



MEMBERS OF A DRILLING CREW at the light oil discovery well at Forget, Sask., 106 miles southeast of Regina, assemble the bullet-nosed tester before lowering it into the well. The well, a recent strike with a reported production of 150 barrels an hour, has been called the most important oil discovery in Saskatchewan so far.

## OUTDOORS With Marty —

Every shotgun user has at some time been in a discussion on Damascus barrels, yet the question as to the safety of these barrels with modern shotgun shells continually recurs. The answer remains the same—DON'T DO IT.

Perhaps in poking around the attic you found a fowling-piece of early vintage, in apparently excellent condition. The easiest check on its type of barrel construction is the emerycloth test on a part of the barrel usually covered by some woodwork. If diligent rubbing fails to remove the pretty lines in the steel, you may be sure it is Damascus.

Just in case somebody is unaware of the manufacturing method used on these barrels, here is an idea of it. A continuous length of wire was wound round a tapered steel mandrel of the required size, and a heating process was used to fuse the thing together. Then two of these "barrels" were brazed alongside each other, various additional parts were fitted until the firearm was complete.

### MANY WERE EXCELLENT

Many of these shotguns are of excellent workmanship and were perfect for the slow-burn- ing black powder used in their heyday. Only the properly equipped and competent hand-loader should make loads for them today.

Recent news reports tell of rabies and also tularemia appearing in Alberta, and to me this is more than merely coincidental. I see this as one of nature's balances going to work.

We have noticed an increase in the number of, and bravado of, the wolf and coyote lately. Possibly these canines are to be deprived of their easy rabbit hunting when tularemia has taken its toll of the bunnies, and rabies might step in and reduce the wolf and coyote population materially, when they have become weakened by hunter.

In any case, leave your pooch at home if you intend travelling east.

### TIME RIFE

The time is surely nearly ripe when this quickly growing Canada of ours should have its own, or much less expensive access to, a market of rifle telescope sights and mounts for same.

At present, cost of these installations from foreign sources is prohibitive to many worthy rifle users.

Had a long range look at a spring salmon Saturday, 25 pounds or better, taken trolling near the Cold Storage plant. Saw several other anglers working at Fairview. Hung a good spring there myself on Sunday, but the nine-pound monofilament let go when he wound around the cable which holds the float.

This is where spilling tackle is under severe handicap, but similar equipment is perfect when drifting a tea-anchored boat in the tide rip. Suggest that certain of these sports trollers slow down very considerably, even dragging pails if necessary, which provides opportunity for extra action to be given to the lure by working the rod.

SEND IN REPORTS  
Would be glad to receive reports from harbor anglers. Even nil reports have a value, for when this material is collated it will be possible to build up a picture as to what may be caught when, where and how.

We need to know type of tackle and lure, date, conditions of tide, depth and method em-

ployed. For myself, I am getting an occasional salmon strike on deer hair tied around 1½-ounce sinker with 5/0 hook attached, sunk to the bottom and then gently jigged about a foot. This system takes many grey cod, flounder, and of course bullhead, and always give the chance of a more worthy opponent. Tell it not in Gath, but a halibut was hooked in this way! This type of fishing is near prehistoric, but any Maritimer will vouch for its efficacy.

### TACKLE BOX NEEDED

There is a growing need for a tackle-box that will resist salt-water corrosion. The plastics do not stand up even with careful treatment. They are best suited for storing small items at home.

Cancas wears quickly and soon takes water, and suggestions are in order.

**Short Thought:** Should you be buying a rifle for brush-hunting in deer country like the Charlottes, be content with 30/30 or so, for remember that the high velocity bullets break up pretty easily when striking even a light obstruction.

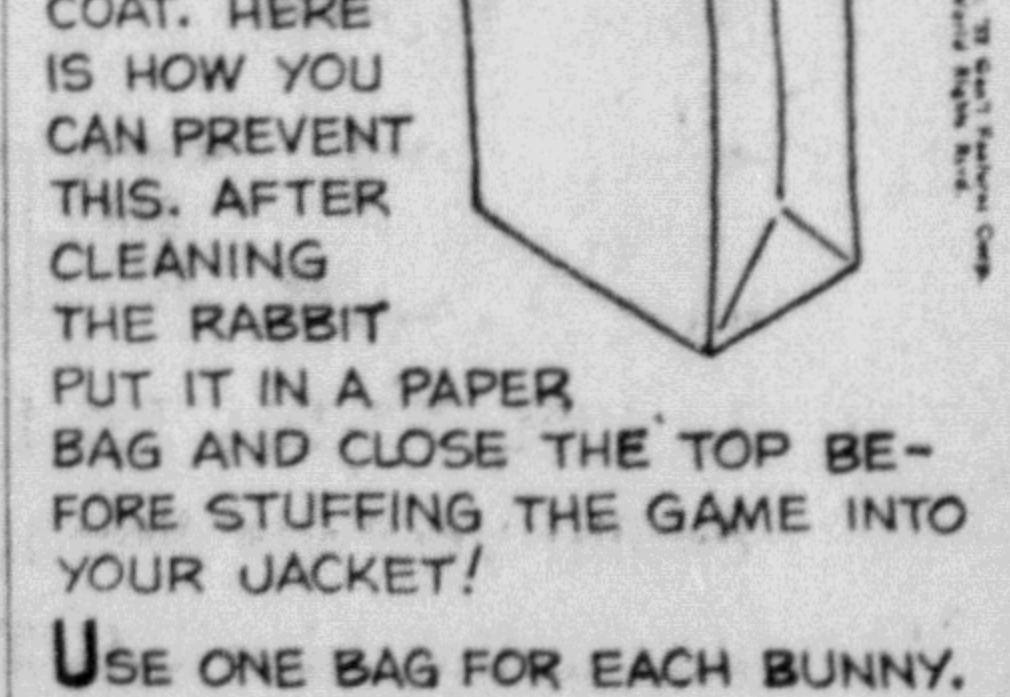
ERIC S. MARTIN.

## SPORTSMAN'S DIGEST

### RABBIT HUNT PROTECTION TIP!

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# Chilled, Numb, U.S. Rescue Plane Crew Drifted Helplessly in Waterlogged Craft

By DON HUTH  
MANILA (AP)—The pilot of a U.S. rescue plane that overturned and sank in Formosa strait after picking up 11 downed airmen told over the week-end how he and two companions drifted close to the Red China coast in a waterlogged liferaft.

Lieut. John Vukic of Pittsburgh said: "I didn't care who got me. I was so cold."

Vukic had set down his Coast Guard Mariner amphibian plane on choppy waters a few miles northeast of the Communist port of Swatow Sunday after Red shore batteries shot down a navy Neptune patrol bomber carrying 13 crew members.

The Mariner picked up 11 of the navy airmen but overturned on the takeoff, burned and sank.

Vukic, chief aviation machinist mate Joseph Miller, Jr., of Long Beach, Calif., and Robert F. Hewitt of San Diego, Calif., clambered aboard a liferaft.

**DRIFTED 7½ HOURS.**  
Chilled and numb, they drifted for 7½ hours before a U.S. destroyer, sweeping the strait under fire of Communist guns, picked them up.

They arrived at Sangley point naval base near Manila still showing the effects of their harrowing experience.

Hewitt suffered a back injury in the plane disaster.

Five of the eight Mariner crew members were killed.

The destroyer rescued 10 of the 21 airmen involved in the two disasters.

Vukic told a press conference they drifted helplessly inside a reef that complicated rescue operations.

They were down to their last flare before the destroyer could manoeuvre close enough to pick them up.

Vukic said despite haze and growing darkness, they could see the Chinese mainland.

**COULDN'T STAND.**  
"The survivors of the navy plane were so physically exhausted they had to be assisted into our plane," he said. "They couldn't even stand up."

Two of the men were so

badly hurt, Vukic continued, that he decided to fly to Hong Kong. But darkness closed in and the seas churned as he gunned the Mariner for takeoff.

"Right after firing the Jato jet assisted takeoff I was sure we would get home. It was in the bag." But seconds later, he said, the plane lurched over.

"My seat broke and that's the last thing I remember until I was in the water."

Vukic said he and his two crew members scrambled into a liferaft dropped by other rescue planes.

## SPORTS ROUND-UP

By GAYLE TALBOT  
NEW YORK (AP)—Just in case there's any monkey business going on in the present messed-up heavyweight situation, Rocky Marciano, the champion, is not going to be caught looking out the window.

### ON THE ALLEYS

## Art Olson Tops Tenpinners In Sunday Loop

Art Olson led men in the mixed tenpin bowling league Sunday with a three-game count of 558. He had games of 201, 146 and 211.

Others bowling over 200 were Ted Moir and Harvey Deary. B. Matson led the ladies with a 182-game and Maresa Windle had high three of 463.

The Spares rolled high game of 895 and also had high three of 2,498.

Results: Chumps 3, Art Murrays 1; Spares 3, Delnor 1; Northern Distributors 2, MC's 2.

Standings: Delnor 14; Chumps 14; Spares 12; Northern Distributors 11; Art Murrays 6; MC's 3

## Rocky Receives Hickok Belt

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP)—Heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano received the \$10,000 Ray Hickok belt as the "professional athlete of the year" in 1952 at the Rochester Press-Radio Club dinner Monday night.

Richard Cobden, the great English free trader who died in 1865, was one of 11 children of a small Sussex farmer.

## Vancouver Still Has Hopes Of Getting WCFU Franchise

By DAVE MCINTOSH  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

VANCOUVER (AP)—Vancouver's football club is awaiting the Western Conference's decision at the end of this month on its WIFU application.

If any of the directors figure Vancouver will become the fifth member of the WIFU, nobody came out and said so at the annual meeting.

Directors and a handful of spectators were told a sample five-team schedule has been sent

to Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton and Calgary to show that a quintuplet league would work. This schedule would have each team playing two home and two away games with the other club and a four-team playoff.

The Vancouver application is for a franchise starting in 1954. The club's big bargaining point is the city's new 36,000-seat stadium to be built for the British Empire Games here next year.

Vice-President Bill Morgan said: "The WIFU is working well as it is. They don't need us and Vancouver probably couldn't add anything to the league except travelling expenses. We have to prove that we will be an asset to them."

Morgan said that when Vancouver gets its new stadium, the Grey Cup final could be played alternately in Toronto and Vancouver. The western teams were all in favor of this.

The letter outlining a sample schedule said a Vancouver team would probably mean an additional \$8,000 in travelling expenses, plus more maintenance costs. Vancouver was willing to help defray additional costs.

Directors stressed they could not accept a conditional franchise. A three-year franchise without a vote was offered last year before the Vancouver application was turned down.

"We want a firm, 100 per cent franchise," Art Mercer, president, said.

The club could not accept a conditional franchise because it might mean losing as much as \$400,000 if the franchise were cancelled after one year.

The executive said the franchise, if granted, would start in 1954 rather than this year as it would give Vancouver "time to manoeuvre," choose a manager and coach and line up players.

## Slaughter Hopes For Better Year

CHICAGO (AP)—Enos Slaughter, nearing 37, says he hopes to do better for St. Louis Cardinals in 1953 than last year.

The veteran Cardinal outfielder was voted the player who made the comeback of the year in 1952.

"I feel great," he said. "My legs feel better than when I left the Army in 1946. I weigh 191, the same as when the season ended last year."

Slaughter hit .300 and drove in 101 runs in 1952.

"You can have those guys who walk around in the outfield," he said after receiving the comeback award at the Chicago Baseball Writers' Association dinner. "My arm has always been to hustle, to really dig in and work all the time I'm in a game."

"When I started last season they had me down as a utility outfielder. I sat around for 10 games. I just can't stand that. Then one day Eddie Stanky told me to get in there. I played 140 straight games after that. I'm hoping to do even better this year."



JOHN LAUGHLIN  
This is a photo of the man who was an accidental victim of cooking gas. It was taken some years ago. It was found among his possessions.

## Millionaire Kept \$24,000 Cash in Home

TORONTO (AP)—An eccentric 104-year-old millionaire who kept more than \$24,000 hidden in the squalor of his home, was the victim of escaping cooking gas.

He was John Laughlin, one of Toronto's first dairy owners and a retired home builder who owned and collected rents from more than 150 real estate properties throughout Toronto.

His son, John Laughlin, Jr., 62, was revived by firemen's inhalators, but died later in hospital.

Police found calendars dating back to 1932 on the walls. In the living room were two rocking chairs and an old upright piano, covered with dust and yellowed sheets of music.

In the dining room a bureau and table were stacked high with copies of the Canada Law Reports dating back a decade. On the floor were baskets of empty bottles, a jumble of rusted files, tin cans and tap fittings.

In the kitchen rags and laundry filled one corner.

Amid the junk police found the money. It was in bills of all denominations, up to \$50, as well as nickels, dimes and quarters. Some was found stuffed into the toes of old shoes. Still more was in old tobacco tins, in wooden barrels in the basement and in drawers and paper bags. His property is valued at an estimated \$2,000,000.

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## LaStarza Ready For Match With Marciano, Says Manager

By JACK HAND  
GREENWOOD LAKE, N.J. (AP)—Roland LaStarza is ready and willing to take promoter Jim Norris off the hook and provide an April opponent for heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano.

"They don't have to chase us around the block," said Jimmy de Angelo, LaStarza's manager. "We'll go to Chicago, Miami, Atlantic City, New York or even Brockton, Mass."

"We've been chasing Marciano for two years. We're ready to go in April, June, September, November, or any day he wants to go."

LaStarza is training for his Feb. 13 Madison Square Garden bout with Rex Layne.

"We've got Layne coming up," said the manager. "And then we'll be ready for Marciano and Al Weill together. After we beat Layne, they're going to have a tough time explaining why they don't fight us."

"Sure Walcott has a contract for a return match with Mar-

ciano. But it's beginning to look like he won't want to be picked to go to New York in March. Now he wants to wait until they're waiting for him."

LaStarza, who entered college career to go to heavyweight title, has getting Lahn.

When LaStarza met in New York in March, both were unbeaten. LaStarza, of great power, would a disputed title.

Marciano, moved his purses against Joe Louis, Harry Matthews and the title by knocking out at Philadelphia.

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