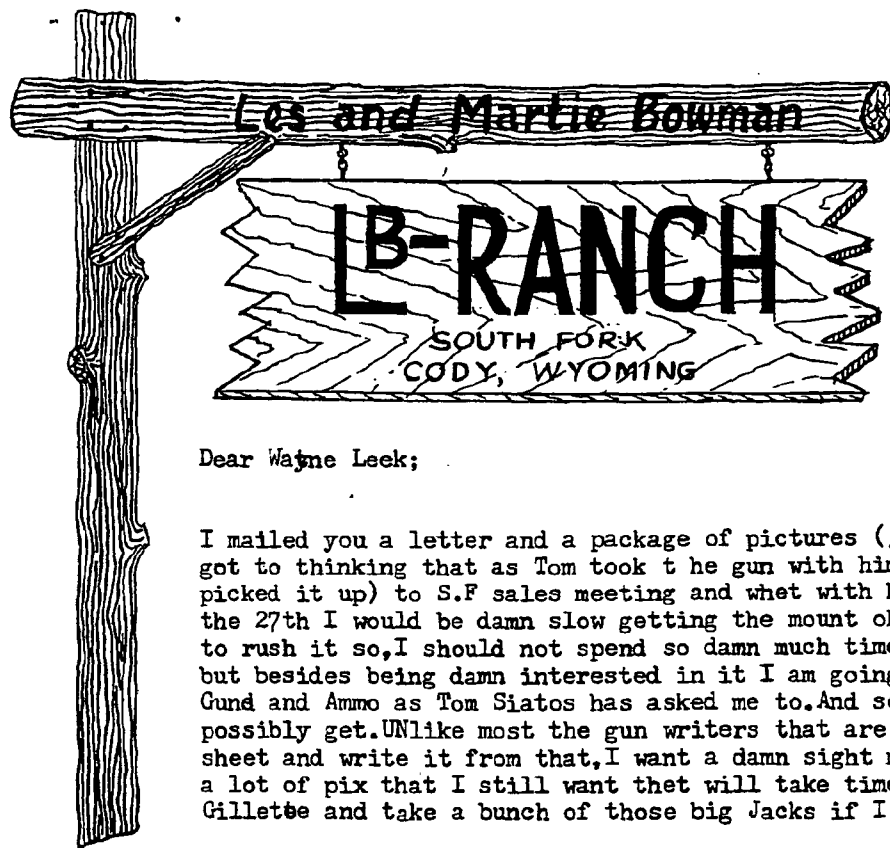




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Dear Wayne Leek;

I mailed you a letter and a package of pictures (just 5 X 7's) yesterday and then got to thinking that as Tom took the gun with him yesterday (drove down and picked it up) to S.F. sales meeting and what with him gone now and me till after the 27th I would be damn slow getting the mount okayed after I got Dave Bushnell to rush it so, I should not spend so damn much time and money on this pistol thing but besides being damn interested in it I am going to write it up in a feature for Gund and Ammo as Tom Siatos has asked me to. And so I want all the dope that I can possibly get. Unlike most the gun writers that are satisfied to take your release sheet and write it from that, I want a damn sight more and it takes time. There are a lot of pix that I still want that will take time to get too. Will go over to G Gillette and take a bunch of those big Jacks if I get a gun.

You talked about 200 yard 30" groups off hand. As far as I am concerned Wayne, I don't give a whoop about such shooting. But a rest on ANYTHING from leaning against a tree to the top of a fence post to the car window or what have you or at least a prone and two had shoot, and then targets of down to 1 3/4" at

200 yards make me real happy. And we have a lot of 'em already. And that can't be done with open sights by anyone.

I have put the new prototype mount on the gun. You can slip it off. Fits tight. The screws are with it. The scope is a std Phantom. The ones we have and are using are equipped with the finer X Hair. And I have asked Al Akin to make me up another cell with a real small one in it. The cells are easy to change in the scope. Scope is very simple. But the X hair always stays centered in the tube. So see if there is enough adjustment all around when you try the scope. I had to do this all by measurement and I believe that all is correct except that I may have gotten the angle of the mount setting a bit wrong. You check that. That's controlled as you know by the thickness of the front and rear mount base thickness.

I believe that the mount (it weighs 4 oz.) can be lightened some. You suggest how and mark it on this drawing. The gun is heavy enough now at 4# 4 oz with scope. When you send the scope and mount back Wayne, will you include a handful of jacketed pistol bullets that you try for forearm counterweights. I have none here and want to picture putting them in.

I have a set of loading dies for the gun now and they fit perfectly. Have a shell or case holder for the CH case trimming tool too. So all fixed up there. If you ever come up with a bunch of once fired cases send me a supply. I have not lost many of the ones Tom had to start with but did a few when I was handloading them without proper tools. Cocked the neck in sizing it. But that okay now with the proper tools.

AS I said yesterday I am using H4227 but planned to try 2400 too. Any other powder that I ought to try ????

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