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TRIP REPORT

National Rifle Association Convention Washington, D. C. By M. H. Walker

March 22nd - 25th, 1963

Attendance during Saturday and Sunday, March 23rd and 24th, was at least as good as previous years. Attendance at the Remington Arms exhibit was tremendous, mostly caused by the XP-100. Reception to appearance was mixed. It requires handling and shooting for the average shooter to be sold.

Knowledge of the rifle line, especially Center Fire, seems to be lacking in our booth attendants. We would make a much better impression on shooters if some attempt was made to either educate these attendants in rifle lore or provide a booklet with information more detailed than that included in our catalogs. A number of adverse comments were heard from shooters on this. It is expected that we will have the same problem on the pistol.

Comments from Bud Waite were that we should contact Higgins of the Boy Scouts on Junior Rifle recommendations. Waite's suggestions included a method of adjusting length of stock; good but low cost rear and front sights, both of the aperture type; regular low cost stock (not target type), but with aling of target type (not military such as now used on M/513T and 521T). He seemed to be well acquainted with this type of shooting. We should consider his recommendations seriously.

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