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## 'Five's' Or Better

National—August 30, 31, September 1, 2, 3—24th year of M-L national competition. Almost a quarter of a century. Did you ever think it would live that long?—and grow—grow—grow. Look at the program in the center spread — That's a shoot, brother.

The phone at home rang the other night. It was a newspaper in Miami, Florida, checking on the facts of our Association. Do we get around?

Hope California stacks up well this year—and New York—New England—well, we are wishing for all of you.

Plans are to have a dancing party on Saturday night. If you want it—write your Editor at once. We think it adds fun and sociability to the matches. What do you think?

Annual meeting on Sunday night. Here you can offer helpful suggestions for a bigger and better Association. Be sure they are helpful and remember the only reward your officers get is the fun and enjoyment YOU are having.

Vacation time here at the Muzzle Loading office. Appreciate the office help more than ever. Maybe that is one of the good things about vacations.

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WALTER CLINE RANGE

NATIONAL MATCHES: AUGUST  
30, 31, SEPTEMBER 1, 2, 3  
TURKEY SHOOT: OCTOBER 20  
& 21



## Down Under Needs Help

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Australia

I am writing to you in the hope that you may be able to assist me in my thirst for knowledge regarding muzzle loading rifles. I have accumulated quite a bit of information on English varieties but here in Australia any information on American types is almost unobtainable.

I am particularly interested in the "Kentucky Rifle". Or is it the "Pennsylvania Rifle"? Not so much in its history as its technicalities.

If by some chance you can find a corner in which to publish this in "Muzzle Blasts", I would be very grateful, as by this means one of your many readers, on reading this, may be interested to write to me at the above address, and exchange stories or information regarding firearms, shooting or hunting in general or muzzle loaders in particular. Any letters would be very welcome and I can assure the writer of a prompt reply.

E. THOMPSON

## From A Real Muzzleer

1207 West Street  
Annapolis, Md.

Just a note to let you know I am still alive and kicking. Thanks for your little squib in the Muzzle Blasts. As a result I am tied up with a real nice bunch of shooters here in Annapolis. The Tidewater Muzzle Loaders are really a fine bunch of fellows and are having several matches this summer. We are sponsoring The Maryland State Muzzle Loading Championships and would appreciate having it put in Muzzle Blasts. They will be held at the Naval Academy Rifle Range on August 5th, 1956. The range is located on the North Severn at Annapolis. I will mail a program later.

We had a fine shoot sponsored by the Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore on Memorial Day. It was the biggest shoot ever held in this area. There were six rifle matches and a pistol match. The range is the finest I have ever seen. They have 110 firing points where you can shoot 50 or 100 yard matches without moving. Twenty-five 200, 500 yard points and a 75 position pistol range for 25 or 50 yards. The range is owned by the Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore. They were completely uneducated on muzzle loading matches. They badly need a set of rules. I helped them out and to get started. They were going to fire the 50 yard matches with all five shots on one 50 yard bull. I finally convinced them they should use at least 2 bulls for record with 3 shots on one and 2 on the other. They didn't have loading benches and I suggested these be added. They were surprised at the shooting. They

didn't score centers, but will next time. I won the aggregate and several matches including the pistol. I shot a 50 with 5x's in the 50 yard match. If they had scored centers, it would have been only a 50 with 2x's but I will settle for that. They squadded the matches and ran in the pistol match during the noon hour. I was so busy I didn't get time to eat. We had 50 registered shooters.

VAUGHN K. GOODWIN

## Would It Do For M-L Shooters?

609 Greenhill Lane  
Jacksonville, 11, Florida

Red, in my last letter to you I probably did not express myself as well as I would have liked. When I spoke of the Association setting up qualifications, I did not mean that after one qualifies, say as a tyro, he could send to the Association and get a tyro emblem, medal or what have you—but to use this qualification so that one would know what class to shoot in during matches at home and out of the state. I also think that whatever a man qualifies as should be shown on his Association membership card. I know from experience at the pistol club from time to time ringers will come in, enter the tyro class and walk away with every piece of hardware that is offered—but if the man had his real qualification rating on his N.M.L.R.A. card the officials of the club would know what class the man should shoot in.

KENNETH D. KING

## Herman P. Dean Tours Europe

From Mr. Herman P. Dean, of Huntington, West Virginia, now touring in Europe and Russia, comes an attractive postal card from Suomi, Finland. The card was for Mr. Farris and your editor and the office staff. Mr. Dean, along with other veteran newspaper people and publishers, is taking an inside look at all the countries of Europe and inside Russia.

We are sure that if our nation could find within the iron curtain countries as many outstanding and fine gentlemen as



"He says he can't see where fannin' t



Fred W. Mohr  
Crane Lake, Minn.  
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Of The Pioneers*