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Wayne Leek
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Dear Wayne Leek;

Just got home today from Lawton Okla and the mail was stacked. Went thru it but tho I found two letters from Mike and MC Cawley there was none from you. Was anxious to find out if the mount was correct.

On the way up yesterday I stopped by Redfields in Denver and had a 3 hour talk with Ed Hilliard. He says that he knows you well as he went to school with you. Fine guy and works closely with me here. I had one of the very first 3-9 variable s and I sure do like the scope but had troubles with 4 out of 19 we had here last fall. All different troubles. I'd telephone Ed and he'd have a new one up air mail the next morning and I'd send the defective one back.

He's sending me one of their newest right soon. Its exactly the same size as the regular 4X but is a variable 2-7. And that I predict will make a hell of a fine using scope like for us here.

I told him I was using a new handgun with a scope and he had a new Nickol scope there and loaned it to me so I have that here now. He also wanted me to try one of their low X rifle scopes that they have lengthened the eye relief out to arms length on as it has a hell of a wide field of view and will send me one right away. Has to assemble it. Also asked what kind of a mount I wanted and I said I'd send him a sketch with the actual measurements and he said he'd send it with the scope. So I'll have a lot to try.

Got a letter from Pete Brown today and he is wavy on the pistol. Says "its fine,, I guess" That he is still sort of sleeping on it. That when a handgun starts taking the place of a rifle ,with scope sights and everything, etc then it ceases to have the carrying qualities of the handgun and still falls short of the performance of a rifle in the hands of most shooters if not all shooters regardless of its potential accuracy. Says thats as far as he has got with his thinking and that with that statement of bewilderment that its now my turn. And to give him my thots in detail when I can.

Been blowing a lot (puncturing is the right word) of the 6½ primers in the 222 mags that Tom and I both have and never the CCI's. Mike sent me 1000 each of the #92's and # 44's to compare. Will do as we were out here for the 221 loads. I had talked to Jack O'Connor on the phone at home and asked him to have CCI send and bill me for 1000 each of their primers both stad and magnum. But a letter from George Fairchild at CCI today say they have shipped 2000 each with their compliments and if there is any further things they can do to be helpful just to holler.

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