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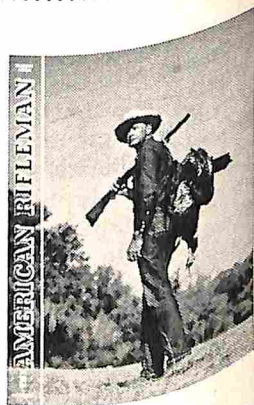
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COVER

In Alabama turkeys are hunted in the spring. U. S. Border Patrolman Bill Jordan uses a "drilling" on that colorful bird because it gives him either a bullet or shot. Other suitable arms are discussed on page 22. Transparency by Phil Roettinger



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Dave Bushnell
says: *Look who's lazy now!*

I used to think Charlie Atkins was a terrible hunter. He's good-natured, smart, plays swell poker. But he's lazy, and first to admit it.

Last year we borrowed a Jeep and headed for deer country south of Reno—on the Eastern slopes of the Sierras. It's rugged country with plenty of deer if you're willing to work getting them out.

Separately, we had stalked the canyons for two days without luck. Then I heard a shot... a long pause... then two more in quick succession. That was our signal. Charlie had his deer!

When I arrived at camp he was napping in the Jeep, with the finest 12-point buck you've ever seen, tied across the hood. I was flabbergasted! "How'd you get him back alone?"

He opened one eye and kidded, "when yo ain't got no education, yo just gotta use yore head!" Only 50 yards away, Charlie had sat down above an old abandoned mining road. Scanning the opposite slopes with the binoculars I had given him, he finally spotted a buck. But Charlie was lazy. It would have been real work getting a dead buck off those slopes. So he watched and hoped, till the critter moved within falling distance of the road. Then he squeezed the trigger. Strolling back into camp, he rode out in the Jeep... loaded his cargo, and drove back.

Charlie yawned. "Liftin' that rascal onto the Jeep wasn't easy. Betcha he weighs 200 pounds!"

"Easy," I replied. "Why it would have taken us both three hours to pack him..." It was no use. Charlie was asleep again.

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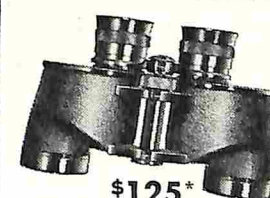
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