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Son Ted with a Goshawk and Author's 10-Gauge Magnum Ithaca. This Photograph Was Taken in 1944.

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7 yrs old

Ithaca 10-gauge mag

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Guns By Keith

Mike Lempke of Idaho Falls and I had planned a goose hunt at Island Park, Idaho. When I received a long distance call from him, that the weather had turned bad and to come at once, my wife Lorraine and I packed our gear in the car and drove the 170 miles to Lempke's residence. On the way up the Lemhi River, we saw a great many fat mallards. Almost every bend of the river had its quota and I was sorely tempted to stop and hunt ducks, but this was to be a goose shoot. When we came back that way a few days later, not a duck was to be seen.

While Mike and I discussed details of the proposed hunt, after dinner, Mrs. Keith and Mrs. Lempke put their heads together and decided to go on a two-day shopping spree, rather than get up before daylight and freeze in a goose blind. Mike and I packed our gear, bags, tent, stove and decoys and drove to the Island Park region that day and set up the tent and camp in the afternoon. A nearby clump of thick jack pine turned some of the prevailing high wind. After cooking and eating a substantial meal, we picked up our guns and headed for the Snake River to locate and repair some existing blinds for the next morning. A couple of miles from camp we found what we were looking for — a point of land running out slightly into the river and with banks some seven feet high and well-covered with sage brush. We found two

old goose pits close together on the point, so proceeded to dig them out and deepen them enough, so we could sit with our heads below the level of the ground. We carried all dirt to the river and dumped it and arranged everything to look as natural as possible. After policing the ground for 100 yards all around, and picking up a few empty shell cases, we had the blind ready.

We were up next morning and had breakfast over and the dishes washed long before daylight. We then loaded the decoys, a thermos jug of coffee, a powerful lunch on the pack boards and set out for the blinds. We were well loaded with all the gear. After setting out two nice stools of geese and one of ducks above the upper bunch of goose decoys, we repaired to the blinds to wait the coming of daylight and, we hoped, geese.

Mike carried a 12 bore Remington pump with 1½ ounce 2¾" shells loaded with deuces, while I had my old 10 gauge magnum Ithaca that was originally made for Major Charles Askins. Serial Number 500,000. It is the first magnum ten ever built and, I believe, the best to date. I had Remington 3¾" shells with two ounces No. 2's and also some ancient Western Super X hulls with two ounces of No. 3 Lubaloy — my long-range duck load.

The faint light of morning finally arrived and with it a wind off that cold

G&A's shooting editor reports on some fabulous long-range honker gunning along Idaho's Snake River

Snake River that would put goose flesh on a walrus. We heard another group of hunters talking as they got into a blind, near a bend in the river at a fence corner, a half mile downstream. Soon ducks began trading up and down the river; pintails, mallards, teal and butterballs. Then a bunch of seven huge Trumpeter swans came by very low giving forth with their weird cries. We could have hit them with a sixgun they were so close. This is the home of these beautiful 30-pound birds, and we enjoyed the sight of them. We wished

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GOOSE'S'

by Elmer Keith



them luck and hoped no fool goose hunter would shoot at them. Mike was checking his watch every few minutes to check on the legal shooting time. But before zero hour rolled around, we heard someone jump the gun with a flurry of shots over on the nearby Railroad Ranch, followed by the distant but clear calls of a flock of big Canadas.

Finally, we made out a small wedge of geese coming down the river with their beautiful slow wing beat. The cold was instantly forgotten. Their calls, "alonk, alonk, onk, alonk," came to us. Mike checked his watch but we still had five minutes to go before legal shooting time so we watched them go on down the river, passing about 75 yards out from our blind. They did not fare so well with our neighbors, however, as they gave them a barrage and we saw one goose leave the line and go off on a long tangent.

Soon, another bunch of seven great Canadas came down the river, calling as they beat the cold morning air with their slow, majestic wing beat. Mike, said its still too early by a couple minutes so we let them slide past. Not so our neighbors. The geese swung out too far for the blind, but one of their party had waded the river and hidden himself in the sage brush. He opened up and hit one goose hard, turning the flock back up the river toward us. We saw this goose come down in a glide to a small bay on the other side of the river.

The remaining six came on up the river well out over the farther bank, but just before coming abreast, Mike used his goose call a couple times. They answered and swung our way out over the middle of the river. We estimated them to cross our front at 55 yards. I was peering through a sage brush from my blind while Mike kept his head down below the level of his pit. When they swung as close as they were ever going to, I yelled, "now!" and jumped up. Mike did the same. I swung the old mag ten a good 20 feet ahead of the big leader and cut loose with the gun still swinging. The barrels raised in recoil and I started pulling them down for the second barrel. I killed the goose behind the leader and at the same time I saw that the last goose in line was in trouble from Mike's shot. I now had my lead so swung even further ahead of the next goose as he started to tower at an angle. Mike got in two more shots, his last blending with my second. My second goose crumpled along with Mike's and the three were all falling in the air before the first one hit the water with a resounding splash. I have never seen a more beautiful sight in all my days of shotgunning. Three great honkers coming down at once. Reloading, we took off down the river, which runs fairly fast here, to get ahead of the downed geese and try and find some place we could wade out and retrieve them.

The water proved too deep for our hip boots but we ran alongside the floating geese. When one of them raised his head up and started to swim, I immediately gave him another dose of deuces which finished him. Coming around a bend we saw a beautiful sight, a hunter in waders that came up to his arm pits. I asked him to do the honors for us and held his gun while he waded out and grabbed each of the three geese as they came drifting along the current.

The three of us went back up to our blind where we gave that Good Samaritan a drink of coffee. He elected to work around a slough behind our blind and post himself in some trees, as geese often covered that section, a half mile away.

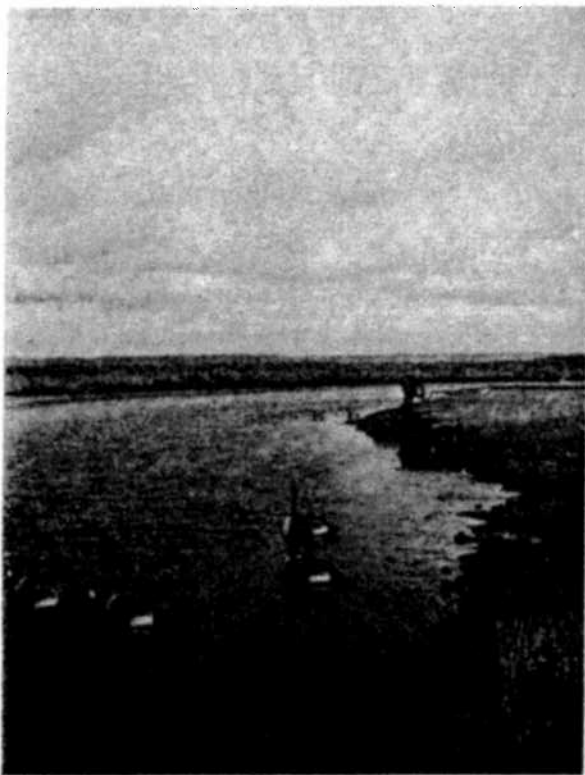
The morning finally dawned cold and grey with solid clouds. The wind never abated. Before long we were just as cold as the proverbial well digger, though we had donned about all the clothes we possessed. Ducks continued to trade up and down the river but we were hunting geese and passed them all up for the time being. We continued to scan the dull sky in every direction, turning our

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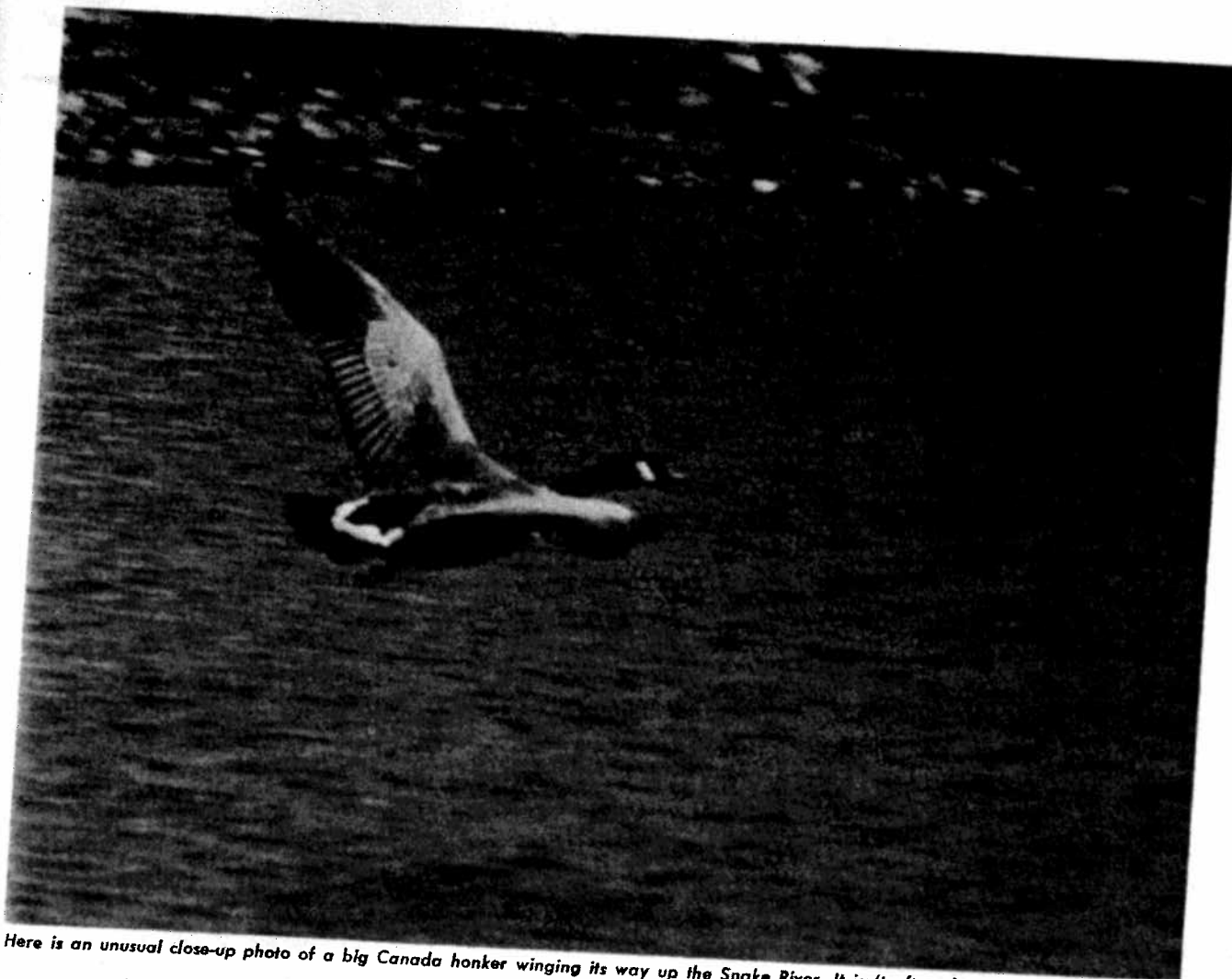


Putting out a faultless set of decoys is an all-important technique if the goose hunter expects to get exceptional gunning. This is Idaho's famous Snake River.



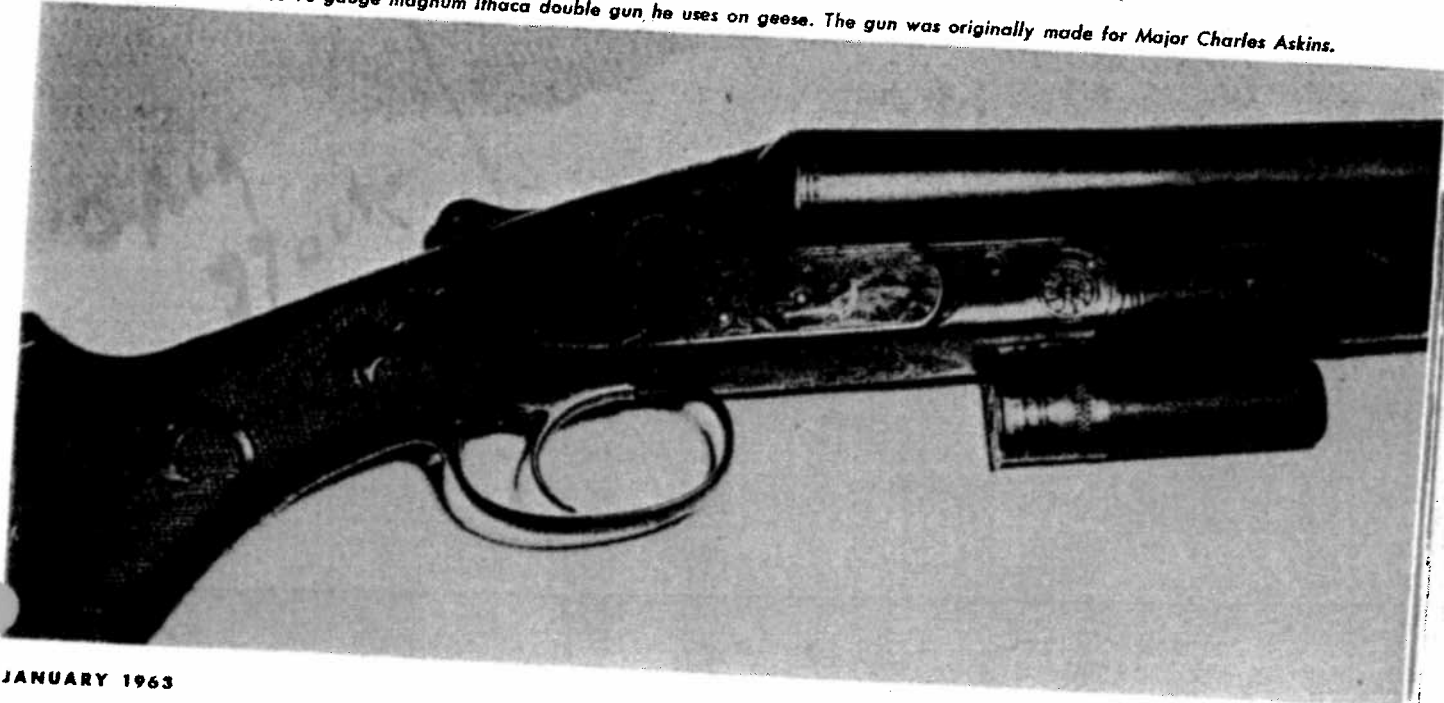
The author winds up a gunning stint for Park Island geese with a top specimen of Canada honker. This area of Idaho is famed for its goose flyway but hunting is cold, rough, tough shooting — but worth it, according to old timers!

Keith's shooting compadre, Mike Lempke, heads out of his blind for base camp after a successful morning's goose shoot along the Snake River. He is loaded down with decoys and gear as well as a couple of king-size geese.



Here is an unusual close-up photo of a big Canada honker winging its way up the Snake River. It isn't often these wary birds come close.

This is the author's famous 10 gauge magnum Ithaca double gun, he uses on geese. The gun was originally made for Major Charles Askins.



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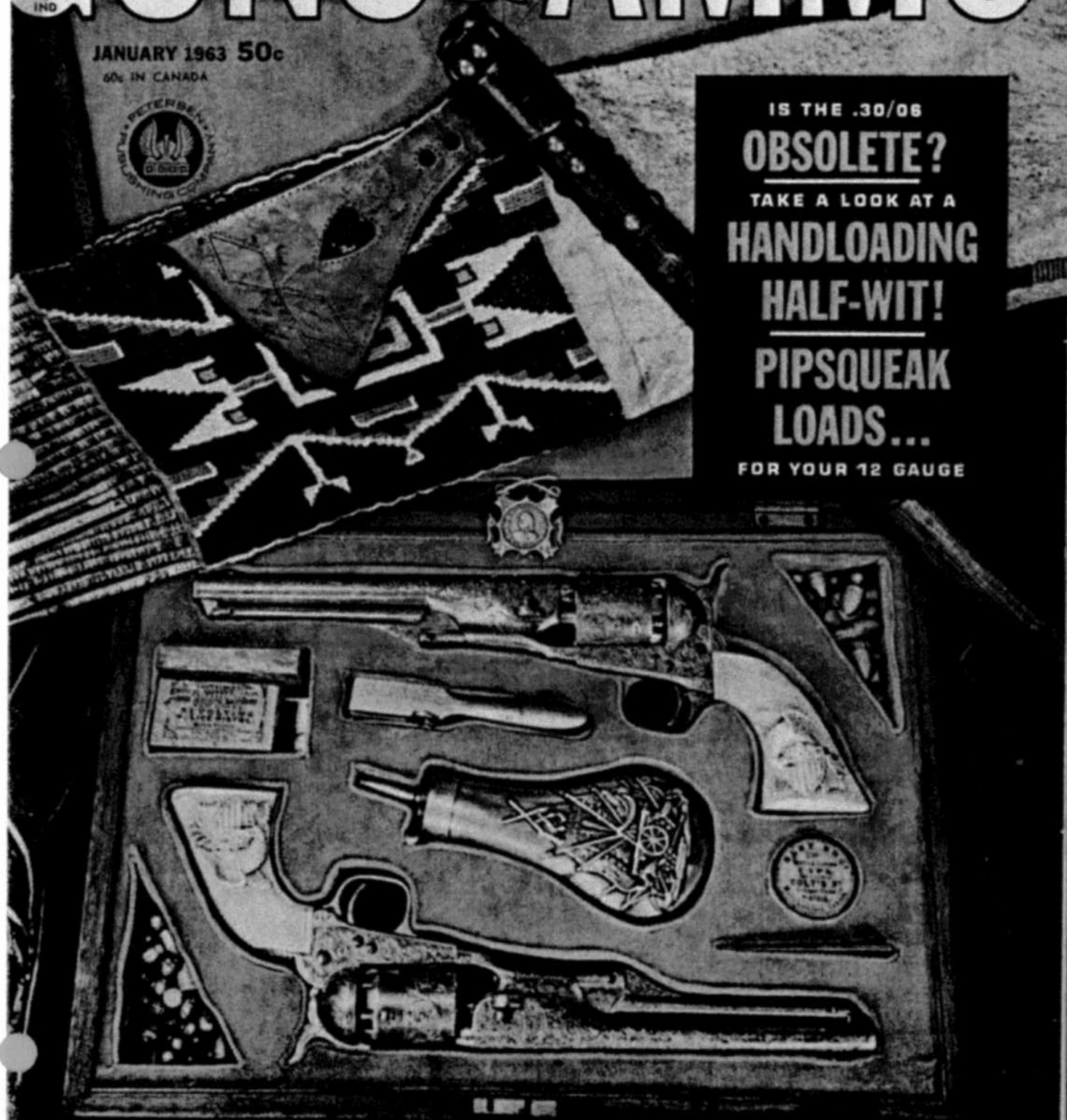
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ELMER KEITH

Calif., is now out with his new solid rifle and shotgun recoil pads. These are beautiful pads having more air cushion space inside than the older No-Shock and other makes of solid pads. These can be had plain red with black surface next to the wood or dark brown color with the black fibre next to the wood. They both have a very neat basket weave design well inside the edge of the butt that clings to the shoulder, and are to my notion some of the finest solid pads yet produced anywhere and suitable for the finest rifles and shotguns. I understand they can also be had with white spacers if desired. They are also available in all-black color if desired. A great many shooters as well as most custom gunsmiths and stockers have long wanted good solid-sided pads that do not collect mud, snow, or dirt like those of trestle type design and yet give maximum cushion effect on the shoulder. These are the best I have seen to date and made from best neoprene. They have a hard metal plate to hold screw heads. Butt not drilled for screws and can be fitted with cement alone or drilled and screwed on as well as cemented. They come in small, medium and large sizes, also in different thicknesses to change length of pull.

NEW REMINGTON POWER LOCK BULLETS

We have just received and tested some new .224 55-grain match bullets from Remington. These are beautiful bullets, spitzer shaped and full patch. In fact, they are the first bullets we have seen except the old Balle-D of the French Lebel that appear solid copper or gilding metal as no lead shows at either end. Just how they fashion them and close both ends so perfectly we do not know. We loaded up some of them for our super accurate .224 Weatherby with 30 grains of 4895, the Winchester 120 primer and the groups were wonderful. Five shots in 3-inch at 100 yards if you do your part. This little Weatherby has no free-bore and has ever been a super accurate rifle with about everything I have put through it, including 55-grain Sierra and 53 grain match bullets by Speer and Sierra. Also some 63-grain Sierra shot wonderfully well. These tiny Remington solids should be tried out by anyone using the .224 bullet in bench rest or other match work as they shoot superbly in my rifle. The base is slightly hollow, and they are marked Power-Lokt, so I presume they are some of Remington's new bonded core bullets. I would still like to see how they close both ends of the jacket so perfectly that they look like solid gilding metal. These match bullets will make wonderful solids for shooting small game with the various rifles that

take this diameter bullet. They are as round as human ingenuity can make them and my mike says .224 all around the perimeter of the base on ten straight I tried. They shoot in any good rifle.

We also received and tested for accuracy a small lot of new Remington .222 ammunition. These feature a spitzer of 50 grains with a hollow point and the jacket tip serrated for expansion around the tip. They went in or under an inch at 100 yards from my old Sako .222 Remington with K-Weaver scope. The weather has been too bad for any extended vermin test but did explode one varmint at about 125 yards with one of them. The new .222 cartridges are packed in plastic block that fits into the Remington 20-shot paper packet. Primers are a change are copper colored. I believe this to be the finest .222 ammunition Remington has yet manufactured in their old 50-grain soft point load ways shot wonderfully well in my rifle.

Last time we used the .222 Sako Kinsella killed a goshawk by hold over at 407 yards from a rest, and killed a ground squirrel standing on his hind legs at 300 yards, so certainly nothing wrong with the old Remington load. Soon as the weather permits, we intend trying these on vermin to see how well they expand. These bullets have Remington's bonded core which is something we have needed as long as I can remember, and I hope they soon bring their famous old Corelok with a bonded core as well. Though announced at last Seminar, we have as yet received none of the 175-grain pointed Magnum bullets or ammo for test. I understand these will also have bonded core and should make the game bullet possible in this size. Certainly they are going to revolutionize bullet construction in the future.

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Due to production troubles, the and revolutionary powder scales by RCBS at both the NSCA show and the NRA Convention will not be on the market at soon as scheduled. RCBS will make an announcement in the gun magazines as soon as they are available. Our own tests indicate this a very fast scale to use as well as being wonderfully accurate.

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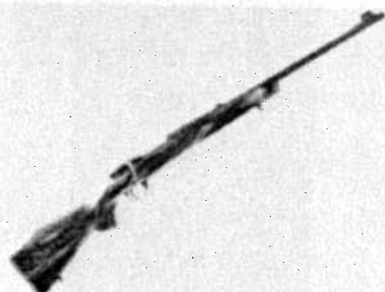
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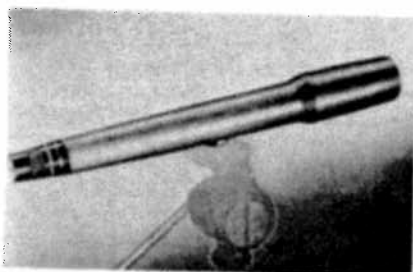
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Charles Askins was a noted gun writer and edited the "Arms and Amunnition" section of the magazine *Outdoor Life* for many years.

This is a very important historical and was a subject of several Askins and Keith articles.

A copy of the original invoice is attached.

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		S 70	Browning Double 12 Auto loader (10 barrel)	12 GA	7471	250
		S 71	Remington Model 1100 Auto	28 GA	L048648J	165.
		S 72	Remington Model 870 LW	20 GA Mag	5426705U	170.
		S 73	Winchester Model 1897 Trench Gun	12 GA	973328E	150.

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S 74	Antoni Zoli engraved ventilated, ejectors, Full choke EK, Salmon bottom barrel	Mag 20	420 an	250
S 75	Browning Over & Under ejector, single Trigger	20 GA	couldn't open trigger	375.
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S 77	Ithaca #5 Single Trigger - ejectors Major Askins old Gun made to order fully engraved	16 GA.	439410	3,000
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