Archers Stalk Deer
In Record Numbers

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NUSKOOGIE, Nov. 12—The annual falcon tour for Oklahoma bowhunters was in full swing Monday as the modern-day Robin Hood plied the rugged woods of Camp Graber in quest of the elusive whitetail deer.

Continued to the truth from Biblical quotations that “little child shall lead them,” the bowhunters in record-breaking numbers stalked the woods with hunting bows at “ready” and spare broadheads always available.

Sunday Larry Embry of Muskogee, a 13-year-old substitute halfback on his junior high school football team, went hunting one better when he killed a 100-pound buck for his father, L. E. Embry, Sr., who missed.

“Don’t Worry, Dad,” said the bowhunter of youth. “I watched your father fall the buck over the back of a bounding buck.

“Gentleman, Dad, I’ll get him,” he said.

He did.

The range was more than 40 yards. The steel-tipped arrow, strong like an explosive from the youngster’s 46-pound hunting bow, hit the three-point back of the buck.

The buck went down and the eager youngster took charge of his prize, pulling the first arrow several hundred yards in a nearby service road before hitching it in the ranger check station of the Oklahoma fish and game department.

9 Hunters Registered
Papa Embry was back in the woods Monday looking for his buck. Junior Embry was back in West junior high school. He was a bowman.

Emery was at home waiting for his bow to keep pace in the family hobby. The former camp home without his deer.

A youngster brother rushed home from school and started practicing his archery.

There were 91 hunters registered for the fall season which closes Wednesday. It was the largest number of archers in the history of Oklahoma bow and arrow deer hunting.

Last year there were only 69 archers scattered over Camp Graber’s 10,000 acres. But that was last season Yet.

That was the first season that archers had at Camp Graber and, on that occasion, a killer deer was killed. But a killing a white tail, finest and finest of the deer rank, renamed for the Muskogee youngster, who has been pulling a bow for almost five years.

It was the best hunting season archers have ever known in Oklahoma. Only one buck had been harvested through the season west and north of Muskogee, but the deer were well placed. At least all of them saw plenty of deer—both fallow and white-tail.

The woods. Most of them had shots at the bunting bucks. All claimed “near misses” and returned again Monday.