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Editor's Comments

Let's not forget the "Good Neighbor Policy" when planning our club shoots this coming year. With just a few minutes checking with neighboring clubs and the tournament schedule a feud can be averted. Our state association is growing with each passing month, we must grow with it and give all archers due consideration.

To those who have gotten their deer this year don't forget to send the Big Game applications to Edna Gillespie, 310 Hill Side Drive, Petersburg, Va. The only ones I seem to be able to hit are made of paper pinned on straw butts.

This winter while the leaves are off the trees would be an ideal time to check the safety factor on your field course for any possible dangerous targets. Remember though, any changes will have to be approved by the NFAA Field Governor, Blonnie B. Bailey, 208 Miller Street, Christiansburg, Va. or his appointed delegate.

This is the time of year we will all like to get out into the woods and fields in quest of game with our bow. I'm sure that some of you must have had some unusual experiences, (hunting that is), that would make interesting reading to non-deer slayers like myself. If you have any pictures that accompany the story, send those along also.

Remember you cannot receive a Big Game Award from the VBA

1. if you are not a member in good standing.
2. if you kill your deer out of the state of Virginia.
3. if you violate any state or county game laws.
4. if you do not send in your application within 90 days after kill.

EDITOR

Plan Now to Attend V.B.A. Quarterly Meeting

Plan now to attend the next V.B.A. Directors' Meeting to be held at Lynchburg on the 4th of January. If possible attend the "round table discussions," Saturday nite, Jan. 3. These informal ses-

Tex Straeten and His Six Point Buck Bagged 23 Oct.



This buck was one of the few taken this year at Camp A. P. Hill. Bill Marshall, Fred Maberry and Tex took to the trees for the first two days of their hunt but they found out that due to the weather or something tree hunting was not the answer. It seemed that still hunting produced the most activity. So on Wednesday and Thursday they still hunted.

According to Fred, this hunting method produced shots for all from 35 yards down to 20 yards but the deer al-

ways seemed to wave their white flags as they disappeared through the brush.

On Thursday, Tex got his shot. The buck came straight toward him preceded by a doe. Just as he pulled, the deer turned sideways and Tex's arrow went low in the belly. After a one hour wait the hunters followed the blood trail. The 150 pound buck had traveled only two hundred yards after being hit with the Black Diamond from a 54 pound bow.

Man Has Goofed Again

Out California Way some would be William Tell managed to shoot an arrow under the skin of a pigeon's back. It healed and the bird is now sporting the new look around LA for thousands to see. A news photographer snapped it, and the picture has gone all over the country. We haven't heard the last of it yet.

Down here somebody shot an arrow into a dead doe to test penetration. The

deer being sort of sour, the archer decided he didn't want the arrow. Hundreds of people saw it, and they all reported that the woods were full of arrow shot does going to waste.

In a civilization where only one percent are smart enough to tie up a borrowed boat like they found it things like this are bound to happen. Maybe we don't relish the job of being our brother's keeper, but how much better it might have been for all of us if somebody with imagination had removed the evidence before it was broadcast. Until we can get all our people educated, a lot of us will have to do more than our share to keep us all out of the doghouse.

(Virginia Wildlife Federation's News-Record)

sions do a great deal to help clear up and iron out the growing number of problems that occur throughout the state. Come along with your club's director. The Motel rates are very reasonable. For reservations contact: Preston B. Hundley, Sr., 214 Langhorne Lane, Lynchburg, Va.

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News and views of the Virginia
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CLUB NEWS

In the interest of public relations and good stiff competition, the Manahoac Bowmen of Fredericksburg issued a challenge to the local police pistol team. The challenge was "a five man team of Archers" vs. "a five man pistol team" which was held on the police pistol range, shooting from their 15 and 25 yard distances at a slow fire pistol target.

The challenge was accepted in a slightly dubious manner. Shooting was to start at three o'clock Sunday the 26th of October. Several hours before the shoot, the archers were on hand erecting their straw butts along side the pistol targets. They used the remaining time before the shoot to try to make the transition from heavy wooden arrows they had been using for hunting to tournament aluminums.

By the time the shoot was to start there were approximately 75 spectators on hand. Now the Manahoacs are not noted for their shooting ability but there were many comments, such as—"I had no idea a bow was so accurate" and "I'll take archers for a coke."

The shooting finally got underway with the archers and police teams side-by-side. Incidentally its no easy task to get a smoothe release with a .38 caliber sounding off in each ear. When the shooting was over and the scores tallied, the police team had 1670 points to the bowmen's 1649, a slim 21 point margin. There was one consolation though, one of the archers turned in the highest individual score of the day.

Following the shoot the archers explained their method of sighting and tried to point out the dangers of a bow in the hands of irresponsible persons. The police team retired with the thought that maybe they had better get in a little extra practice before the re-match and the Manahoacs retired to a sport at which they are better noted for—a party.

MANAHOAC REPORTER

There are a number of ways to make money quickly; unfortunately, most of them are not honorable.

Weak Bleat

The following is the story of the results of deer slaying after training by such stalwarts as Long - Milotta - Slayden - Pope - Hines - Couch, etc.

1. On the first afternoon of the bow and arrow deer hunting season, 1957 at A. P. Hill, Simenson sat quietly on his stool in the eyeball field. He saw a "rabbit's ear" bob—it was coming closer from the right. Simenson slowly and carefully raised his bow to the right and about this time a curious, magnificent 4-point buck raised his head and put the double whammy EYEBALL TO EYEBALL full on the poor hunter from 25 FEET. I froze—was petrified—tried to out-stare the beautiful brown eyes. In less than two minutes, nature solved this delicate problem with a severe and violent case of buck fever—the bow waved all over the sky, the ground shook, the stool tipped over, and the EYEBALL Buck grew ten feet tall as he bounded away followed by a doe. I tried to pour a cup of coffee at the car and it went all over the fender. Am I allergic to brown eyes?

2. Knowing my trouble on the ground, I sat in my tree stand on the second day. It was cold and I was frozen evidently killing all man scent. A big buck about 134# (with a deformed rack) appeared from the right and slowly nibbled his way underneath the stand. I thought that if I had spurs I should drop on his back from 5 feet above and go for a RIDE! When he stopped to nibble just beyond, I coolly and carefully aimed an arrow at his back—RANGE 10 FEET—and was flabbergasted to miss him to the right (my bow was upside down). The buck jumped and stood broadside at about 24 steps (23 yards) and my second arrow went high (I thought it was 40 yards in the dim light). Then the buck, hearing the arrow hit on the far side, came to about 15 yards from the stand and gradually resumed his feeding. I was working on the third arrow which was in the quiver and each time I moved the arrow ½ inch, the feathers scratched the canvas and the buck looked up for the usual 2 minute (2 years). I thought it ridiculous that I had stayed up all night sewing a quiver and now could not

get the arrow out. The buck was within 25 yards in front of me for at least 15 minutes. When I got the arrow out he was 7 yards below and to the right. Then when he passed I turned, but saw him no more.

Results: I cut off my own shirt tail and have it pinned on the quiver.

3. After learning my lesson to get the arrows in a useable position, on the third day I was in a tree stand 20 feet high standing on a board between two swaying sapling pine trees (with safety rope) gradually getting seasick. I had meticulously taken my carefully sharpened arrows from the quiver and had placed them in handy positions by my feet. I had placed range markers with BUCK LURE at 25 yards and 50 yards on each side of the stand and had shot practice arrows perfectly on each. Ready—well, a big buck with horns like a cow appeared followed by a doe at the walk-halt nibble speed. At 20 yards I nearly got off a shot, but the buck moved directly under my stand where the branches blocked the view. I leaned over to get a clear shot and somebody kicked one of those arrows by my feet and it went clattering down through the branches. I shot the bow at an unseen target. Post mortem analysis showed that the kicked arrow was a closer miss than the shoot.

P.S. Exasperation pays off because I took the shot gun on a return bout and executed (range 20 feet) a doe 37 minutes after opening of season. Next I executed an 8-point buck (range 30 feet) 25 minutes after shooting time another day. Too bad the doe weighed only 34#, which is smaller than the one Charlie Wesner put in his glove compartment!

Colonel C. G. Simenson

The professor commented that he had served in the last World War and a student cracked: "Oh, are you that young?"

Professor: "Yes, I'm young, and I'm younger now than I'll be next year when you take this course over again."

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Archers Beware!

This thing I tell you has happened to me, I'll tell it to you without any fee. I bought a bow and happy was I, To go out to the range and try my eye. My shooting improved to some degree Not enough to win, necessarily.

But leaving the wife home all day Sunday
Plagued my thoughts from Saturday to Monday.
So I bought her a bow and happy was she

To go out to the range and clobber me. Now trophies abound in my humble home And there's not a one I can call my own.

Shawnee Lee
W. Lee Collins
Falls Church, Va.

Tournament Schedule

November 8 & 9

Annual Turkey Shoot, Bowhunters of Rockingham, Harrisonburg, Va.

November 16

Manahoac Bowmen, Fredericksburg, Va.

November 23

Shawnee Archery Tribe, Waynesboro, Va.

November 30

Annual Turkey Shoot, Sherwood Archers, Roanoke, Va.

December 7

Albemarle Archers, Charlottesville, Va.; Triangle Bowhunters, Christiansburg, Va.

December 21

Powell Valley Archers, Pennington Gap, Va.

Unfortunately the man with the loudest mouth often gets the most attention.

How To Get Good Publicity

The following, written by A. G. Fleming, outdoor editor of the Parkersburg News of West Virginia, contains some mighty good advice from a man who knows:

If stories are furnished according to these fundamentals of journalism, we can either print them as is or rewrite them.

WHO—The basis of every news story is a person (or persons). Readers are more interested in WHO than anything else—All names **MUST** be spelled correctly.

WHAT—What did the person do? What did he say? What was unusual or important about it? What results did he or the group achieve? What plans did he or they make?

WHERE—Be specific—which National forest or at the Two Rivers Archery Club near Front Royal. Name some place that is well known.

WHEN—Did it happen Monday or Wednesday, morning or afternoon? Did the event or result reported take place suddenly, as an accident, or was it a development covering a period of time? Never say "recently". Be specific—give exact date.

WHY—Was it the result of carefully made plans successfully carried out? An unexpected surprise, due to what? Give the reason if the nature of your story requires it.

HOW—How did Joe shoot this deer—details as to how something happened or was done.

It is not enough to get the answers to these six questions. The answers must be **CORRECT**.

After you have the correct answers to the above six questions, study your facts carefully and arrange them in the order of their interest and importance.

An essay or descriptive narration leads up to a climax. A news story should start

Order Of The Silver Feather

The Alabama Archery Association has come up with what sounds like an excellent idea. This is their Order of the Silver Feather. This is to be an honorary organization in archery. Its membership is by nomination and election by the clubs affiliated with the Alabama Archery Association, or in our case the Board of Directors. The first year, 1958, seven members will be elected to charter membership in order to form a nucleus for the organization. The following year, not more than three members may be added. Eligibility for membership shall be on the following consideration: First, contribution toward furthering the sport of archery; second, good sportsmanship and third, ability as an archer. Surely, it is time that outstanding archers receive some consideration for something besides their ability as an archer. This organization is entirely honorary. Sort of a Hall of Fame for Archery.



"WELL, THERE GOES YOUR 20-PIN"

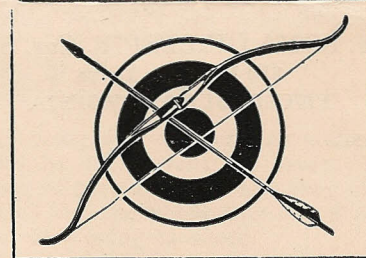
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This is exactly what our state association needs. I'm sure that we have both the talent and resources to produce a manual such as this. I also feel that if we talk this up around the state and at our meetings we will get the ball rolling. It seems like a wonderful challenge for the forthcoming year.

Editor

Classified Ads

Flight will accept classified advertising for VBA members. I know there are many tackle manufacturers who would be interested in this. Also individuals could use it as a medium for swapping any sporting equipment connected with archery.

The rates are very reasonable. Six cents per word with a one dollar minimum. All ads must be in the hands of the Editor by the 21st of the month for the following month's issue.

Make checks or money orders payable to Editor of Flight, Virginia Bowhunters Association, 446 Hanson Avenue, Fredericksburg, Va.

You might as well laugh at yourself at times; everyone else does.

Too many news stories are written by writers anchored to desk chairs.

ENFORCEMENT

Columnist Louis Spilman in the WAYNESBORO NEWS - VIRGINIAN credits the willingness to identify and testify against three young men charged with racing on the highway by a private citizen as "mighty factors" leading to the conviction of all three.

The judge sent them to jail to the tune of two 30 and one 25-day sentences and revoked their licenses. If citizens will do this and courts back them up, we are on the way to drastic improvement.

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