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MODEL 600 CARBINE

A number of different models are being fabricated with a variety of design features. These models will be tested and reviewed, and the best samples selected for a Marketing focus panel study. The rifle will satisfy the needs of deer hunters for a hard hitting, light, short and fast handling deer rifle.

MODEL 870 COMPETITION TRAP GUN (Recoil Reduction)

A comprehensive program has started to compare the bird breaking attributes of the competition grade M/870 to the leading competitive guns such as the Browning BT-99 and the Winchester Model 12. As testing progresses, necessary alterations and design changes will be made.

The adjustable rib is being restyled.

The high spot research cost estimates will be ready for review in September.

MECHANICAL TRAPS

The Marketing field test of the basic trap is nearing completion and the majority of the questionnaires have been returned with favorable reports. Some minor engineering alterations will be made as a result of this test.

Some alterations have been made to the mechanical trap with cocking handle and solenoid release as a result of research testing. The most significant was increasing the solenoid pull force to insure reliable mechanism release.