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This authority reports that the 70-150 can be identified by its size. These cartridges have a diameter of 7/10 of an inch—the largest size of any sporting cartridge ever produced in the United States.

#### DAMASCUS BARRELS

Damascus barrels, popular before the first World War, continue to harm sportsmen every year.

George E. Frost, Western-Winchester authority says no smokeless powder load of any kind ever should be used in guns with Damascus barrels. These barrels are designed for use with black powder and if modern ammunition is used in them, there exists a grave danger of explosion due to the higher pressures generated by smokeless powder.

Here is how you recognize a Damascus barrel: it has alternate strips of iron and steel, giving a barrel very pleasing to the eye but treacherous when used with modern ammunition. The wiggly snake-like contours on the barrel are easily noted and cannot be confused with the smooth blue fine-grained steel that is used in firearms manufactured today.

Frost's advice is honorable retirement for all

Damascus-barrel firearms and the use of modern guns designed to use modern ammunition.

#### CONTROLLED SHOOTING

Fourteen million licenses were sold to hunters and 17 million were sold to fishermen for the period July 1951 to June 1952 according to Charles H. Hopkins, Director of Conservation for Olin Industries, Inc.

"With so many people turning to the outdoors it is imperative that we go all out in our efforts towards proper land usage. Erosion control, cover planting, judicious water impounding and the building up of our soil fertility are all important factors.

"At the Nilo Farms near Brighton, Illinois, we are demonstrating the value of controlled shooting. The additional birds produced on such areas naturally help reduce the hunting pressure on birds raised in the wild. Our retriever kennels also fit into the conservation picture. We are very anxious that all hunters use dogs to retrieve fallen game in order to make every bird hit part of the bag."

Hopkins added an optimistic note. "Controlled shooting is good shooting when properly managed. You should try it sometime."

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## LUDWIG T. STRAUS PASSES IN NEW YORK

Ludwig T. Straus, 72, a native of Mannheim, Germany and a resident of Brevard since 1939, died suddenly of a heart attack August 31 at Mount Kisco, New York.

A brother of the late Harry H. Straus, founder of Ecusta, he had been with Ecusta from March 1939 until his retirement in December 1951. Following his retirement Mr. Straus resided at Sapphire Manor in Brevard. He was visiting a daughter in Mount Kisco when he was stricken.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Arnold N. Meyerhof of New Rochelle, New York and Mrs. Kurt D. Rice of Mount Kisco, New York; two sons, Walter K. Straus of Brevard and Karl H. Straus of Asheville; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at Mount Kisco on September 1 and graveside rites will be held in Brevard at a later date.

