to go. *We'll* do the work. We'd like to say again that the flight is being offered as an at-cost service to readers. There's no profit in it for us. We're not looking for any. We're looking for memorable fun at the National—and we want you to share it with us!

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Ban McNabb
Middletown, Ohio.

I usually hunt in Michigan, but I think I'd really enjoy a hunting trip to Alaska. If I'm ever able to make such a trip, I'd try for caribou and moose.



Bob Duffy
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Sie C. Graham
Salisbury, N. C.

I'll never grow tired of deer hunting, but I've always wanted to hunt something dangerous. Maybe it's the challenge, I don't know. I nearly got to go on a trip to Honduras with O. K. Smathers for jaguar, but it fell through.



Reg Gill
Albion, Mich.

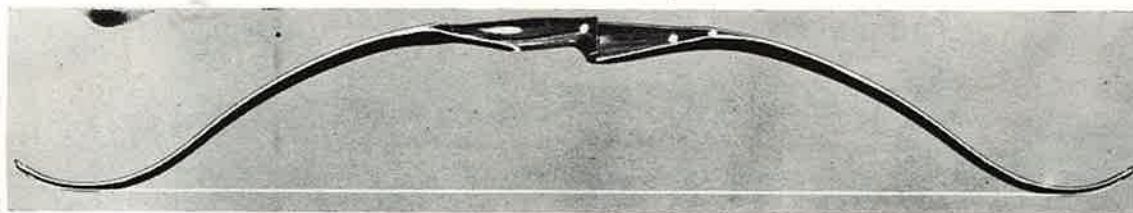
I'd rather hunt right here in Michigan than anywhere else in the world. Maybe when I get my fill of the terrific hunting around Grayling, I'll be interested in something different. But I know that won't be for a good many years.



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Plenty of Archery At Sports Show in March

BY CLAYTON B. SHENK
(Secretary, PSAA)

The enlarged PSAA, almost 150 clubs strong, is expected to account for a bigger turnout than ever at the Recreation and Sportsmen's Show, March 16-21, at the mammoth Farm Show building in Harrisburg. We'll be operating the range at the show as before, with competition each day for both field and target rounds. There will be high-score awards daily in each class, a final shoot-off on Saturday. If you're interested, there's a 75 cent registration fee for the tournament; entry blanks can be obtained by writing me at Ronks, Lancaster Co., or from your club secretary.

An impressive number of out-of-staters usually attend this event; I want to advise them—and Pennsy bowmen, too—that all contestants must have class cards approved by their respective state associations. Otherwise, they'll be in the Open class.

Lancaster Archery Club's Annual Invitational Tournament, April 4-5 . . . Field and target . . . Details from C. J. Thomas, 921 Janet Ave., Lancaster.

FTTA qualifying round June 20, 21. . . Host—Royal Oak Archers, Hinsdale, Ill. . . \$10 registration fee . . . applications from J. Robt. Kest, 232 Amherst Rd., Costa Mesa, Calif.



Wayne Schuyler, '59 president of the Pennsylvania State Archery Assn., looks over map pin-pointing the Keystone State's 141 archery clubs. Pennsylvania claims it ranks first in nation in number of archers and clubs. 72,917 bowhunters were in the field during October deer season

The Five Ring

(Continued from page 9)

of magazine would we be if we pussy-footed and fence-straddled? Independence permits and obligates us to call the shots as we see them.

In addition to believing that Roy Hoff is a good choice for an interim secretary, we would have been small indeed had we not wished him the best of luck in a difficult task. When we wrote the editorial, the job was his. Give the man a chance to prove himself, we felt—and still feel.

Then comes the business of free style vs. instinctive. Mr. Poust seems bent on keeping alive the straw man set up by John Yount, the former NFAA secretary . . . that free style archers, due to their own and Karl Palmatier's evil design, are out to take over NFAA and wreck instinctive shooting. This is the most utter nonsense. Yount wasted hundreds of hours tilting at this windmill. Poust himself says that instinctive shooting is the backbone of all organized archery and the NFAA, by 90%. And it is. What is he afraid of? Nothing like this is happening. As for Palmatier being party to any such design, there is nothing in his conversations with us or in any of his voluminous correspondence to indicate it in any way. The free stylers are not the divisive factor in the situation; the divisive factor is the Poust type of thinking—the thinking, sincere or not, which holds there is no room for both styles, that the sight shooters have some intent to upset things and that a show-down battle, like Armageddon, is bound to come.

Forgotten somewhere is the fact that archery is a pastime, a game, a recreation.

Also forgotten, as usual, is the fact that field archery began as practice for *hunting*. Maybe the ABA has the right idea in de-emphasizing tournaments.

A fear of offending Hoff and Palmatier? We do not set out to offend any archer. We have, as the record shows, differed with Palmatier many times—and we will continue to do so if and when disagreeing with him or anyone else reports a situation or serves a constructive purpose.

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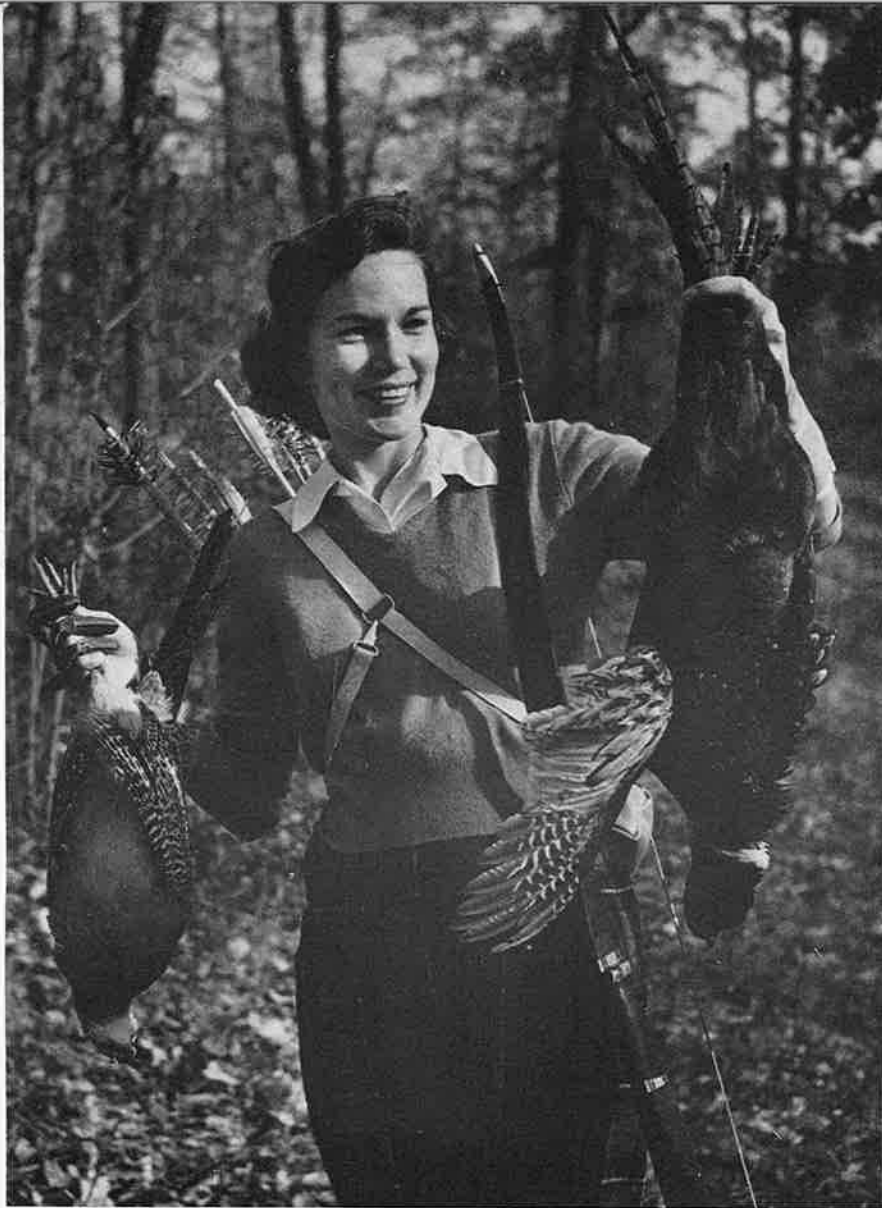
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Unless you happen to live in some place like South Dakota, where pheasant shooting is one of the biggest sources of state income, you're wasting valuable time hunting ringnecks on public land. And if, after hours of covering cornfield, brush and stubble, you should get a shot and miss, you'll feel like wrapping your bow around the nearest fence post. But in commercial pheasant hunting you'll neither waste time nor become frustrated.

Don't let anyone tell you that this type of shooting is easy or that the birds are slower or tamer than state-released ringnecks. For one of the characteristics of the ringneck, both the Chinese and the Mongolian varieties, is that almost the very instant he's released, he reverts to the wild state, ready to forage for himself and to conceal himself effectively. As for his flying ability, the pen-raised pheasant can travel as fast as a wild bird, providing his owner follows established practice and keeps him in an uncrowded pen with plenty of room to move around and exercise his wings.

Controlled shooting isn't too costly either, now that some preserve owners have wised up to the bowhunters' special needs. A good many of them now offer archers a

two-bird deal for \$10., as opposed to the shotgunners' fee of \$20 for four birds. We know of one operator, John Hammond of Hammond's Long Acres, who caters to archery clubs by offering to release a minimum of twenty-five pheasants for a flat price of \$62.50. This means that a club can reserve the farm for the day and if there are twenty hunters on the shoot, their day's sport costs them a little over \$3 each.

To add to your hunting enjoyment, most pheasant preserves keep trained bird dogs for the use of their guests. Not only will these canine experts help you get more game, they'll add a new dimension to your hunting fun by their flashy field work. They'll scent hidden birds that you normally would walk by, and they'll bring back those cripples that head for the nearest briar patch or honeysuckle thicket. Some preserve operators even have mechanical equipment and trained personnel to clean your pheasants—for an added fee, of course.

There are now pheasant shooting farms in 38 states. It's possible that there are some located in areas where archery interest isn't very high, in which case the owner may take a dim view of bowhunting. Should such a situation arise, don't lose your head and show your resentment; after all, the principal income of preserves is from gunners. So it's only natural that the operator would think twice before permitting archers on his place. Show

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NEW JERSEY

Bear in Garden State? Yes — And Bowhunters Want a Crack at Them

By BOB DEGENHARDT

(Bowhunting Correspondent for New Jersey)

At least eight black bear were taken by shotgun hunters during the December buck deer season in New Jersey. This seems worthy of note despite the fact that we've received no reports of a bowman even sighting a bear here. It provides proof that there are bear to be had in the Garden State, which hitherto may have been considered

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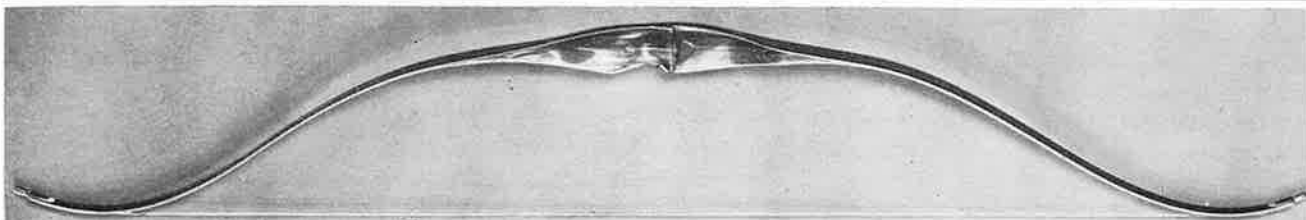
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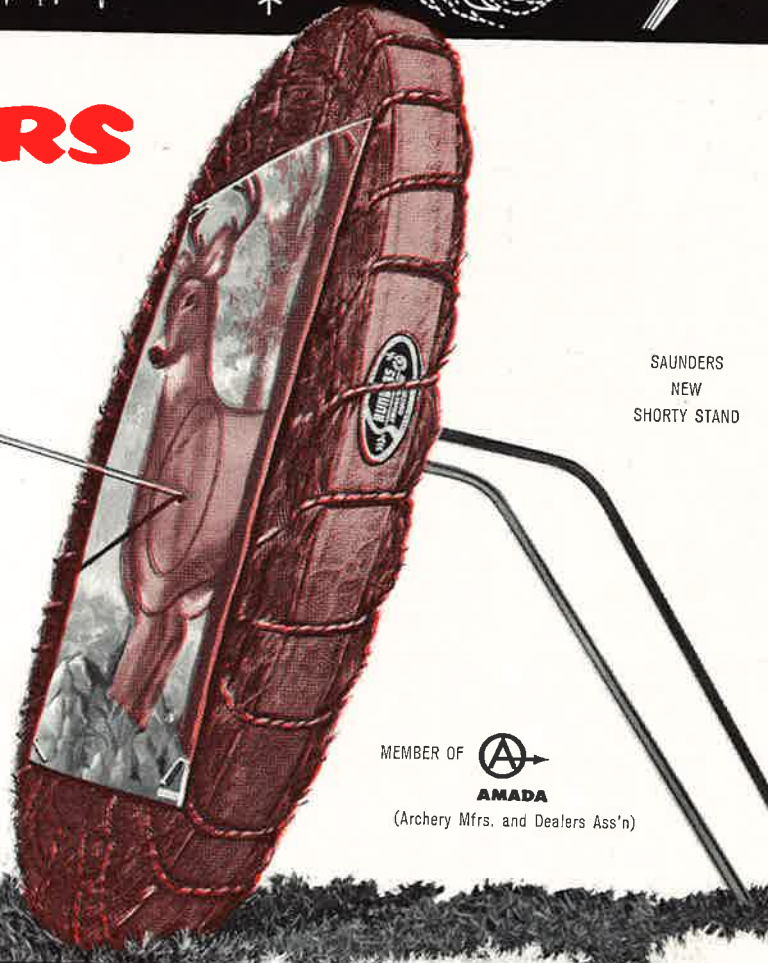
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


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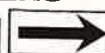
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balanced position, note the relationship of my arrow to the target, make a conscious effort that my bow hand will stay still when I shoot, and let her go. I try to forget that I have a release hand. I try never to think about that word, release. It's a dirty word in my language. If you do everything else right I think the release will take care of itself. I firmly believe that more archers are hindered than helped by concentrating too much on the release instead of lining up with the target and aiming.

Q: Assuming that an archer has natural aptitude, what tips would you offer so that archer can become a better shot?

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Q: Lon, how often do you shoot?

A: In winter, my shooting follows no definite pattern. One or two nights a week my 13-year-old son, George, shoots with me in the basement at 6" targets. We go rabbit hunting very often. During deer season I get a lot of fun shooting at stumps. I shoot a lot from April to September. I shoot every day and try to get on the course

a couple of times a week. Last year I shot eight tournaments. I'm quite stale in the early spring.

Q: Tell us something about your equipment, Lon. What make and weight bow do you shoot? Tell us about your arrows—and tell us about the extremely spiralled arrows you shoot. And tell us about your shooting glove.

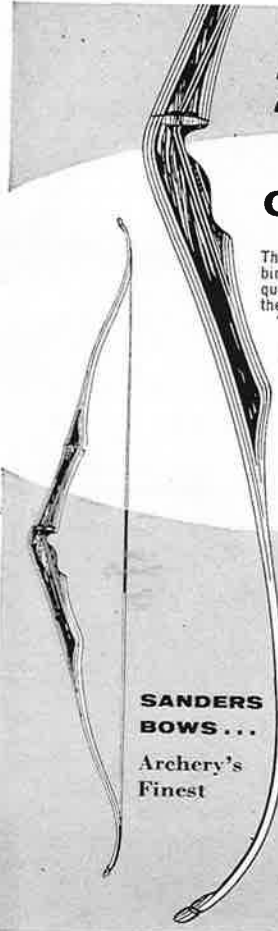
A: At the National I shot a 47 lb., 66" Black Widow made by the Wilson brothers of Springfield. I have several Hoyt Olympians; I've won several major tournaments with an Olympian.

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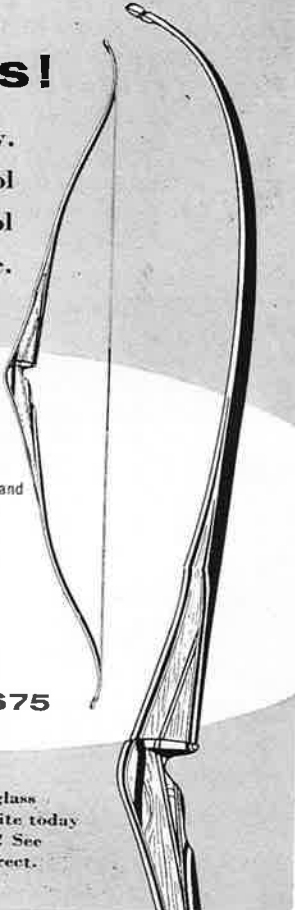
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out harm to the coating. For a shooting glove I use a Marshall tab worked over to my ideas, and one finger of a regular glove on the third finger; that's because this finger tended to get sore. I can shoot all day with this rig. Here's a tip: to break in a new tab, trim it off to conform to the fingers and soak it in hot water. When it's still wet, rub in Johnson's baby powder. In a few minutes it'll feel as good as a year-old tab.

Q: How about bowhunting?

A: I go every chance I get, armed with a 50 lb. bow. No deer this season. But this part of Missouri has some of the best rabbit hunting in the nation, and it's not unusual to bag the limit of ten a day. I hunt with beagles. In the Lake of the Ozarks we have some good gar shooting; I use a Johnson spinning reel taped to the back of my bow. I hunt in the winter and shoot tournaments in the warm months. I like them both; if they conflicted, I'd have a tough decision to make.

Q: Have you ever tried other types of archery? Ever shoot with a sight?

A: Haven't had time for the other kinds; wish I did. Recently, I've been fooling with a sight at 20 yards indoors.

Q: Tell us about your family, Lon. What are the ages of the children, and do they shoot?

A: Pauline and I have three children—Betty, 15, George, 13, Jane 12. Pauline and the kids have their own equipment and shoot. They're great boosters of the sport and always go along to lend Pop moral support. Pauline says a family can support only one fanatic. Don't push your kids into archery. They have to explore different things just as you and I did when we were youngsters.

Q: Do you plan to defend your title at Bend, Oregon, in July?

A: Yes, I'll be there. I will be 50 on October 2, 1959. All you young sprouts are going to have to beat me. I'm not going to concede before the battle.

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In winter, Lon shoots in basement and hunts; in summer he practices every day, shoots his club's field course twice a week. In '58 he shot in only eight tournaments

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Q: What is archery's greatest need, Lon?

A: More publicity. More attention to the juniors. A good 25¢ arrow! More technical articles. Clubs should put on demonstrations in their communities.

Q: Lon, let's close with a tough one. What does being an archer mean to you? What does archery offer a person? What aspect has given you the most satisfaction?

A: A good bow, a quiver of arrows on by back and the wide open outdoors with nature's beauty at hand gives me an exhilarating inner warmth that's hard to express.

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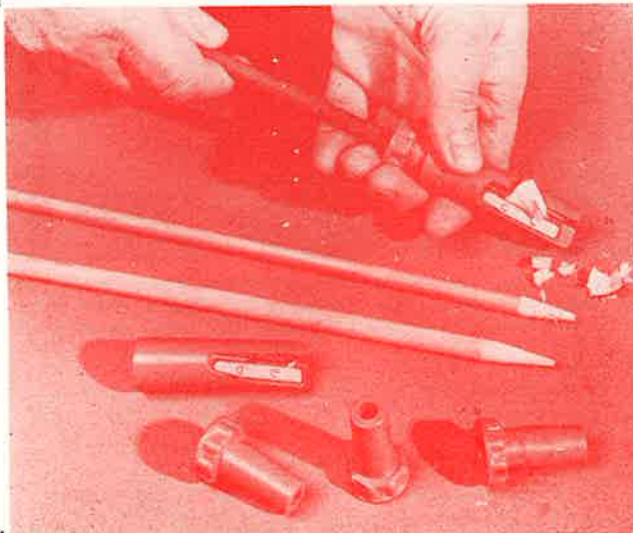
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Hard Winter Perils Deer Herd; Bobcat Hunt Feb. 28; Tourney Attendance off in '58

By VIC BERESFORD

(Bowhunting Correspondent for Michigan)

Michigan's early winter, along with sub-zero temperatures and deep snow and the fact that the deer herd carry-over is the largest since 1951-1952 (50,000 perished of starvation then) is causing deep concern over the welfare of the deer population. A poor acorn crop caused the whitetails to face the winter in not the best physical condition, and experts regret that '58's kill of 92,500 was not greater so there would be less competition for available food. Deeryard browse cutting will be emphasized, as far as funds will permit, in the event of a long cold winter.

The Michigan State Archers Association, meeting at Michigan State University on Jan. 11, voted to adopt the new NFAA classification system and follow NAA national rules at target tournaments.

At the meeting, Karl Palmatier reported that attendance at Michigan target tourneys was down 20%—and that field tourney attendance was down 10% under the previous year.

Michigan Bow Hunters Assn. has set Saturday, Feb. 28, for a bobcat hunt in the Cedarville area of the Upper Peninsula; it will be held in cooperation with the Michigan Bear Hunters Assn., and three packs of expert 'cat dogs will be furnished and handled by W.F. Shiveline; President Carl T. Johnson will guide the bowhunters.

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Big Buck Contest Results

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Bodkin A. He reports that he was hunting alone, and had a rough time dragging "this beauty" to the road.

A Virginian, W. C. Bedall, Jr., of Staunton, came third. Like most of the kills reported, Bedall's was quick; his buck (longest main antler 23", spread 21½", dressed weight 202) was hit at 25 yards and dropped after a 30 yard gallop. And no wonder: a Bear Razorhead, shot from a 65 lb. Bear Kodiak, completely severed the aorta.

Next came a New Yorker—Willis Kleven, Port Chester, whose buck (longest main antler 22¾", spread 21¼", dressed weight 165) went down in the hot Cross River area of Westchester Co. Kleven's bow was glass—make unknown, he says—and his arrow, made by fletcher George Ferber, had a Hill's Hornet up front.

Up to Massachusetts for the fifth biggest buck. It was taken by Dick Laneau, Norwell. Plymouth was the scene of Dick's success—and success it was, because the Bay Stater had been trying for 11 years. Spread was 16", weight of deer, hit from Dick's blind at 25 yards, was 206 lbs. dressed—that's pretty close to Hill's. Arrow, armed with a Hill's Hornet, was shot from a 45 lb. Howatt Mamba Hunter. Dick was bowhunting with Neil Ross, Weymouth, who didn't do so bad, dropping a 184 pounder with a second-hand bow purchased for \$3.

Sixth place? George Treeter, Geneva, N. Y. He hunted Howland Island; at 45 yards, he smacked his 10 pointer "at full run." (The deer, not Treeter.) That's good shooting. Longest main antler was 20½", spread 16", weight 174 lbs. dressed. George was shooting a 50 lb. Bear Kodiak and Mohawk arrows tipped with Bowlo-heads. Conservation agents said his buck was 4½ years old.

George E. Traylor, Cottage City, Md., took a 10 pt., 169 lb. buck for seventh; another Marylander—and the only other woman to send an entry—was eighth: Mrs.

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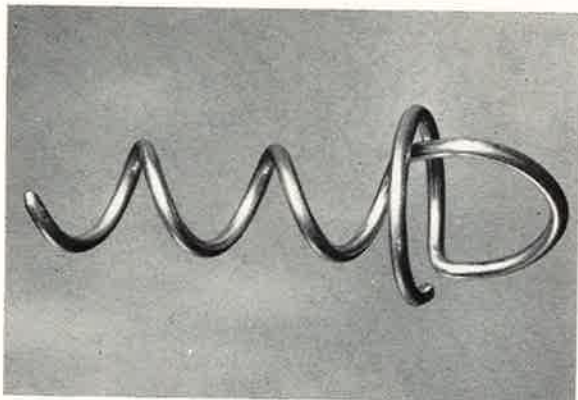
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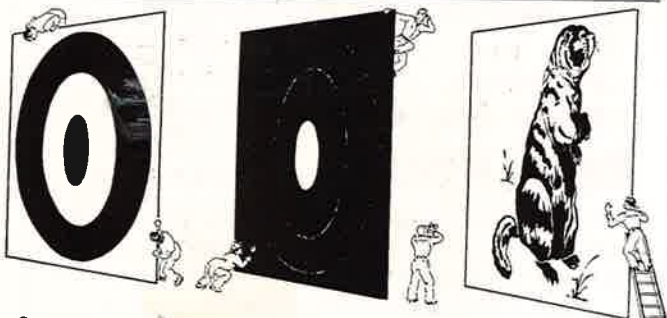
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The state tournament this year will definitely be over Labor Day weekend. The host club, the Potomac Archers, Williamsport, welcomes all competitors, resident and non-resident. For the latter, who are not eligible for state championship laurels, there are special guest trophies for men, women and juniors.

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BY ROBERT A. PRATT

(Bowhunting Correspondent for Rhode Island)

Our state association has elected officers for 1959, with Ray LaPlante as president, Don McLeod, v-p, your correspondent as secretary, Ralph Hachez as treasurer, Beatrice Hitte as membership secretary and Ernest Normandin as NFAA field governor.

The association voted to submit a bid to the New England Field Archery Council to sponsor the 1960 New England championship shoot. (Ed. Note: 1959's is set for Rutland, Vt.)

Around R. I.: Only one deer killed during the state's October season! It was a 115 lb. spike buck, and John Henneberry was the bowhunter . . . no results yet on our January season . . . Narragansett Bowhunters publishing "Quiver," a monthly bulletin on R.I. archery activities . . . it'll be mailed to every archer in the state . . . thanks to Don Continho, Tiverton has a new 28 target course on its new club grounds . . . Don did the job almost single-handedly . . . Little Rhody Bowmen, new club, building a course . . . Diamond Hill shooting indoors on a range open every night, with Thursday set for league tourneys.

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BY ARNOLD G. BESSETTE

(Bowhunting Correspondent for Vermont)

The most unusual experience of Vermont's 1958 archery deer season was that of bowhunter Jerry Lamoria of Rutland. While hunting in Benson, Jerry was approached by a small doe which allowed him to pet her and lead her around by the neck. When Mamma Deer called, the little doe took off.

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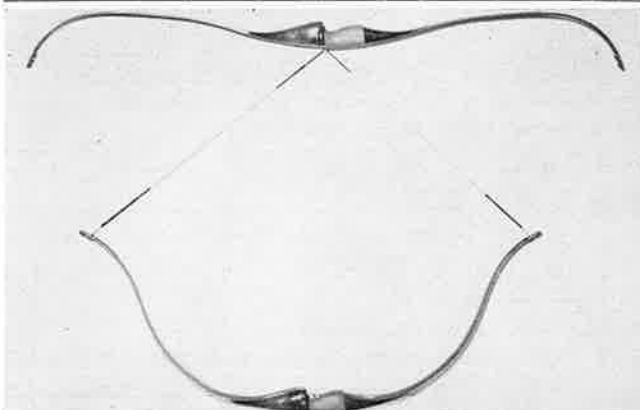
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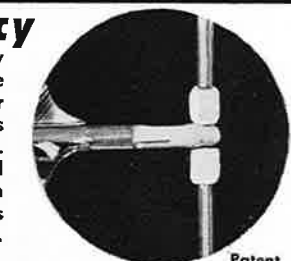
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Pheasants Are Perfect

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him this article and, if you're an NFAA member, show him your landowner's guarantee.

The technique of pheasant preserve bowhunting is simple. Concentrate on the good cover, but don't be surprised to flush a camouflaged ringneck out of thin weeds where you'd expect a field mouse to stand out like a bull moose. To cover a field, the members of your party should walk abreast slowly, about 20 or 30 feet apart.

If you're hunting with the aid of a bird dog, everyone in the party will probably have time to get positioned and set for a shot when the pointer or setter goes on point. Then, when the ringneck flushes, his wings beating like a 'copter's blades, you'll all be able to take shots. When the whole group shoots, gunners sometimes have trouble determining whose marksmanship is responsible for downing a bird, but with bow and arrow hunting there's no doubt. Above all, never forget the safety factor.

Don't feel that a ground shot is unsporting or easy or anything to be ashamed of. Certainly dropping a four pound bird out of the sky is more fun, but when a healthy ringneck takes off weaving and bobbing through brush or high grass, you'll realize you're not shooting on a field course. And just about the time when you think you've found the right lead, he may stop abruptly.

The proper amount of lead to put on a flying pheasant can't be explained; it must come from experience. Needless to say, the angle is important. So is the bird's flight

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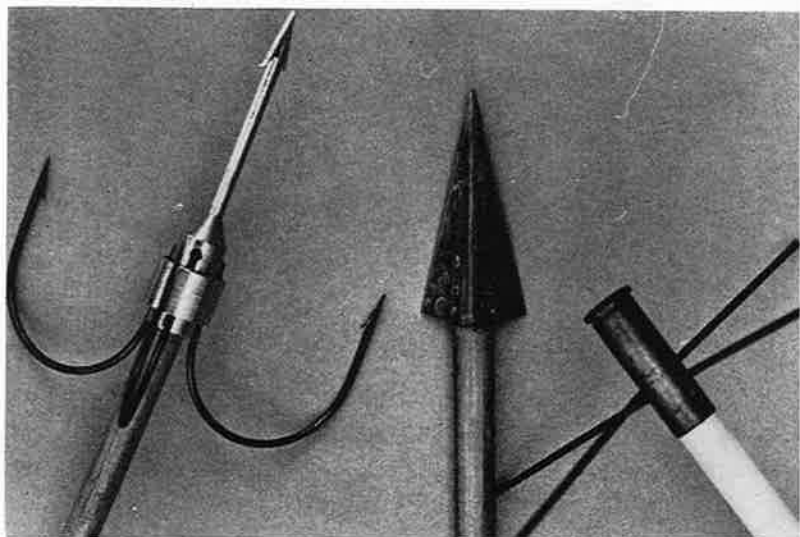
Mid-Winter Bowhunting

progress. That is, if he's just getting started, he hasn't reached maximum speed—so the lead need not be as great as when the target is broadside and flying at full throttle. The pheasant's area of vulnerability is about half his overall silhouette, which means that you must smack him just right.

Wing shooting tackle presents more of a problem than technique—just about every bowhunter has his own ideas on some of the finer points. But a few principles have become standard procedure among those experienced shooters who know their pheasant hunting. Most of them prefer lightcolored shafts—yellow, orange or white—for easy recovery after misses. Where fletching is concerned, flu flus are best, although there are some who insist on standard feathers. With a bit of practice you can develop plenty of short range accuracy with flu flus. The type of flu flu design depends mostly on individual preference; you want enough drag to prevent the arrow from making like a flight shot, yet you don't want the drag to take effect until the shaft has traveled at least 25 yards.

Opinion on the best head for pheasant hunting is really diverse, running all the way from blunts to special patented designs. The most elementary experience, however, shows that an unadorned blunt, because it offers so little penetration value, doesn't do the job; a ringneck is a big, tough, hard-to-kill fowl, and concussion alone doesn't faze him a great deal.

Two approaches have evolved for dispatching pheasants: you can attempt to finish one off with a broadhead (a combination of hemorrhage and penetration of a vital part), or try to knock him down with a wing breaker. The best broadhead is the multi-bladed, since it's not so



Hit-N-Hold head, at left, has three curved hooks, which increase effective impact radius, may down pheasant by breaking wing. Center, three-blade head. Blunt at right has steel rods at 90 degrees. Best fletching is flu-flu

apt to go clear through the bird as a single blade head. For an instant kill you must score a direct hit on the brain, the heart or the backbone.

The method of tangling or breaking the bird's wing isn't as neat, but it does give the archer more hitting area on his point. Roughly, there are three basic designs for this kind of head, two of them employing blunts. On one of these, piano wire is formed into three or four loops in a clover leaf pattern at right angles to the point. The other type, shown in the accompanying photo, has a heavier, more rigid wire through the blunt head. J. L. Straubel, a Racine, Wisconsin, pheasant hunter, manufactures the Hit-N-Hold head, also illustrated. Its three curved hooks present a hitting diameter of three inches, and thus give the bowman a better chance to wing a ringneck. The H-N-H also has a barbed point in the center, effective when it comes into contact with the head or body. Arrows tipped with any of the wire designs won't hide themselves in grass, snow or brush as easily as other types.

Dr. Jack R. Cox, Myrtle Beach, S. C., holds a patent on an arrow to capture birds instead of killing them. The arrow is hollow and has a long thread coiled inside, its free end attached to the bow. The archer shoots, the thread pulls tight, releasing an umbrella-like net to trap the bird. In a later issue of *BOWHUNTING*, if tests prove that it's practical, we'll try to bring you the complete story on this intriguing innovation.

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June Banzhoff, Hagerstown, who was hunting from a tree. Her bow was a 33 lb. Smithwick, and her arrow, tipped with a Razorhead, passed completely through her 145 lb., four pointer. She shot from 35 yards. Carl Beyer, of the Ted Bautro shop of Baltimore, downed a buck with two white patches on the neck; it was an eight pointer, with the longest antler 15¾" and a spread of 15¾". A Bear Kodiak did the trick, along with an Ace Jet broadhead. Carl went "swimming" in a swamp to recover his deer; next time, he says, flippers and an aqua-lung will be in his quiver. Tenth place went to Bob Dickey, Butler, Pa., who also used the term "at full throttle" when describing the circumstances of his kill. His Rocketeer-tipped shaft fired from a 53 lb. Ben Pearson take-down at 12 yards, got the running buck in the liver area; the deer was a respectable 120 lbs., with an antler spread of 16¾" and an antler length of 14¼". The animal was an eight pointer.

We were especially happy to receive entries from archers who probably knew they didn't have much of a chance—but who were justifiably proud enough of their experience to enter. Ernest S. Eyles, Ashby, Mass., who placed last, was one of these; his 130 pounder dropped in Newbury, Vt. The deer, killed with a Bear Razorhead on an Ed Gay arrow and a Bear Kodiak, weighed 120—a good specimen anywhere.

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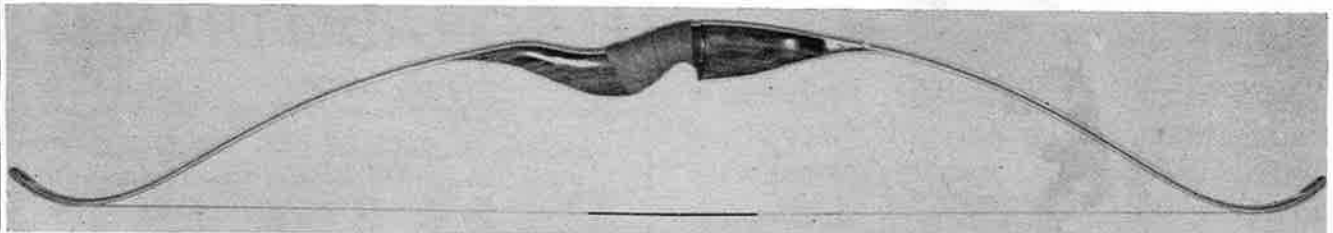
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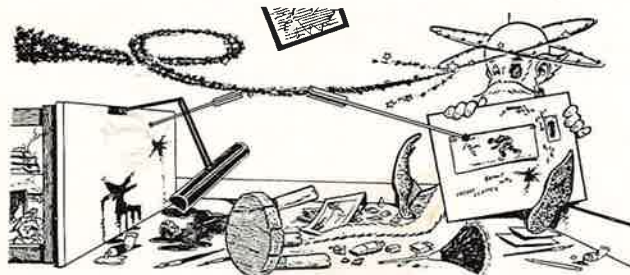
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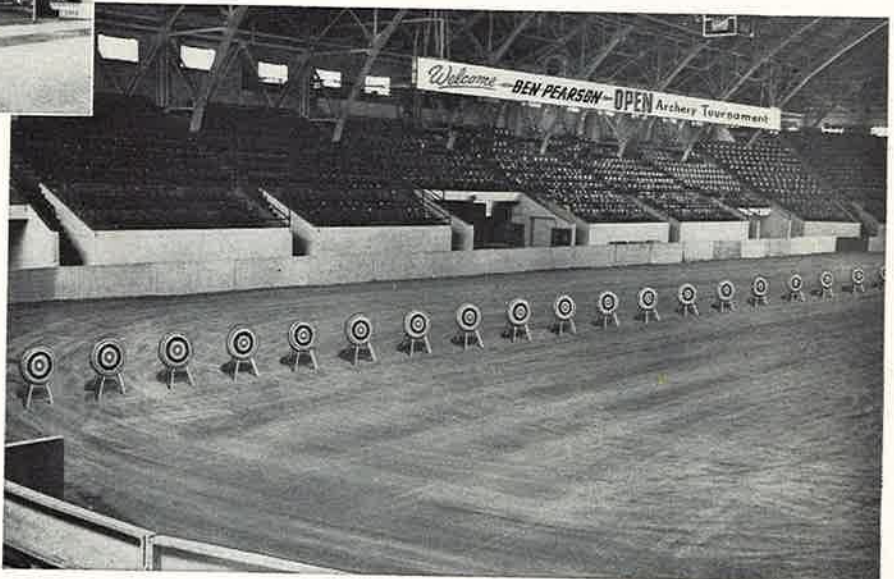
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