

anticipated that these will be ready about September 1. To increase resistance to abuse, the Sales Department desires that all subsequent gallery guns be produced with an oil finish instead of lacquer.

No definite decision has yet been reached on the selling price. It is noted that Winchester sells the Model 62 for gallery use at the same price as the standard gun (\$52.25) but charges 80¢ additional for the gallery counter fastener. The Remington Models 550 and 550-2G are listed at the same price (\$46.75). In the case of the Model 552 we are planning to charge a premium for the gallery gun and the Sales Department feels that a \$10.00 premium (\$62.25) list price would be best. This would give in the average year earnings of \$6.87 or 20.4% of selling price as compared with \$4.60 or 16.3% of the selling price for the Model 552A. Other Committee members felt that as the only satisfactory autoloading gun for gallery use the Model 552 should command a higher price to yield a better return. The Committee therefore was not able to reach a decision on a recommended selling price.

Model 555

Research and Development reported that testing of the gun assembled with the molded stock has continued with malfunctions running around 1% using all types of long rifle ammunition. These malfunctions were all failures to eject. High speed movies have shown that this type of failure is usually caused by a slight projection of nylon in the rear of the ejection port. It is believed that a slight modification in the stock will overcome this malfunction.

Additional stocks will be molded on June 11 in five colors. At this time it will be necessary to reach a decision on the amount of sheen desired and to return the mold to the mold-maker for modification to produce the proper finish. With this accomplished a larger number of stocks will be molded for the original lot of 200 guns around July 1. It is presently planned that these will all be maroon but this decision can be changed should Sales be satisfied with any of the other colors molded June 11.

The Plant has been released to procure the necessary metal parts and it is now believed that all parts will be available some time during August. The first 200 guns should then be available some time in the late fall. Should the reaction to these guns be favorable and should continued production be authorized, preparations for start-up will require approximately six months.

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