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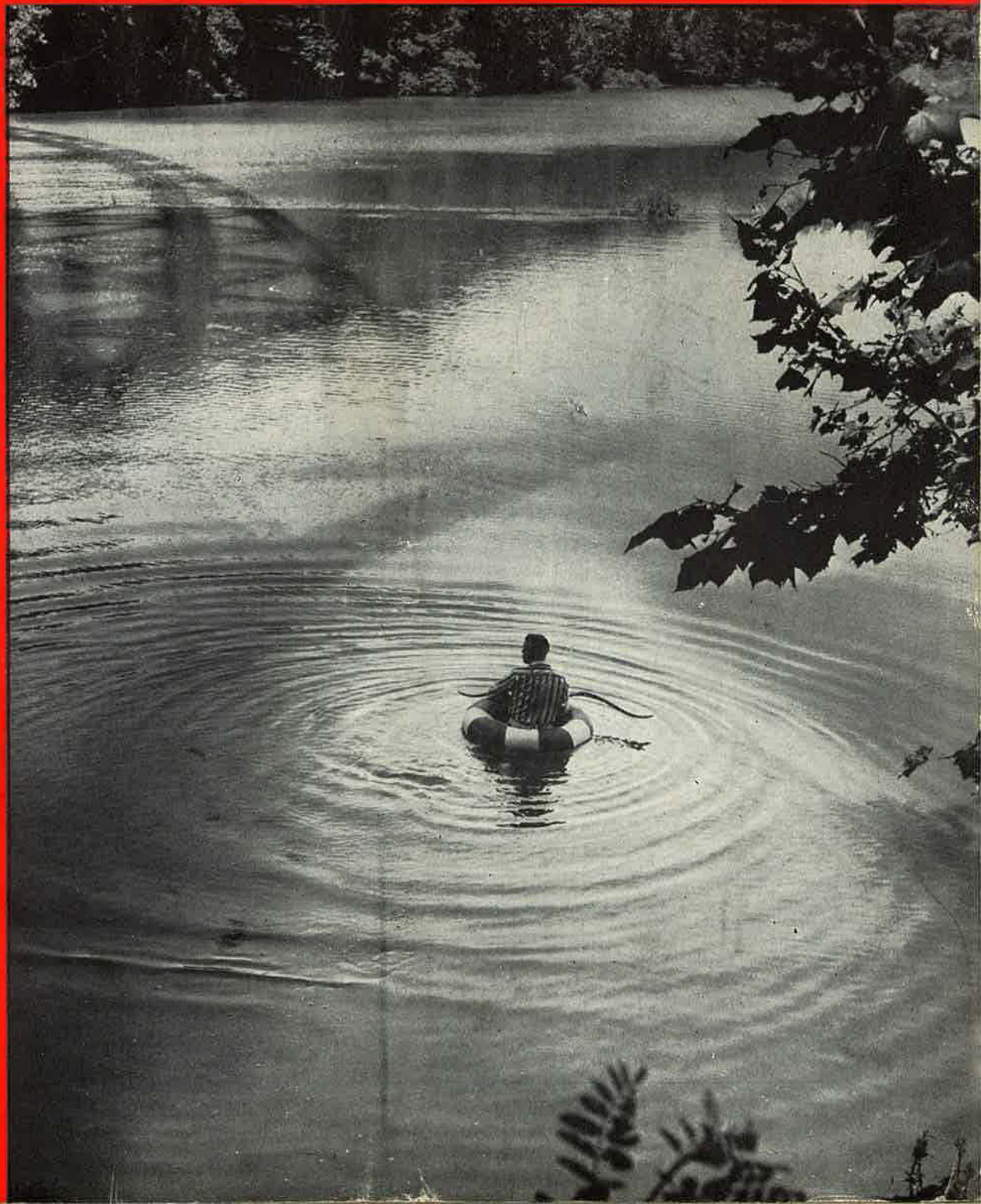
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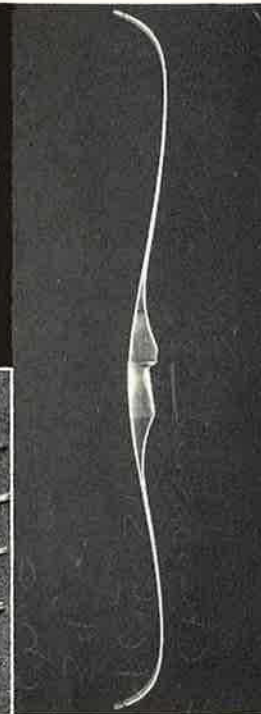
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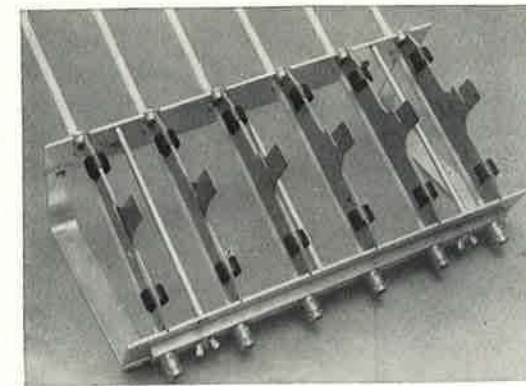


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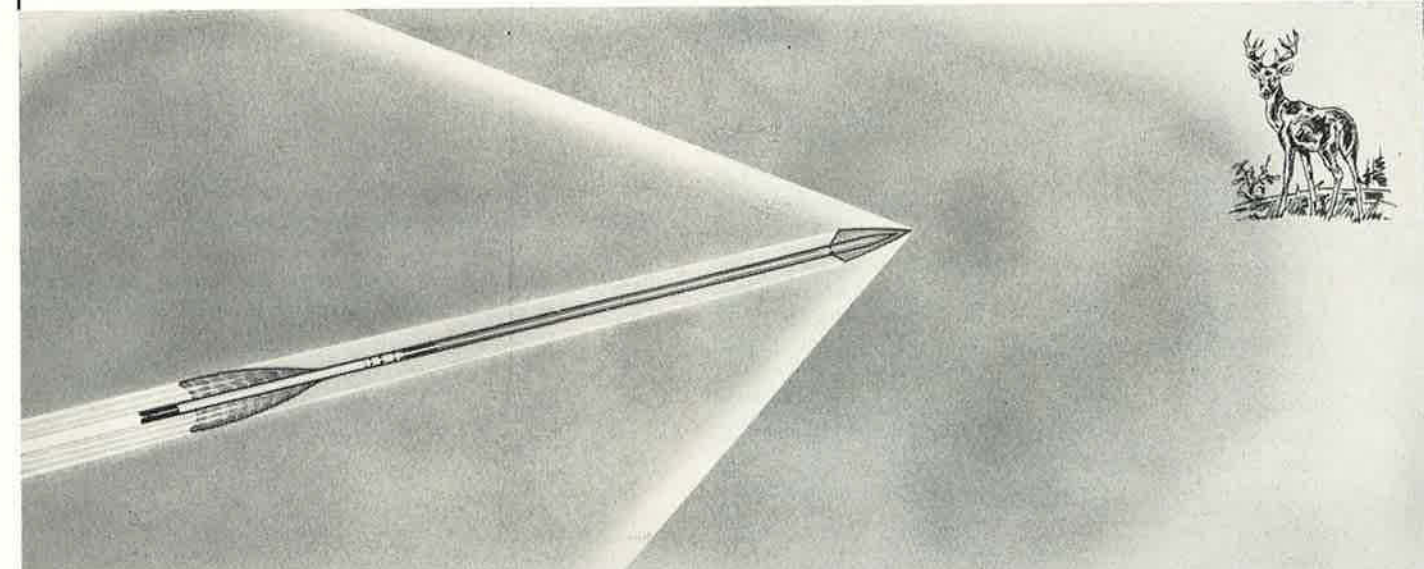
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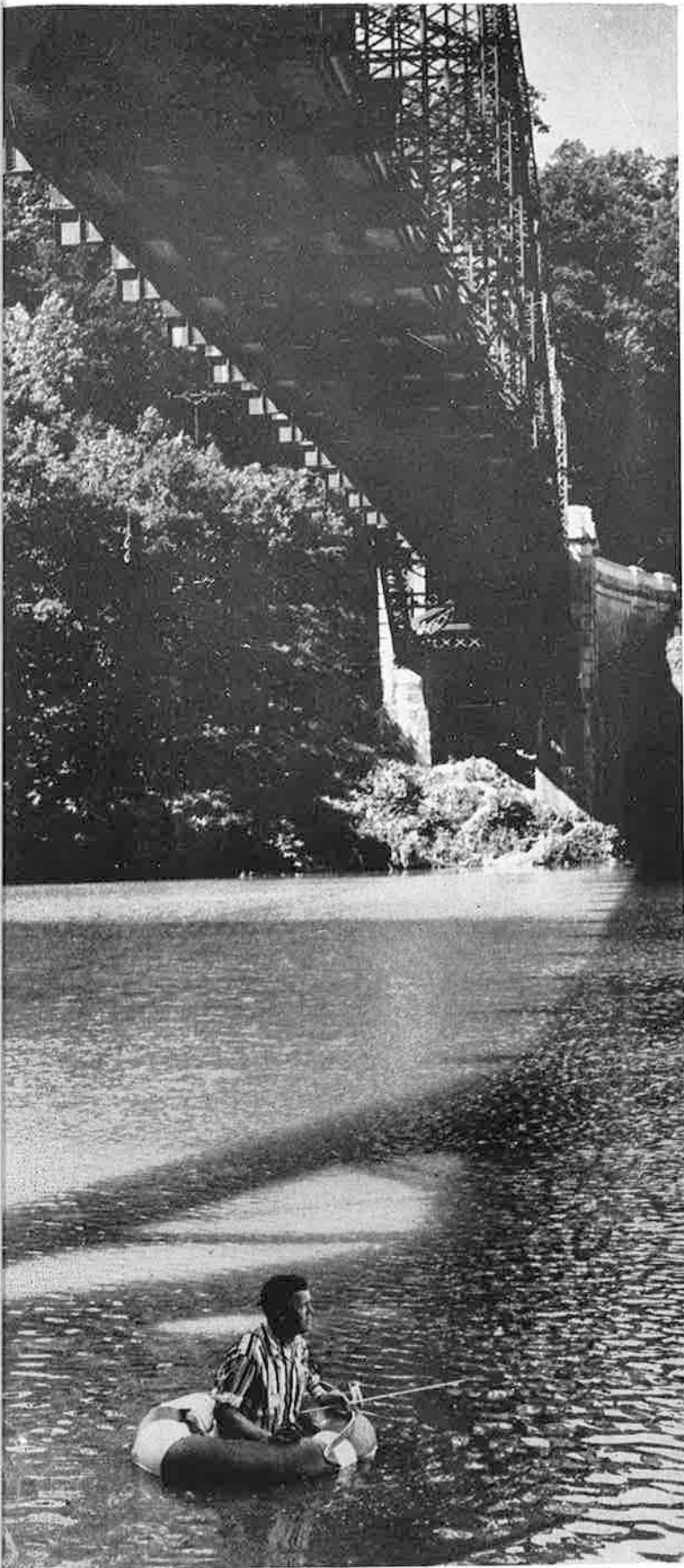
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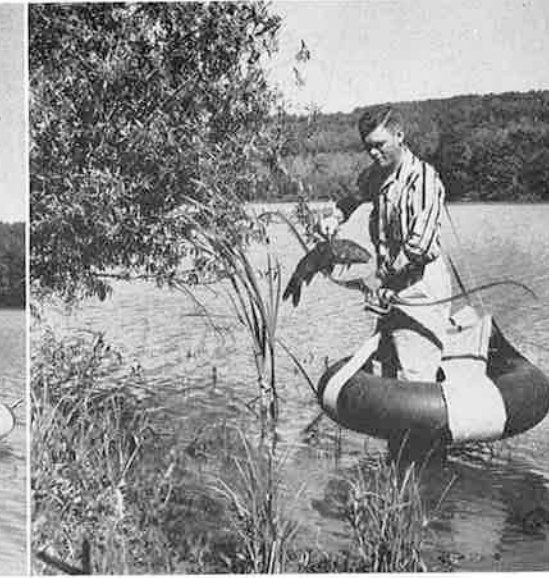
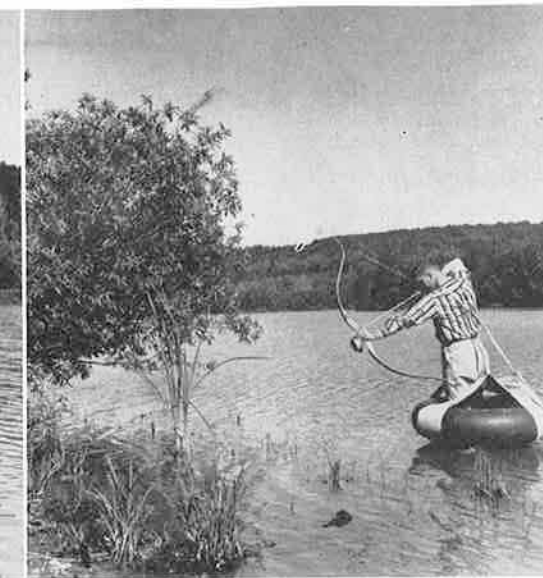
EUGENE, OREGON



His feet touching bottom, bowfisherman Clayt Spear moves cautiously along the bank, his eyes on a school of fat carp glistening gold in the early morning sun. Bank here was too steep to enable Clayt to make a quiet, successful approach by land

NEW SPORT:

Here's A Contraption You Can



Carp are rolling on the distant shore—so Clayt Spear starts across in inner-tube float. In second picture, he's at the scene; his feet touching bottom, he stands up, moves in slowly and (photo three) bags this fish

INNER-TUBE BOWFISHING

Make At Home. It'll Take You Where Those Big Carp Roll

Easing his strange craft closer to the shoreline, the archer scanned the shallows and strained his ears for the splashing, slapping noise which means carp are working in the flats. Just as he was about to move around a sandy point, he heard, from 200 yards away, the familiar sound—carp were active on the far side of the lake. At this point most bowfishermen would have no alternative but to walk around the lake's perimeter to get to the hot spot. But the well-equipped sea-going archer paddled directly across the lake, sneaking up on his quarry from behind.

While it looks like something out of the Martian merchant marine, the self-propelled inner tube craft has been used by hook and line anglers for some time. It's sold commercially, but with a little ingenuity you can make one for no more than one dollar, not counting the tube. Once you've obtained the tube, a used one from a truck tire, all you need do is lay out a pattern and buy canvas scraps from an awning maker.

You won't be able to shoot while you're actually floating—although the sight of a rolling monster, glinting gold in the early morning sun, will probably make you try anyway. The tube is transportation: it helps you get there, helps you avoid long walks, takes you to places you might not reach otherwise.

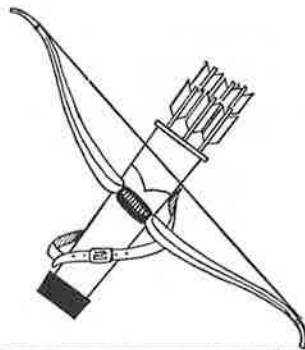
As for propulsion, you can't expect to make like an outboard racer, but you *will* be able to move your float slowly across ponds, lakes and lazy streams. Tom Co-field, an outdoor writer who's done a great deal of pioneering with the tube float, declares that the best method is to

paddle backward with the feet. Clayt Spear, the archer in these photographs, found that the home-made float was, when it got into fast-moving water, impossible to guide merely by kicking his feet forward; his feet worked against one another. A short home-made paddle, even a thin board, is worth trying. And you might experiment with rubber swim fins, the kind skin divers wear on their tootsies.

Even if you're in water three and four feet deep, your bowfisherman's version of J. P. Morgan's yacht is a god-send—especially is the bottom is mucky. The tube gives you enough buoyancy to keep you from bogging down. Often, as most experienced bowfishermen have found, a rolling school of carp can be reached only by sloshing through some pretty nasty mud—a business guaranteed to alert the fish. With the tube, you have the buoyancy to keep from miring down; in negotiating such a stretch, you can wade without sticking.

There are plenty of advantages to the tube. You won't have to walk around a half-mile of shoreline to get to a spot a hundred yards away. Gently moving water may enable you to drift down a stream close to an otherwise inaccessible school. And you'll have an opportunity to craftily approach an island you'd ordinarily need a boat to get to.

Like Clayt, you'll put your feet down when you get near shore. You'll touch bottom and stand up, nocking your arrow and fixing your eyes on a big boy oblivious of your presence. Then you'll draw and shoot—and he's yours!



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HELPING THE SCOUTS—AND ARCHERY, TOO

The Boy Scouts of America have been awarding merit badges for archery since 1911, but it's only lately that Scout interest in the sport has picked up. In 1957, exactly 3647 boys earned badges, as opposed to 2640 in 1955 and 1780 in 1954. Even so, the figure is small, and Scout officials want to increase it—and so should every archer.

You can help to increase it—by becoming an archery merit badge counselor. Nearly every reader of this magazine should be a cinch to qualify as a counselor. You should contact your local Boy Scout Council. You'll be given an application to fill in. The application is not an examination; it merely asks you a few questions to prove your qualifications to the officials. When you are accepted, the troops will send you the Scouts, and you'll conduct a few simple tests—such as accompanying the boys around 14 targets of a field course—to determine whether or not a badge should be awarded.

It is only in recent years that field archery has become a part of the merit badge requirements. The more recent archery merit badge pamphlets have been giving field archery some of the attention it deserves. And right now, the National Council is preparing a new pamphlet with much greater emphasis on field. The editors of THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER have been asked to review the pamphlet and make recommendations, a task we approach with pleasure and a sense of duty.

With your help, candidates for the archery merit badge can become the enthusiasts of tomorrow. They can be archers who are capable, responsible and thoroughly trained. Such archers, of course, are necessary to the health and growth of our sport.

THE PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

A while back NFAA president Karl Palmatier appointed Russell Ruth, Ohio, to head NFAA's classification committee. In this capacity, Mr. Ruth has proposed what amounts to a completely new classification system, and one that bears discussion. Mr. Ruth's report shows a great deal of thought and a lot of hard work, and we think NFAA members owe him a vote of thanks; it's good to know that there are archers so willing to work so hard. This is not to say, of course, that one should necessarily agree with Mr. Ruth's ideas and, indeed, this magazine questions some of them.

To sum up the committee's lengthy and detailed report, the system would:

1. Do away with the present classes (Novice through Ex A) and substitute eight new categories: 50 to 99 (the "50 Class"), 100 to 149 (the "100 Class") and so on through 400 to 560 (the "Champion Class").
2. See "men, women, boys and girls, free style and instinctive, compete equally against each other in the class where their 'average' score places them." Archers would be reclassified twice a year on the basis of an average of the last three registered tournament scores, the idea being that "it is the average score that puts everybody on a 100% equal basis." If an archer shoots above his class in a tournament, he goes into the higher classification.
3. Award trophies to the top free styler and instinctive archer in a tournament, both men and women; class prizes would be based on score regardless of method of shooting, age or sex.
4. Set up a nationally-uniform handicap system to be employed if a club

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Carp Contest: Last Call

August 1? It's the deadline for entries in THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER's Second Annual Monster Carp Contest—so hurry if you want a crack at the big trophy we showed a few months ago. To repeat the rules: the heaviest carp taken east of the Mississippi wins. To enter, send a letter, signed by someone who's seen the fish; give the weight, when and where taken, equipment used. Send us the length of the fish from the tip of the nose to the place where the tail intersects to make a V. We'll need that measurement in the event of a tie. And send a photograph: we want to print a batch of them.

On The Way

Our August issue will contain up-to-the-second information about the huge NFAA National which, as you know by now, takes place at Grayling, Mich., July 28-31. September? It'll be our third annual Deer Hunting Special—loaded with state-by-state reports direct from our correspondents and the state game commissions, valuable articles on bowhunting and new equipment—and a tip on one of the hottest spots in the U.S.A.

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THE FIVE RING

A Note From England

... My wife and I are both interested in archery, and belong to a club for polio members. My wife, who is in a wheel chair, is quite a good shot and is steadily improving. She shoots a 33 lb. Apollo Merlin with a 25" arrow, whilst I use an Apollo Falcon, 39 lbs. at 28". We have tournaments with other polio clubs: archery is becoming very popular in polio circles in England as one can shoot from one's wheel chair.

We live in the heart of the Robin Hood country, and we see and hear a lot concerning the great outlaw. Not far from our home is the priory where he died, and his grave is only 2½ miles away. In the local churchyard stands the old oak tree from which Robin is supposed to have taken the wood for his bows. The old coaching house where he oft stayed has been modernized, but the old beams are still to be seen and so are certain relics of his time. I think that the district around our home is one of the closest connected with Robin Hood and his Merrie Men.

Could any of your readers send us emblems or badges? We'd like to have some from American clubs.

HARRY IBBERSON
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... I'm a subscriber to THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER, and I enjoy reading your hunting articles. I'll be in Trenton, N. J., from June 15 through June 26, and I'm wondering if you'll send me the name of an archer there so I can contact him upon my arrival and get in some shooting on his course.

J. F. SCHEURMAN
500 Irving Ave.
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(For our answer, and more 5-Ring, turn to Page 33.)

HEY YOUNGSTERS! Want to Earn Money This Summer?

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The Editor's

Arrow Barrel

With this issue, THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER is two years old. In a rather nostalgic mood, we've dug out Vol. 1, No. 1... a sixteen page magazine dated July, 1956... it seems like a long time ago... the lead story is about woodchucks, and there's an article we reprinted from Virginia Wildlife... it's called Kill More Deer! and it gave the reasons does as well as bucks should be taken... and there's a piece about an archer named Forrest Annas, '55 National runner-up and, we figured, a good bet to win in '56... well, Annas didn't win... on the way to Colorado Springs, he had to bail out of a Navy plane... shook him up... now, he's stationed in Turkey.

Our editorial introducing the new magazine still holds good... here's the last paragraph: "If THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER makes for some rewarding hours, if it increases your enjoyment and knowledge of a great sport and helps you get that deer or carp, that Art Young Award or tournament trophy or 20-pin, we'll be happy. And think of THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER as your magazine. Its columns are open to your ideas, your achievement, your problem."

Logically, we dug out the July, 1957 issue too... in it, we announced that "the free period is over... from now on, we'll charge for subscriptions." We got a flood... the big article in last July's magazine concerned bowfishing for tough, dangerous sting rays... getting the story afforded one of our greatest archery thrills... we helped riddle half a dozen thrashing 60 lb. monsters... we said you could hunt sting rays in the coastal bays of the Atlantic... that still holds true... how about giving it a try? You'll need steel rods for arrows... the back end of your line should be attached to a jug so you can toss it overboard after you hit... you hunt rays by drifting in shallow water... save for deer and other big game hunting, nothing surpasses a sting ray safari for sheer archery excitement!

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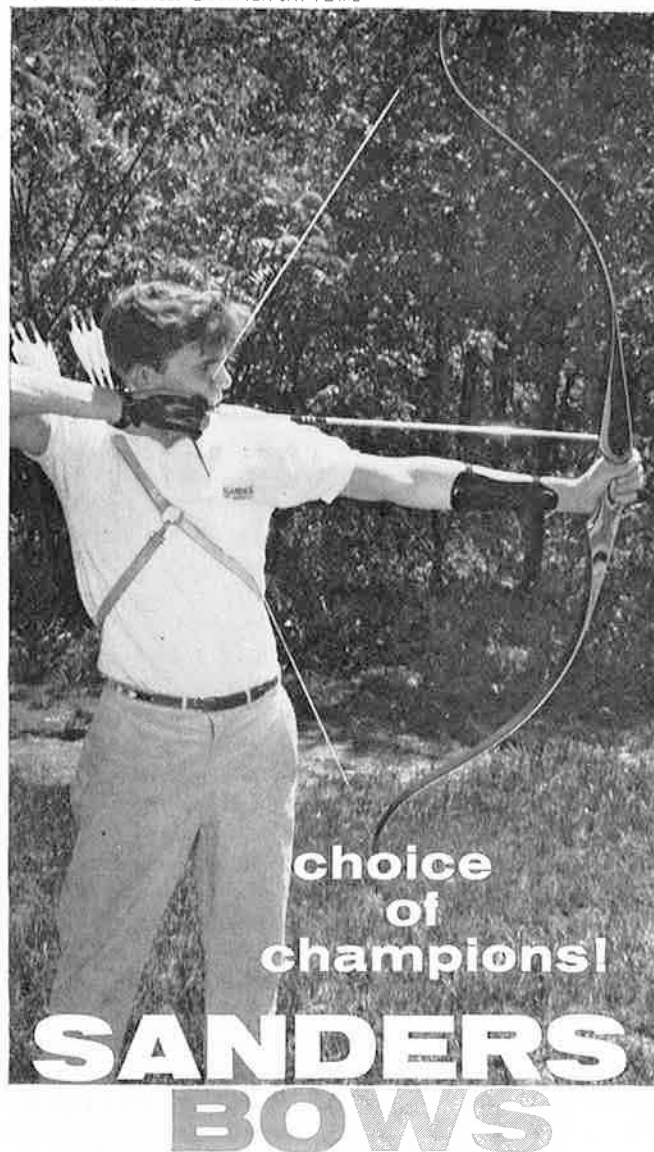
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SOUTH CAROLINA

A New State Checks In—With A Report On Its Championships

By WILLIAM R. SCOTT

(Eastern Bowhunter Correspondent for S. C.)

Here's another state checking in via THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER. Field archery activity is increasing down this way; in addition to the South Carolina field archery association, a new organization, the Piedmont Archery Association, was formed recently. It's made up of clubs in the Piedmont section of North and South Carolina, and tournaments are taking place every month; July's will be in Shelby, N. C.

The Columbia Archers, Columbia, were hosts for the state championship field tournament in late May. The state's top shooter, Lonnie Denton, took it with a 1076, with Bill Parker as runner-up. Donald Parrott won for the juniors, Mozelle Parker for the women. Sie Graham, shooting 1151, was top out-of-stater.

At the tournament banquet, radio announcer Ace Rick-enbacker, Spartanburg, was elected association president, with Hank Stasney as v-p and your correspondent as secretary-treasurer.

In future columns, I'll explain the bowhunting situation in the Palmetto State.

RHODE ISLAND

"Take A Shot At Cancer" Tourney July 13; Two-Week Deer Season Set for Oct.

By ROBERT A. PRATT

(Eastern Bowhunter Correspondent for R. I.)

If you're in New England July 13, you can "Take a Shot at Cancer."

I'm speaking of the 28-target hunter's round being sponsored that day by the Narragansett Bowhunters for the benefit of the American Cancer Research Foundation.

The shoot is being run with the close cooperation of the state's Cancer Society, which is arranging for wide-spread press, radio and TV coverage. Merchants in the area have donated dozens of door prizes, which you can win by registering between 9:30 and 1:30. Narragansett is asking the support of all clubs in New England to help make the event a big success.

The Narragansett course (Ed. Note: See this month's map for away-from-home archers) is located in North Kingston; the club will have signs along all highways coming into the state. Two fine airports are close to the course, and free taxi service from either field can be arranged if you write in advance to the Narragansett Bowhunters, Box 335, West Warwick, R. I.

There's some more important R. I. news this month: the state's archers will be permitted to hunt for 14 days in October, probably the last two weeks. This time is in addition to our 21 days in January.



They won the FITA's qualification round at St. Louis, and they'll fly to Belgium this month to shoot against the best archers from 20 European nations. Top, left to right: First place James Caspers, second place Tim Cantwell, third spot Harold Doan. Bottom, first place Carole Meinhart; Ann Corby, Ann Sevey

They'll Shoot for the U. S. in Europe

The FITA Qualifying Round Saw Some Upsets; Baldwin, Peake Place 5th, 8th

On July 16th, six Americans will climb aboard a Belgian airliner and fly to Brussels to compete against archers from 20 European nations: at stake will be the world's target championships.

And who are the archers representing the United States? The team, three men and three women, was determined at a qualifying tournament held in St. Louis last month. Some of the names will be new to you, others will be familiar.

For the men:

1. James Caspers, a 26-year-old plumbing contractor from Racine, Wisc. At St. Louis, he shot 2253 out of a possible 2880 (two rounds of 90, 70, 50 and 30 meters each). Caspers has won his state's indoor and outdoor target crowns six times.

2. Timothy Cantwell, a 16-year-old high school boy from Kirkwood, Mo. His score was 2170. Despite his age, Tim is a seasoned target competitor.

3. Harold Doan, the 44-year-old target and field veteran from Adrian, Mich., who shot a 2114. Doan, who has a flock of Michigan target and field crowns, was NFAA national free-style champ in '52.

For the women:

1. Mrs. Carole Meinhart, the current World Champion (she won her title at last year's International at Prague) and the present NAA National title-holder. Carole, who hails from Pittsburgh, shot a 2097. (Women shot two rounds at 70, 60, 50 and 30 meters.)

2. Mrs. Ann Weber Corby who, in 20 years of target and field competition, has won five national championships. Ann, who lives in Boonton, N. J., and works for the Robin Hood Archery Co., shot a 2020.

3. Mrs. Ann Sevey, a 25-year-old registered nurse from Excelsior, Minn.—and an archer just a little over a year! She shot 1938.

What happened to NFAA champ Jay Peake? He placed eighth with 2032. It was a creditable showing; Peake has had little target experience and little sight-shooting—yes, he shot with a sight, like everyone else in the tournament. Leo Baldwin, both a free-style and instinctive field archer, came in fifth.

What about World Champion O. K. Smathers? He shot a 1960, placing 14th in the field of 28 men; he told (Turn to Page 22)



FAY'S SMOK-CLIP

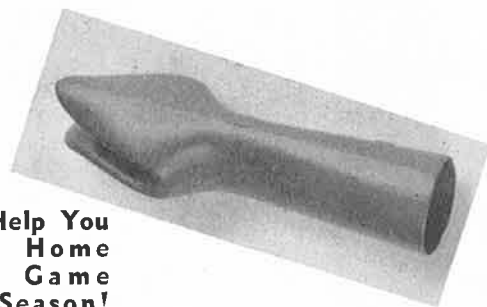
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MICHIGAN

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By VIC BERESFORD

(Eastern Bowhunter Correspondent for Michigan)

One reason archers are so respected in Michigan lies in a little card members of the Michigan Bowhunters Association get when they join. It's the organization's Property Damage Guarantee, and it provides a payment of \$100 if a member "causes damage to property and livestock for which he refuses to make settlement." And the association has another gimmick that landowners like: the association pays a landowner \$5 when a member kills a deer on that owner's property, provided the member puts up \$5 as well.

The number of Michigan bow and arrow deer hunters, the number of deer killed by archers and the percentage of archer-hunter success dropped last season, according to just-compiled Conservation Dept. figures based on postcard surveys.

The number of archery big game licenses dropped for the first time (42,368 in '56 to 37,440 in '57). The decrease is probably due to an increase in fees. The number of deer killed dropped from 2430 to 1780. Some think this is due to an increase in inexperienced bowhunters; game men say there are less deer (desirable from a deer management standpoint), and the decrease is too small to cause alarm.

Michigan archers are determined to make the NFAA National at Grayling a pleasure for visitors. Spearheaded by the Grayling Bowmen and Fred Bear, non-shooting activity will feature fishing, swimming and boating at Lake Margarethe at the National Guard camp where the shoot takes place, and more fishing—trout—as well as float trips on the famed AuSable and Manistee rivers. Besides archery equipment, there'll be displays of camping trailers, boats and motors at the camp. And the camp's facilities will afford conveniences never before found at a National.

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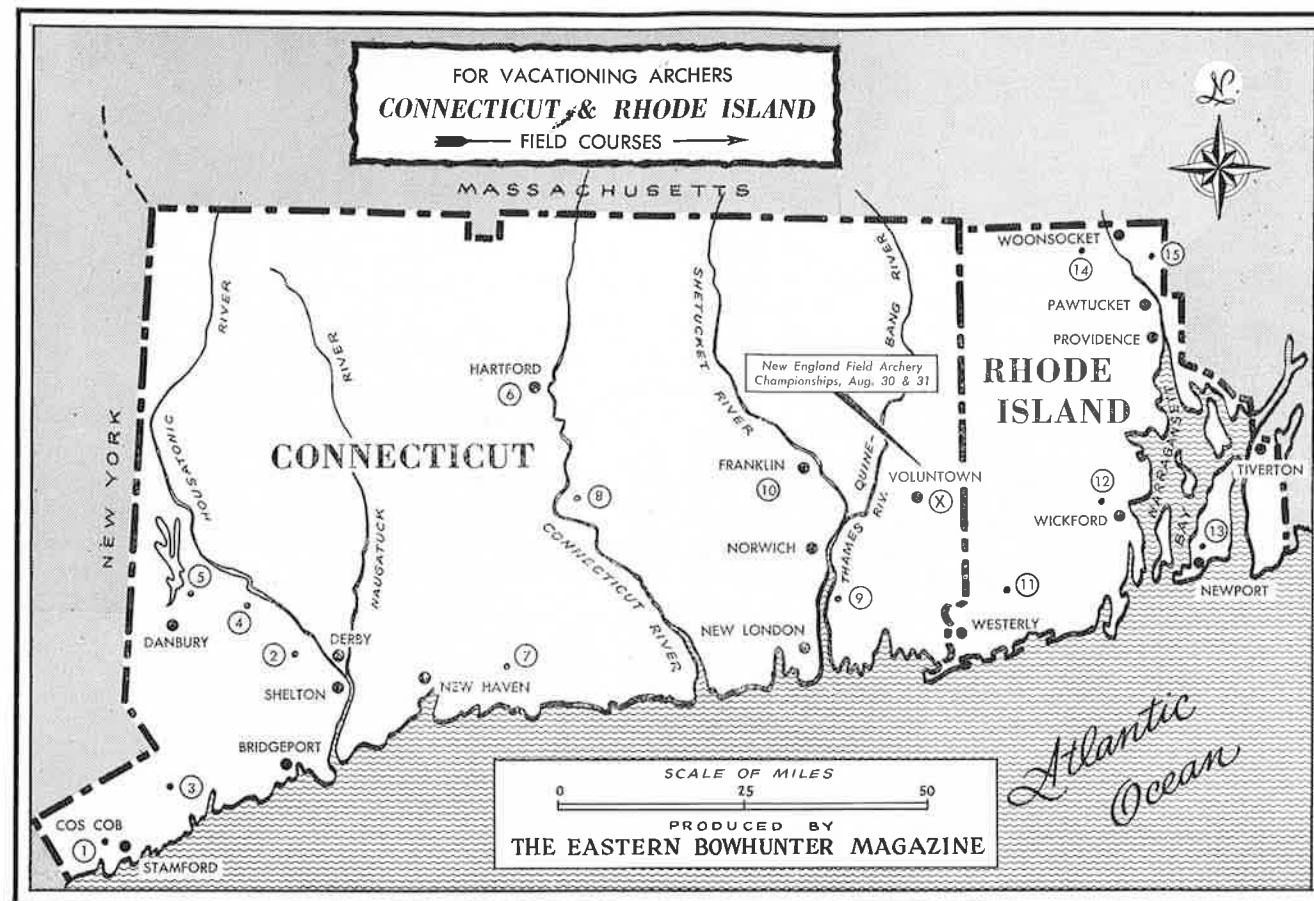
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Connecticut, Rhode Island Field Courses

If You're Heading That Way, Take Your Tackle: You'll Be Welcomed

And still another map in THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER'S series for away-from-home archers! Here, spotted by numbers on the map, are the field courses of Connecticut and Rhode Island. Down below, we give you the names of the clubs, the locations and the appropriate officials to contact when you head that way for a weekend, a vacation or even a business safari. We'll bet a bow you'll be welcomed.

On the Connecticut part of the map, you'll notice a big "X." That's the site of the '58 New England shoot, which takes place August 30-August 31. (More details are found elsewhere in this issue.) And note No. 12, the Narragansett Bowhunters, near North Kingston, R. I. The big cancer shoot takes place there July 13.

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By Bob Degenhardt

(Eastern Bowhunter Correspondent for N. J.)

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Typical of the situation are the tales of two groups of bear hunters, who spent, collectively, at least 2,000 man hours this Spring walking lumber camp roads in central Ontario and sitting over smelly bear baits in northern Maine—without any of them getting a black bear.

I joined 15 bowmen from New Jersey, one from Pennsylvania and two from Baltimore, in all-out efforts at Arthur Sharpe's Katahdin Lodge and Camps near Patten, Maine. At the same time my fellow club member,

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In the group at Mt. Katahdin four bear sightings were reported by Lloyd Corby and Tom Bencel and by Harold D. Schmidt of Baltimore. Many more bear signs and disturbed baits were reported, but the cagy animals kept out of sight.

Corby got himself in the enviable position of having a black bear walk to within five yards of him before bolting. Not so enviable was the fact that the bear was walking directly toward him and watching him all the time.

Corby's only thought as the bear approached was, "All hell is going to break out here in another second!" It did when the bear, fondly dubbed "Old Glossy Coat," wind-ed the bowman and whirled back to the brush. The Jerseyan fired a quick arrow at the even more rapidly retreating animal. The shaft, inevitably, hit a tree.

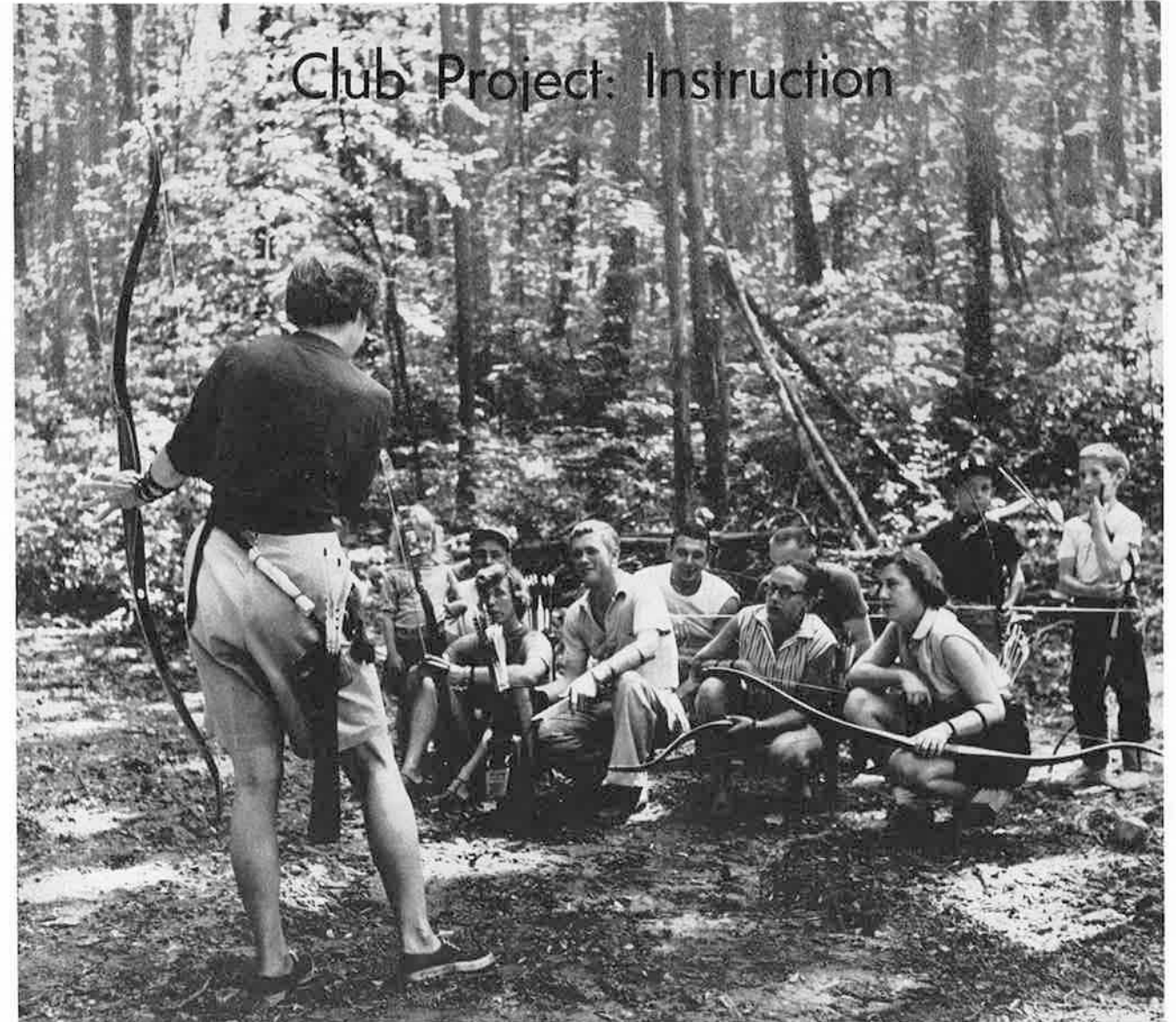
Bowmen at both camps got a good measure of minor thrills on many encounters with small game. There was plenty of shooting and a reasonable measure of kills with red squirrels, fascinating and elusive targets, woodchucks, porcupines and rabbits. Carping rigs were broken out at overloaded sucker ponds. Camera shots only were attempted at a goodly number of moose sighted.

In an excellent display of sharpshooting, Corby dropped a hawk from a branch with a 30-yard heart shot using a blunt, and on another occasion stopped a weasel in a lumber pile. Both were the sort of shots that an experienced bowman can really appreciate.

Bill Torrance, Morristown, bagged several woodchucks. Another bowman and I recorded misses at red foxes. (In self defense, I did manage to bag a porcupine, and also brought home from one of my Maine tree-climbing ventures a case of a pulled chest muscle and ligament that kept me from shooting a bow for several weeks thereafter.)

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Club Project: Instruction



IT ADDS A LOT TO YOUR CLUB PROGRAM — AND BRINGS IN NEW MEMBERS

As THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER has often pointed out, instruction is one of archery's greatest needs. (Almost any other sport you can think of, from golf to water skiing, has well-organized instruction). We've pointed out too, that the quickest way to meet the problem is at the club level. The national associations should stimulate instruction. But when you get right down to it, clubs are closest to the archers—and to potential archers.

We know of a club that is meeting the challenge. It has a flourishing instruction program underway, benefiting the members and introducing the sport to non-archers at the same time. The club has a pretty good idea that many of the non-archers have been hooked by the archery bug—and that they'll join the club.

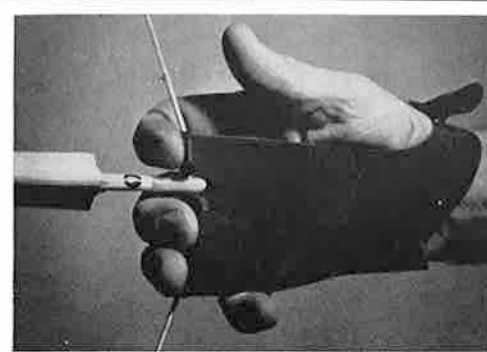
As soon as the club decided to institute the instruction sessions, it got busy publicizing them. A couple of dozen signs were made and placed in sporting stores in the city and suburbs. The local newspapers, both city and rural, were contacted, and all of them published short articles about the instruction—the place, dates, time, the name and phone of the member designated chief instructor. (Outdoor columnists were contacted, too, but the club wanted especially to place the notices in the news sections).

The sessions take place Saturday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. In the first two, the instructor—an experienced target archer who had been completely converted to field—explained the basics of archery, and then urged his students to shoot at the practice butts. He thoughtfully brought along equipment for newcomers. Even in the first lessons, the emphasis was on individual instruction, with the teacher spending time with each of his pupils. He advised novices the type of equipment to buy, emphasizing light bows and measuring each would-be archer's draw length.

Later sessions featured more individual instruction, brief talks to the group, and a question and answer period. With summer in full swing, the course of instruction, set for half a dozen Saturdays, still continues. Now, the instructor is taking his charges around the club's field course, sticking close to the ones having a little trouble and letting the more promising shoot by themselves.

Bowhunting, of course, has not been ignored. The bowhunting story in the club's state has been spelled out to the newcomers, and a month or so before the '58 sea-

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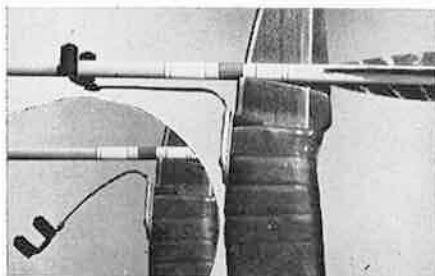
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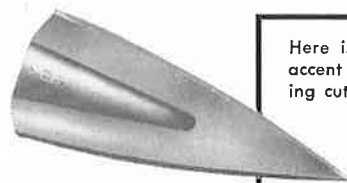
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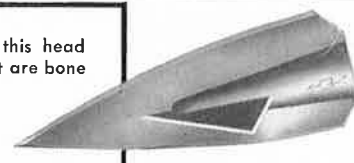
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Tom Morrison Resigns As CSFAA President: Business Takes Him To New Jersey

By H. B. GIFFORD
(Secretary, CSFAA)

In the May issue, this column stated that the New England field archery championship tournament would take place near Voluntown, Conn., on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. Several readers have called my attention to a slight discrepancy. The actual dates are Aug. 30-31, so competitors can beat the Labor Day traffic home. However, New Englanders are welcome to stay over and spend Labor Day on the course.

Tom Morrison has resigned the presidency of the Connecticut State Field Archery Assn. His work will take him to New Jersey, and he's already joined the Unami Archers of Middletown. Tom will be missed. He was the moving spirit in obtaining a bowhunting season for our state. In accordance with our constitution, state v-p LeRoy Hill, Pocono, will head CSFAA.

This may be of interest to other states: Connecticut clubs are enforcing a rule that ends all tournaments at 5 p.m. to enable archers who've come long distances to stay for awards and still get home at a decent hour. Many of our competitors come from L. I. and Manhattan, travelling 100 miles in some cases, and the parkways are congested on Sunday. Archers are accepting the new rule.

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Ed Eckert, left, won our "What Is Instinctive Shooting?" contest. Archie Moore, below, didn't place, but he and many others submitted good photos.

INSTINCTIVE ARCHERY: HOW TO DEFINE IT

Over 50 Readers Did So To Enter Our Contest. Here Are the Winners

Jones came up with something pretty good in this paragraph:

"There are three distinct methods of shooting—instinctive, pseudo-instinctive and sights. Sight shooting, of course, involves the use of a mark and/or attachments on the bow. Pseudo-instinctive uses no attachments or marks, but it's actually a form of sight shooting since the arrow point, arrow-rest or some imaginary spot on the bow is used as a sight."

We liked that term "pseudo-instinctive." It should become a part of the archery lexicon.

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"What do I mean by instinctive shooting?" "How do I shoot instinctively?" Well, more than 50 readers answered these questions, thereby entering the contest we announced in April. We're not just whistling Dixie when we say that every answer was extremely interesting and informative—and, we think, of great value in defining a difficult term.

It wasn't easy picking the ten prize-winners (first prize, \$10, second prize, \$5, third through fifth prizes, Fay's Smok-Clips and sixth through tenth prizes, Bo-Talley score-keepers). But it seemed to us that the answers submitted by Ed Eckert, 119-35 Merrill St., Jamaica, N. Y., really get to the heart of the matter: you could use these answers anytime to effectively explain the meaning of instinctive shooting. Ed's answers:

"Instinctive shooting? One's natural inborn reflexes and muscular coordination are the primary means whereby, through continued practice, the arrow is directed to its target.

"I shoot instinctively by looking and concentrating solely on my target, with both eyes open, for depth perception and alignment; practice achieves proper elevation."

Second place goes to Douglas J. Kerns, 1080 Tunbridge Rd., Baltimore 12:

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Third place was taken by Col. Rodney A. Jones, USAF, Enon, Ohio:

"Instinctive shooting uses only 'feel,' secondary vision and experience to point the arrow. It requires no conscious range estimation and the eye sees only the intended point of impact."

Although he didn't incorporate it into his answers, Col.

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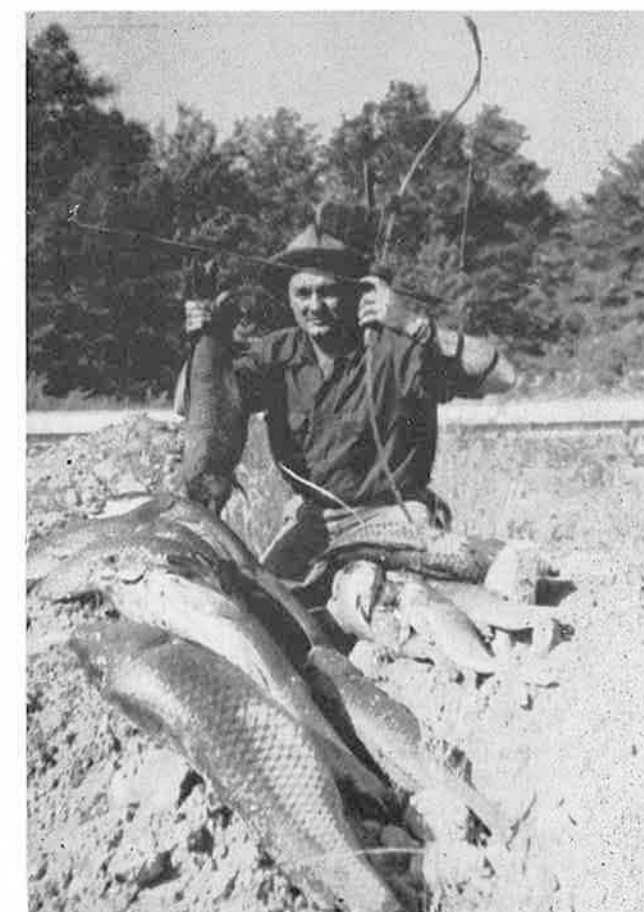
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Wild Turkeys: New Yorkers May Be Hunting Them Soon

By KARL SCHULTZ

(Eastern Bowhunter Correspondent for New York)

The next couple of years will probably see wild turkeys added to the long list of game in the Empire State.

One hundred and seventy-six gobblers were liberated in Allegany State Park in '52 by the Conservation Dept. Reared at the Sherburne Game Farm, they'd been obtained from Pennsylvania authorities. This was the beginning of interstate cooperation to re-establish the wild turkey as a New York game bird.

Since then, 2600 wild turkeys have been set free in the southern counties. Some stockings have failed, other have produced spectacular results: you can see a fifth generation in some areas. Not all of New York is suitable tur-

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son, the instructor, aided by the club's top hunters, will go into detail: where to hunt and how to hunt, the best kind of clothing to wear, the auxiliary equipment needed, hunting laws and etiquette, details about broadheads—all these aspects will be thoroughly imparted. Some instructees, with help from the teacher and other club members, have already purchased hunting arrows and are practicing in their backyards—and heading into the fields for woodchucks. Three or four have been filled in on bowfishing, too. Now, like veterans, they're coming to the sessions with tales of 20-pounders that got away.

key range: winters are too cold in the north counties.

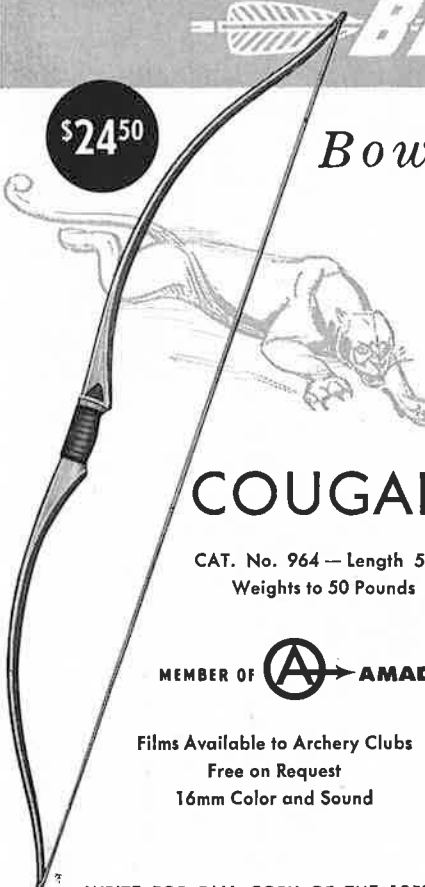
The Conservation Dept. looks for the following before stocking: the area should be at least 3000 acres, more than half wooded; snow in the area should seldom exceed 12"; because of diseases, there should be little or no domestic poultry in the area; there should be plenty of oak and beech to provide fall and winter food; there should be surface water available all year.

Last year, turkeys were released in Ulster Co. This Spring showed that at least eight of the 49 hens have succeeded in rearing broods.

New York notes: NYFA's board of governors voted \$50 for the FITA fund . . . if you paid \$4 in dues to NFYA before May 4, you're entitled to a \$1 refund, because the \$4 rate didn't go into effect until May 4.



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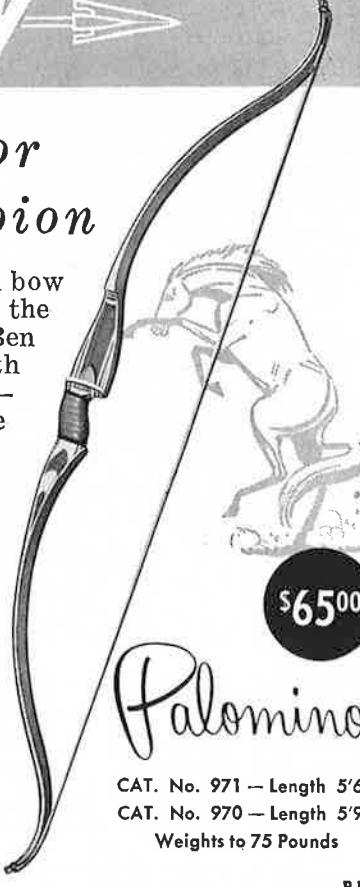
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Frank Duffy Photo



The Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting

Its Real Value? Leaders From Five States Had A Chance To Discuss Ideas, Problems

The Annapolis meeting of the field governors and association officials representing states of the NFAA's Middle Atlantic Region—New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, D. C., Virginia and West Virginia—was a milestone in organized archery, a model that could be copied to benefit archery the nation over.

At the meeting, held in the shadow of the U. S. Naval Academy, the delegates voted to hold a 1959 regional tournament. But the real value of the get-together lay in the opportunity to provided for an exchange of views, experiences, ideas and hopes for the future.

"For the first time, influential bowmen of five big archery states had the chance to meet one another and talk," says Ray Eyler, who organized the confab in his capacity as NFAA Middle Atlantic rep. "There was tremendous value in that simple fact. If other states could meet this way, there's no doubt that the organization of our sport would be vastly improved."

As Virginia's Ross E. Garletts put it, the meeting was "exciting." Another delegate put it another way: "These were high caliber people, and it made you feel good to be with them. The meeting proved that these states have plenty in common, even though each operates a little

differently. I think we all learned something from one another. I know the other states won't seem so far away after this."

Attending the conference as delegates were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Welstead, N. J.; Clayton B. Shenk, Pa., with Earl Trautwein as observer; Joseph D. Thompson and George Clementson, Md., Ross E. Garletts and Blonnie D. Bailey, Va., with Gene Limerick as observer; Milton Holmes, D. C., with Ben Watford as observer; R. P. Steiner and Herb Tustin, West Va., with Bob Yarnall as observer. Mr. Eyler chaired the meeting. Items discussed:

1. Regional tournament. It was voted to hold one. Joe Thompson, Md., was appointed to head a committee to select a date and a site. Decided: host club must have a minimum of four 28-target courses, and when making bids must provide details as to housing, camping, sanitary, parking and banquet facilities; if your club is interested in making a bid, write Mr. Thompson, Owings Mills, Md. The host club will take all profits, sustain all losses. The shoot will be open to every archer if he resides in a state of the region; the tourney will be shot under the NFAA

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classification rules current May 1, 1959; there will be instinctive, free style and heavy tackle divisions.

2. Reorganization of NFAA. No formal motion was presented, but it was the feeling of the delegates that, although individuals should continue to pay NFAA dues direct, NFAA ideally should be an organization of state associations rather than of individuals. The individual would be governed by a club, the club by a state association, the association by the region, the region by the National office. R. P. Steiner, West Va., felt that the head of NFAA should be a chairman elected by the executive committee rather than a nationally-elected president, and that the chairman would closely direct the activities of a national secretary.

3. NFAA's proposed classification system. Although no formal motion or resolution was offered, the classification system proposed by the NFAA committee headed by Russell Ruth of Ohio was discussed. (Ed. Note: See our editorial.) Delegates felt that the opinions of their various states had not been gauged on the proposed system, and felt that they were in no position to vote until the system is discussed in their states. Certain features of Mr. Ruth's system brought forth skeptical comments, one being the integration of free style and instinctive archers, another being the integration of men's and women's classes.

4. Classification in the member states: Some delegates felt the need of a rigid, universal classification system. The various states explained their systems: Virginia and Maryland have state classification cards, and so does New Jersey, which operates under a proven handicap system . . . Pennsylvania has no state-wide classification system, the clubs issuing NFAA cards . . . in Virginia, an archer must advance in classification if he shoots 10% above his class in a tournament . . . Virginia clubs give trophies only at state and club annual shoots . . . handsome pins otherwise . . . trophy hunger was deplored by delegates in conversations . . . so was holding back, or sandbagging . . . one guest at meeting felt that this remains field archery's worst internal problem, adding that sandbaggers should be barred from tournaments.

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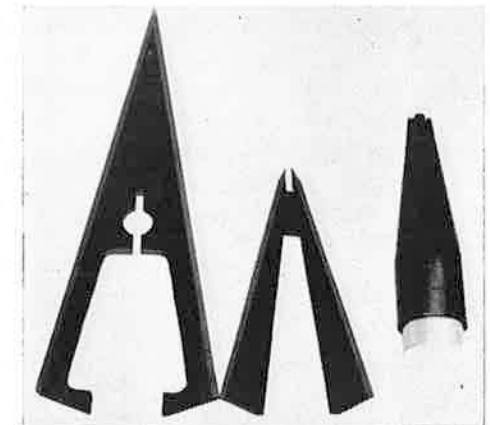


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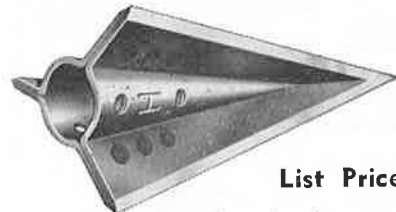
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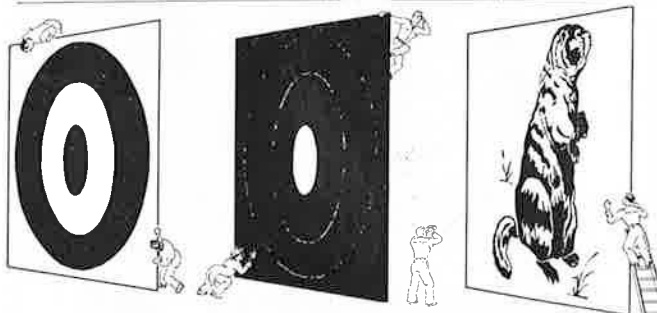
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MARYLAND

Charity Shoot and Carp Derby Results: Other States Take Note!


By GEORGE M. CLEMENTSON
(President, AMBH)

May I brag a little about our Maryland archers? You can imagine that, as president of the Association of Maryland Bowhunters, I'm pretty proud of them—especially after the performances turned in for our state-wide charity and carp shoots.

In the charity event—clubs hold a tournament on their own courses the same day, with proceeds going to a children's rehabilitation organization—John Oller shot an 450, state champ Russ Collins shot a 427, and John's brother Warren turned in a 387. All these men are members of the Patapsco Bowmen. Hundreds of archers representing 15 of our clubs took part in this worthy event.

The Vingt-Neuf Bowmen won the carp derby with 161 fish taken—and 78 were taken by Jimmy Fletcher! Anne Arundel Bowmen was second with 70 carp. Heaviest? A 25 lb., 35" long whopper, nailed by Frank McCarney of Hagerstown's Potomac Archers. Viola and Ed Jindra, Baltimore Bowmen, won the husband and wife trophy, taking 17 between them.

So you can see that Maryland archers are pretty hot—both on the field course and in the marshes of the Free State.



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The New Classification Proposals

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desires a handicap tournament; an archer's average score would be subtracted from the perfect 560, the difference being multiplied by 80% to determine the handicap.

Let's take it point by point. Are the numerically-designated classifications, with the eight categories, an advantage? We find that impossible to answer; only an experimenter could tell. Such a system could very easily add to the confusion. Of course, it's important that any classification system be uniform the nation over; we feel that the *only* official NFAA classification cards should be those issued not by clubs but by NFAA-affiliated state associations, regions or leagues. As long as the system is uniform, Mr. Ruth's would be better than the present non-uniform one. (We feel, too, that *all* rounds should count toward reclassification, and that *once* an archer shoots in a higher classification he should enter it.)

What about men, women, juniors, free stylers and instinctors shooting together? We predict there'll be more objection from archers on these points than on any others. It would be ideal if there was no war—and just as ideal if free stylers and instinctors shot side by side. But, like school integration, this will not be accepted overnight in certain areas. With Mr. Ruth specifying that classification would be based on average scores, this shooting together could be a unifying force in archery. It might be pointed out that in very many states, there are no, or virtually no, free stylers, thus reducing the scope of the problem. As for men competing with women and juniors on an equal basis, we expect more objection. Mr. Ruth doesn't mean they'll necessarily shoot together (which they do now). He means they'll shoot against one another. Do the women and juniors want to compete against the field, or against one another? We'd guess the latter.

The reclassifying on some calendar basis, already practiced in a few states, sounds good. And again we like the

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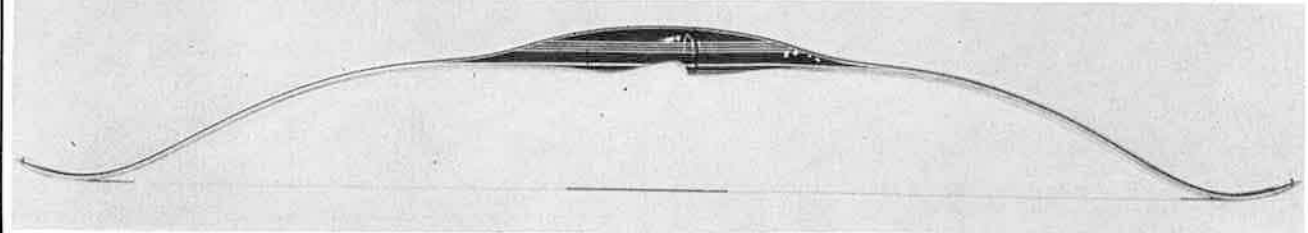
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provision that would move an archer up any time and every time he shoots in a higher class. The proposed handicap should be acceptable in those areas that go in for handicap tournaments.

Mr. Ruth's report includes opinions taken from 50 letters from all parts of the country; these came from an unspecified number of letters he received as a result of a questionnaire in *Archery* magazine. The 50 letters chosen are overwhelmingly in favor of all the proposals.

The chairman concludes his report this way: "The Classification Committee has no desire other than to represent the archers—exactly as the archers want to be represented.

Do the majority of tournament archers like Mr. Ruth's ideas? Would they rather stick to the present system? Let your state field governor or regional rep know how you feel. (And if you feel the subject is important, let us know, too). The matter will eventually be voted on by the NFAA Executive Committee and, if passed, be further voted upon by the field governors. Your opinions are the important factor in this entire situation.



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**FITA Qualification Round—
Field Archers Shot Well**

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Ann Corby, whom we talked to about the tourney, that he was stale—"over-practiced, shot out." Sylvester Chessman, second in the '57 world rankings, started slowly but picked up: he placed 11th. Last year's second and third place women, Ann Clark and Betty Schmidt, came in sixth and fourth.

According to Ann Corby, the shoot, held in a public park, was "a beautifully run event." The St. Louis host club, she said, "did a marvelous job, with the wives serving a lunch every day and supplying cooling drinks in the afternoon. The St. Louis papers covered the tournament, and some of the archers appeared on radio and TV."

Was the tournament a close one? Ann said that Jim Caspers, a serious-minded shooter, pulled ahead after the first few arrows—and stayed ahead.

The hottest battle developed between Doan and Bob Bitner, like Doan a Michigander. THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER's Pennsylvania correspondent, Clayton B. Shenk (the field captain at St. Louis) reports that it was an arrow-by-arrow contest between the two all the way—with the seasoned Doan winning by just seven points. Leo Baldwin's fifth-place ranking, 2073, was 34 points behind Bitner's 2107.

"The really close competition came in the women's division," Clayt tells us. "Here you had another arrow-

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by-arrow situation. Ann Corby and Carole Meinhart took turns holding first place on opening day. And Ann Sevey was certainly pressed by Betty Schmidt and Ruth Holley. Betty ended up 20 points behind Ann Sevey, and Ruth Holley was just ten points behind her."

Tim Cantwell is described by Ann as a "nice youngster with a lot of ability." Jay Peake, she added, shot extremely well. Bob Rhode was a single point behind O. K. Smathers.

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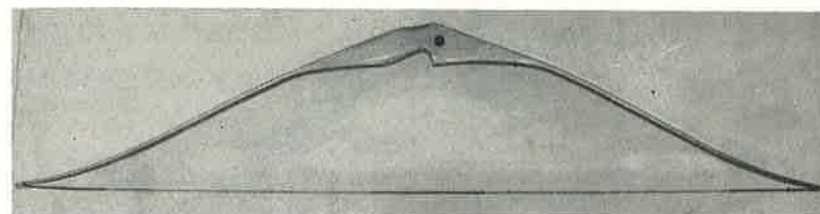
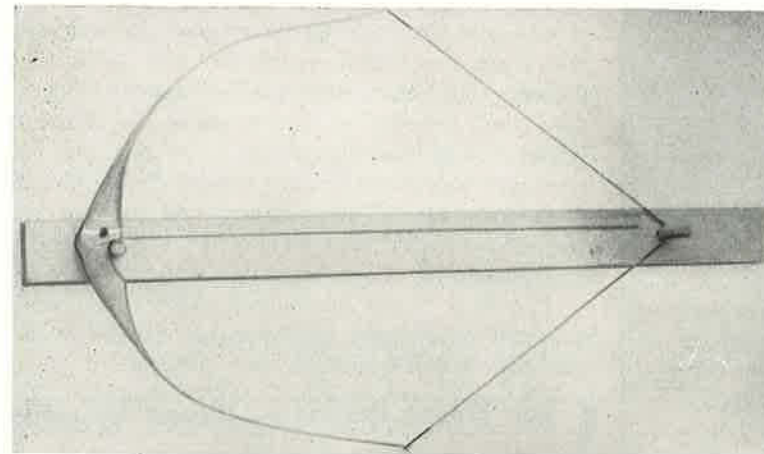
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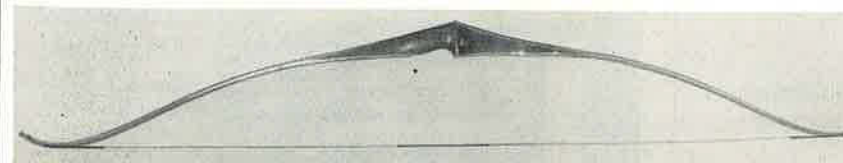
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A note of sadness will overshadow this year's tourney: Jim Waterman, whose obituary was printed in this magazine last month, will be missing.

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New Jersey Notes

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In the absence of black bear, one living group even spent some time shooting at moths and black flies, just to prove that a bowman can have a good time regardless of the circumstances.

The lack of moving bear generally was attributed to an unusually late and abnormal spring weather in both locations.

Jersey notes: Wally Copensky and Ann Corby set new all-time highs at a May field tournament at the Suckasunny Bowmen, Denville. Wally, who's been state field champ for two years, fired 864 points for the 56-target field round. Mrs. Corby scored 764 points, including a 419 for one of the 28-target rounds.

The Rancocas Bowmen of Burlington County have proposed to the State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs that bowmen be allowed to shoot carp with a hunting license. The Italian-American Sportsman's Club of Mercer County ask that the deer season be lengthened to four weeks and be split up between October and January. Rancocas wants bowhunting banned during the shotgun deer season, and Unami Archers ask that the resulting lost week then be tacked on to the three-week October bow season.

The New Jersey Bowhunters Assn. is considering requiring that "hunting weight shafts" be used at their annual tourney in September.

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VERMONT

**Vermonters Already Preparing
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By ARNOLD G. BESSETTE
(Eastern Bowhunter Correspondent for Vermont)

Vermont archers are busy these days at practice and tournaments, along with a shot now and then at a woodchuck in an effort to perfect their shooting. They're already savoring those tender white-tail steaks. Remember, arrow-shot venison is the most tender. Meanwhile, we're taking an occasional ride through the country and spotting plenty of mother deer with their little spotted fawns.

While all this is going on, Vermont Bowmen, Inc., is setting up a bill for presentation at the next session of Legislature to extend the present 10-day season for bowhunting deer to 27 days—from the 1st Sunday in October through the 31st. The bill will be presented to the directors of the Vermont Federation of Sportsmen at their July meeting for approval. With the backing of the Federation, we have completed the first hurdle, but even if the Federation does not vote to back the bill, it will still be read in Legislature.

The state forestry department is laying the groundwork for the 1959 celebration marking the 350th anniversary of the discovery of the Champlain Valley. Throughout Vermont and New York events will be taking place during the year and will include archery, along with many other sports. There'll be a feature article in THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER near the end of the year, giving a complete schedule of events taking place.

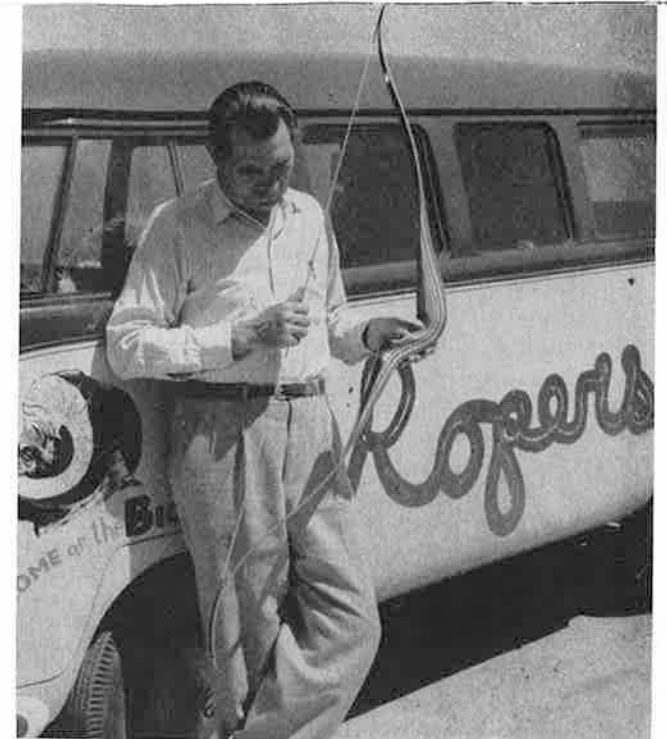
"What Is Instinctive Shooting?"

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Fourth place? We chose 16-year-old Tim Serbin, Trenton, N. J. Tim's answer to the first question was pretty much like those above; we especially liked a point from his answer to the second:

"... I look at what I want to hit; when I point my finger at a person or object, I don't look at the finger. So I don't look at my arrow, just at the target."

You can imagine that it would be impossible to give



Californian Lowell Roper placed fifth in our contest to define instinctive shooting. Note the handle of the bow

the answers of every prize winner, let alone everyone who entered the contest. So we'll take points from the entries of the remaining winners, because these points determined the order in which they placed.

Lowell W. Roper, the well-known California bowyer, was fifth:

"Only your aiming is instinctive. It comes from your inner-self, your subconscious. It's stored ability which can only be used when your conscious is completely relaxed."

Sixth place Ed Janos' answer to "How do I shoot instinctively?" helped him take a prize:

"By relying on experience won by lots of practice and having confidence in instincts so developed. To be a successful instinctive bowman, one must practice to achieve that certain feel—which can only come with practice."

Tony Houghton, Williamsport, Pa., was seventh. He used a phrase, "with the left hand adjusting automatically," as part of his first answer—and wrote such a fine letter that we're saving it to run in the Five Ring someday.

Perry Noel Smith, North Tonawanda, N. Y., took eighth place. He feels that instinctive shooting rules out Howard Hill's split vision method, "or any triangulation system." Ninth place Andrew J. Pollinger, Phoenixville, Pa., likened instinctive archery to "throwing a stone, shooting a slingshot or a pea-shooter... your mind does all the work for you." Lou Fronczak, Buffalo, was tenth: "I concentrate on the bull, drawing and raising my bow at the same time, feeling for the anchor and never taking my eyes off the bull, releasing and not dropping the bow arm until I hear the arrow hit. I never watch the arrow in flight, but always concentrate on the bull."

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(Charley Purcell, sitting in for A. Aubrey Bodine this month, is a TV newsreel cameraman for Baltimore's WMAR-TV. He has made many prize-winning documentary films, and last deer season, his bowhunting footage thrilled TV audiences. Charley's a bowhunter himself, which will be obvious when you read this column on movie-making for archers.)

BY CHARLES PURCELL

Back up your deer hunting experiences with movies!

The movie camera, whether it be a single lens 8 mm or a turret 16 mm, is becoming a popular hunting accessory. It stimulates interest between hunting seasons, offers an opportunity for your family and friends to enjoy the scenery, and the movement of wild creatures in their natural habitat, and enables you to re-live the thrill of tying your trophy to your car after a successful hunt.

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Filmwise, your hunting should start in October, or as soon as the leaves fall, and the scenery resembles that of the actual deer hunting season. As long as many of your shots will be staged, matching scenery and weather conditions will play an important part in your final presentation. Also, camera hunting at this time of the year will afford you the opportunity to study the movement of deer in the area. Besides, conversations with the landowner will pave the way for permission to build your blind and hunt the most heavily-populated spots.

Color or black and white? Both have their advantages and disadvantages, with color and its relative slow speed a prime factor. Shooting with color is far from impossible, but it calls for patience and noon-time movement of your deer. Even then, the deer should be in the open and not bounding through the woods. Even on the brightest of days the candle power of light in the forest is not enough to excite the needle of any light meter.

The fast black and white films, such as Tri-X, afford excellent opportunities to film as many deer as you can see with the eye regardless of whether the deer appear in the early light of a misty morning or in the dark shadows of the woodland. After all, there is more movement of deer during the first few hours of daylight than at any other time—and that is the time to shoot your movies.

Trying to convince a home movie audience that the dot in the far left-hand corner is a twelve-point buck can be quite unconvincing. The answer is to use the longest lens you have. The longer the lens the better the chance of getting those close-ups that make movies. Of course, when a telephoto lens is used, a tripod should also be used. However, with a little imagination and time in the workshop a form of gunstock on which you can mount your camera can be made. Use it much as you would a rifle; you'll find following the deer, and changing positions with steady and unattracting movements, much easier. This form of tripod is used by many professional nature photographers.

If your spot has been well chosen there's no reason why you can't get a lot of footage, change your lens, camera speed and exposure while filming the movement of the same deer.

Last season, while filming a bowhunting story for WMAR-TV I was able to use three different lenses and obtain over fifty feet of film on one large buck. The camera was a 16 mm Bell & Howell equipped with a four-, two- and one-inch lens. A small quick-set tripod was used.

I was using Dupont 930 film (film speed of 50 Weston) and started shooting when the buck crawled under a wire fence some 200 yards away. He stayed in the field nearly 15 minutes and came within 50 feet of where I was concealed. After pre-setting my one-inch I deliberately spooked him into the woods where I was able to obtain a few feet of that area—the high-flying white flag—so many hunters see.

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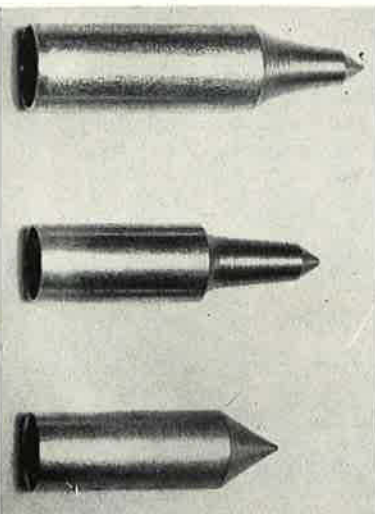
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In short, a wonderful opportunity for some relaxed archery fellowship and fun. The best clubs, we've found, are those with a strong feeling of friendship and camaraderie among the members.

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A field course camp-out is a great way to introduce the youngsters to the subtle joys of sleeping under canvas—and to the responsibilities that tenting imposes on every member of a camping party. We've never met a problem kid or a juvenile delinquent who'd ever known the pleasures and responsibilities of outdoor living.

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Besides, you're among friends at your field course! You can go about learning the business of camping out in a relaxed, unhurried manner. If your week-end is a club proposition, there'll probably be a member with plenty of know-how to provide you with those little tips that come only with experience. As our camping columnist often points out, a vacation under canvas can be very relaxed and easy, if you know what you're doing. You can look upon your week-end as a shake-down course; organization of equipment—from tent stakes to paper napkins—is



the real secret of outdoor living, and there's nothing like actually doing it to set you straight.

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Features include a merchandise drawing in which tons of quality items are given away. Hot buttered roasting ears and other goodies are sold, and there are picnic areas, sandboxes and swings for the kids. There's a "Miss Ohio Archery" beauty contest, and the club's noteworthy "run shoot run" grizzly bear competition.

Registration for the tourney—it's for free stylers and instinctors—is \$1.75. Send it with your name, address, style and class to Kay Ruth, 798 N. Firestone Blvd., Akron 6. Shooting starts at 9 a.m. The Akoga course is located on East Bath Rd., three miles west of Rt. 8 at Ascot race track, just north of Cuyahoga Falls.



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By CAPTAIN JIM PURDY

The most important item in camp is not available from outfitters nor is it advertised in magazines. You'll find it in every successful camp and it was most abundant in the cabins and trails used by pioneers a century and more ago. It's a character trait, rather than a tangible article—common sense. It's what smart people use most, whether they are poultry farmers, bricklayers, Wall Streeters or camping archers. Common sense will keep you out of trouble and will even to some degree take the place of experience. Without it, a camping trip can be drudgery, hardship, a dangerous undertaking.

Campers, even novice ones, shouldn't need to be warned to take along a bug bomb or a snakebite kit when they travel in the summer into country where poisonous snakes abound. It shouldn't be the responsibility of outdoor writers to remind their readers of the obvious, like taking a first aid kit and pitching their tents on high ground away from unhealthy trees with rotten limbs. But, so help me, I found a party camped in New England last month with a hornet's nest not twenty feet from their tent. And not even inexperience can excuse the archer who left his sweat-soaked quiver in a place where porcupines could make a moonlight feast of the salty leather.

Darkness in an unfamiliar campground is often the cause of trouble. Flashlights have a way of getting lost or going dry—carry a spare and pack extra batteries. Tent stakes and guy ropes cause many a bone-breaking spill—apply luminous paint to your stakes and tie streamer strips of white cloth to your ropes. Before night settles, be sure that all is snug in camp and that you've plenty of water at hand.

One would think that a pot holder or an asbestos glove would be part of every camper's gear. But every season hundreds of sorry woodsmen put an unhappy end to their outing because of burned or blistered hands. A few days of unpredicted rain or even a sudden shower can dampen camp spirits unnecessarily. People who keep plenty of overshoes, raincoats and umbrellas handy at home sometimes roam the woods for extended periods with no protection from the elements. Tents, while water-repellent when new, should be treated every few years with water-proof spray.



Anything can happen when you go bowfishing. This 25 lb. snapper was nailed by Russ Fatzinger on a carp expedition. Regular tackle was used; the fight, says Russ, was rugged. Shown in photo are Charles Needer and Bill Bankard

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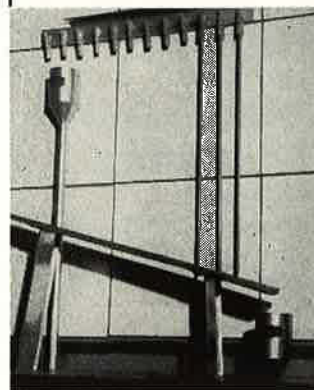
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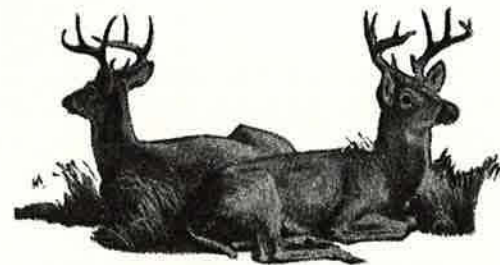
(Ed. Note: We're sure you have the word on the National by this time, but in case this is your first issue, here's the dope: the tournament will take place at the Michigan National Guard camp near Grayling. It's important to register in advance (July 20 is the deadline). To register, simply drop a 2¢ card to the Grayling Bowhunters, Grayling, Mich. They'll send you shooting applications, and an application for tent space. Most of the competitors and their families will live in big army tents at the Camp).



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The New England Tournament: Here's All the Info

(Although the New England field archery championship shoot doesn't take place until the Labor Day week-end, we print this article so archers will have plenty of time to make plans.)

BY ROSCOE SMITH

This year's shoot—sponsored by the New England Field Archery Council with the Connecticut State Field Archery Assn. as host—takes place Aug. 30-31 in a lovely 600-acre section of the Pachaug State Forest at Voluntown. The tourney site has its entrance on the west side of state route 49, just 9/10 mi. north of the intersection of state routes 49, 138 and 165. The junction is 5 1/2 mi. east of exit 35 on the Turnpike.

There'll be four 28-target courses, two field, two Big Game. The 56-target field round begins Saturday at 9 a.m. There'll be novelty shooting near headquarters Saturday and Sunday, and the all-states team shoot, which can be followed by a gallery, is slated for 2 p.m. Sunday.

Registration fees for seniors are \$2.50 for two days, \$1.50 for one day; juniors and intermediates, \$1.50 for two days, \$1 for one. If clubs will send me their membership rosters (mail to 5 Woodland Dr., Northford, Conn.), we'll mail registration forms and programs.

Men must enter as Ex A, Ex B, Bowmen and Archer, women as Expert, Bowman or Archer; Novices will shoot as Archers. NFAA classification rules will be followed, and NFAA-affiliated state association or club class cards will be accepted. If entrants have no cards, they'll be classified by producing four NFAA field scores shot in competition within 60 days before the tournament on an NFAA registered course with two other archers and witnessed by one; otherwise, they'll shoot in the Open class.

The tourney will be registered with for 20-pins. There will be no sights or marks on bows, and bows will be inspected at the starting line.

Awards to Juniors (through 12) and intermediates (through 15) will be made by the Wescott system.

The Five Ring

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(Ed. Note: We've printed that letter to explain one of our services. If you are planning a trip to some distant place and want us to put you in touch with archers there, just drop us a note; we'll see what we can do. We were able to send Mr. Scheurman a name by return mail, and we hope he enjoyed himself. Of course, the series of maps we're running every month are intended to help our readers in this way, too.)

On Sportsmanship

... Every club likes to see out-of-state visitors at its tournaments — as long as these visitors present their true classification when they register. It's pretty discouraging when an out-of-state "Archer" comes to our tournaments and wins first in class with a 265. If a man is an Ex B in his own state, he should be an Ex B when he goes visiting. Anything else is unsportsman-like, to put it mildly.

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(Ed. Note: Such misrepresentation is more than unsportsman-like. It's cheating. So is holding back — or sandbagging. Even if we wrote a 2000 word editorial on the subject we wouldn't be able to adequately express the utter disgust we feel for a so-called archer who holds back just so he can take home some silly trophy. We're certain that the great majority of archers feel as we do about this cancer in our sport—and like cancer, it must be eradicated. It is time for archery to fight it, too.

Trophies, to be awarded to the top three scorers in each class, will be awarded at 5 p.m. on Aug. 31.

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Lycoming County Fair Invites Clubs to Enter Teams For August 9 Money Shoot

Here's proof that field archery is making itself known in the world. The Lycoming County Fair, to take place in Hughesville, Pa., is inviting clubs to enter 4-man teams for a money field shoot "to take place in front of the grandstand."

Fair officials, in a letter to **THE EASTERN BOWHUNTER**, had this to say about the event, which may be an archery "first:" "We feel it will give a great number of people a chance to see what field archery is all about—and at the same time give this fine sport the publicity it deserves." (Ed. Note: NFAA, state associations, clubs and individuals should, we feel, write letters of thanks to the fair people for this statement. It strikes us as being a significant milestone in public awareness and acceptance of our sport. It's a statement that should be widely publicized, too).

The competitive event, undertaken with the aid of the East Lycoming Archers, will see a 14-target course erected in front of the grandstand.

The team winning the event will be awarded \$100, this money to be paid into the club's treasury. Second prize is \$50, third prize is \$25.

Any organized archery club may enter a team by sending its name and address and a \$5 reservation fee to the Lycoming County Fair Association, Hughesville, Pa. Four of the five dollars will be returned when the team appears at the fair.

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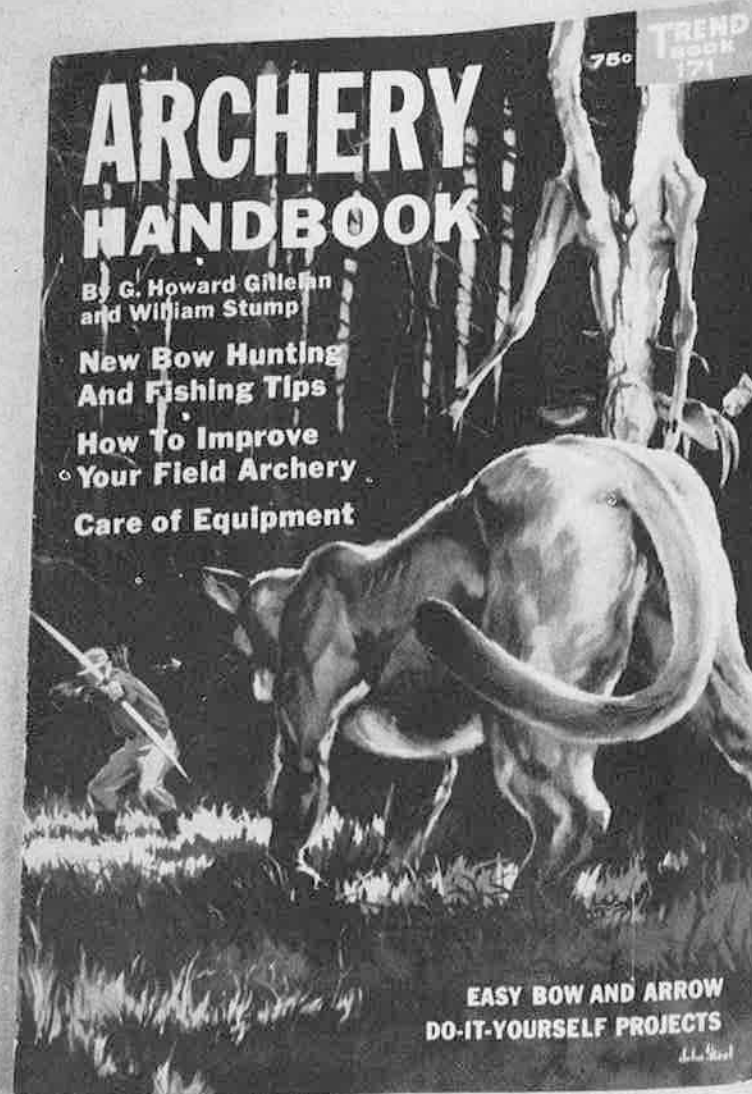
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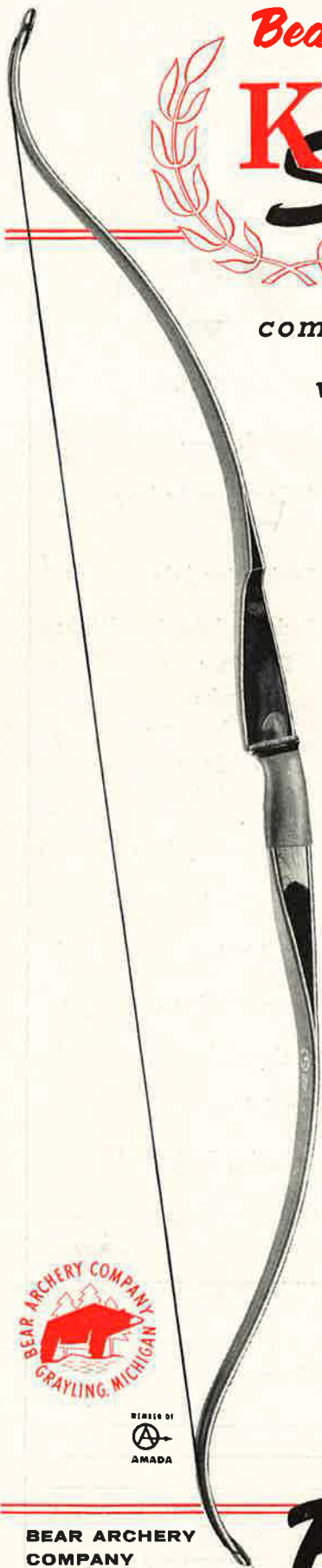
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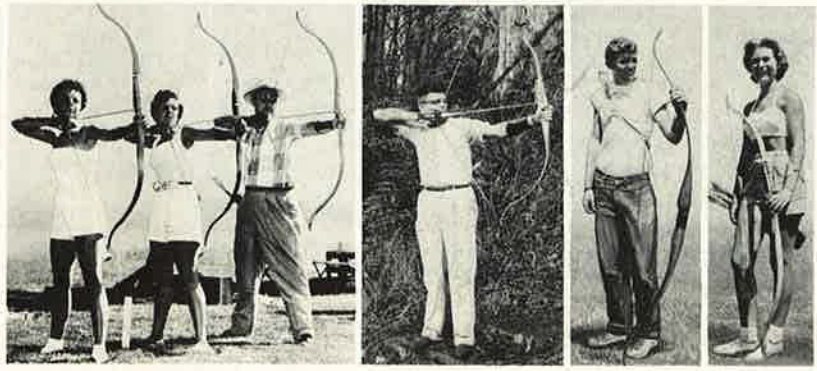
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