



GMI automotive engineering professor Jim Bay has a hobby that does 10 "sph."

Muzzle loading rifles. It isn't exactly the fastest way to become a sharpshooter, because "sph" stands for "shots per hour."

Jim Bay is chairman of the automotive engineering department at the General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan.

On weekends for the past 12 years Jim's been tinkering with muzzle loading rifles. The kind that Davy Crockett used. Jim doesn't wear buckskins (his get-up is more army surplus), but he builds his own rifles (he

made one pictured here), and collects them (he owns a number of muzzle loading rifles and pistols).

In competition Jim shoots about 10 shots an



hour. Not fast, but Jim's accurate. With his .50 caliber he can hit a 2-inch circle at a 100 yards. He was 1967 muzzle loading champion in Michigan.

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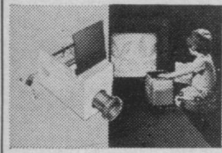


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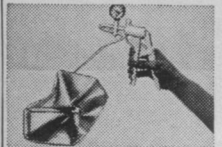
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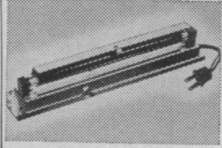
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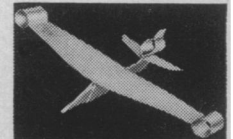
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