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DOVE HUNTERS TO BEAR ARM

At an Olney Quarterback Club meeting, president Dave Harris called for a vote: "Everybody in favor raise your right hand."

Later in the meeting, he called for another vote and repeated the instructions.

Jack Bishop, a county commissioner, stood and made a point of order: The president was discriminating against Jack Northrup, who doesn't have a right hand.

It got a laugh, as Bishop knew it would. And among those laughing was Northrup.

Bishop and Northrup, both one-armed, kid each other about it regularly.

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DIFFERENT GUNS DESCRIBED

At a coffee session the other morning with Sherrill Burba and Willard Webb, the subject turned to bird-hunting.

"What kind of gun do you use?" Northrup asked Bishop.

"A pump," said Bishop. "What kind do you use?"

"A bolt action," Northrup said.

They drew laughs from their companions and the conversation turned to one-armed shot-gun-shooting.

Somebody said maybe there ought to be a dove hunt for one-armed shooters.

Things took a serious turn. How many one-armed men did they know who'd be interested?

Names were mentioned. Someone said why not throw the hunt open to one-armed men from anywhere?

The upshot:

All one-armed men who enjoy shooting are invited to a dove hunt on Sept. 9.

They're to register beginning at 9 a.m. at the chamber of commerce office in Olney.

There'll be prizes and awards and, maybe, some fancy entertainment.

The two one-armed Jacks are kicking around ideas.

"How about a cigarette-rolling contest?" one suggests.

"Or a shoe-tying?" offers the other.

"Or a glove-swapping?"

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