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Sports

Ball and Shot

By Dave Harmer

On May 1, 1957, the Secretary of the Army announced that as part of the new weaponization program, the Army is adopting a new service rifle and cartridge. The adoption of this new rifle will replace four U. S. Army shoulder weapons that are in current use. The standard M 1, which was adopted by the Army in 1936 and is better known as the Grand; the Browning automatic rifle (B.A.R.); the caliber 30 carbine; and the M 3 submachinegun. Such a change was not a 'will o' the wisp' idea, but one of positive thinking brought about by the needs of modern warfare.

The new rifle, designated as the M14, will serve several purposes. First, it will give the army a better and lighter weapon. Second, it will simplify maintenance and parts problems. Third, it will reduce the training time for the combat soldier. And fourth, it will give the infantry greater fire power.

The M14, known as the t44 during its testing stages, has been undergoing army evaluation tests since 1952 with the t-48. (The t-48 is another experimental rifle that was under consideration by the army but failed to pass field qualification tests in the final stages.

It was primarily designed around the old B.A.R. action.)

Long before the new rifle was conceived, the army, in 1945, adopted a new service cartridge. This is called the t-65 (now known as the 7.62 mm NATO), the idea being that it is much easier to design a rifle to fit the cartridge than it is to design a cartridge to fit the rifle. The t-65 is nothing more than the old 30 with the case shortened one-half inch to absorb excessive powder space found in the old military cartridge. Winchester is now loading this same cartridge commercially for its model 70 and is calling it the .308 Winchester. It is just about the same as the .300 Savage that has been on the market since the early twenties. Ballistically, it is about the same as the 30-06. With a 165 grain slug, it develops a 2,785 feet per second muzzle velocity and a 2,700 foot pound muzzle energy. At 100 yards,



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Interview: Dickie Matthews, Charlotte College Student Council President

Richard Douglas ("Dickie") Matthews has almost become a landmark at Charlotte College in the past two years. Last spring the student body elected this quiet but friendly young man president of the Student Council.

Matthews is twenty years old. He finished high school at East Mecklenburg in 1955. He is modest and does not like to talk about the honors and offices he held there, but he finally admitted having been a member of the National Honor Society. He feels that there is considerable difference between high school and college. "I think most of us had it pretty easy in high school," he said. "I certainly did. But when I got to college—whew! I really had to get down to business."

He plans to spend one more year here at C. C. before transferring to N. C. State College, where he hopes to pursue a curriculum of electrical engineering. When interviewed, he spoke enthusiastically about the field of engineering. He stated that engineers are in great demand and that the field is teeming with opportunities for qualified people.

Matthews, in his unassuming way, is an idealist. He described the ideals and aspirations that he had when he came out of high school. "I suppose I thought I was going to revolutionize something," he said. "College life has changed my viewpoint somewhat. I've kept my ideals, but my high hopes have descended to a more practical level. I guess it's just a part of growing up."

This young man with a very mature outlook philosophized at some length on the valuable influence of a college environment. "I'm glad I decided to go to college," he said. "I hadn't intended to, but I won a scholarship to Charlotte College. An aptitude test indicated that I might do well at engineering."

"I've met some fine people here at C. C.," Matthews continued. "Many of them are older than I am. I wouldn't take anything for what I've learned from them—their attitudes about education and about life itself."

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