



There was lots of activity in the Camp Gruber area of eastern Oklahoma Monday as bow and arrow hunters stalked deer. Not all the hunting was by Robin Hoods as the picture at the left indicates. The three young women huntresses from Oklahoma City are (left to right) Pat Weathers, 911 NW 12;

Rosalind Bonbritt, 1645 NW 13, and Peggy Keller, 3409 NW 15. At the right, Logan Keller, left, 3409 NW 15, and Bob Nanini of Timber field scan the horizon and a map of the area in an effort to determine the route back to camp.

Archers Stalk Deer In Record Numbers

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MUSKOGEE, Nov. 12—The annual foliage tour for Oklahoma bowhunters was in full swing Monday as the modern-day Robin Hoods plied the rugged woods of Camp Gruber in quest of the elusive white-tail deer.

Convinced to the truth from Biblical quotations that "a little child shall lead them," the bowhunters in record-breaking numbers stalked the woods with hunting bows at "ready" and spare broadhead arrows available.

Sunday Larry Embry of Muskogee, a 13-year-old substitute full-back on his junior highschool football team, went his elders one better when he killed a 100-pound buck that his father, L. E. Embry sr., had missed.

'Don't Worry, Dad'

With the complacency of youth, young Embry watched his father fire an arrow over the back of a bounding buck:

"Don't worry, Dad, I'll get him," he said.

He did.

The range was more than 40 yards. The steel-tipped arrow, slung like an explosive from the youngster's 46-pound hunting bow, hit the three-point buck in the flank.

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

91 Hunters Registered

Papa Embry was back in the woods Monday looking for his buck. Junior Embry was back in West Junior highschool. Mama Embry was at home worrying how she was going to keep peace in the family if Papa Embry came home without his deer.

A younger brother rushed home from gradeschool and started practicing his archery.

There were 91 hunters registered for the five-day season which concludes Wednesday. It was by long odds the greatest turnout of archers in the history of Oklahoma bow and arrow deer hunting.

Last year there were only 39 archers scattered over Camp Gruber's 10,000-acre hunting area.

Best Season Yet

That was the first season the archers had at Camp Gruber and on that occasion a fallow deer was killed. But killing a white tail, finest and fleetest of the deer clan, remained 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 checked through the ranger station west and north of Braggs, but the hunters were well pleased. Almost all of them saw plenty of deer—both fallow and white tail—in the woods. Most of them had shots at the bouncing bucks. All claimed "near misses" and returned again Monday.