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'SOCIETY HUNTER' — Comedian-Hunter Bob Hope, right, lounges (top) against an automobile with host J. H. Nail at Albany before going bird hunting. At bottom, Hope goes into action, his eyes tightly shut.

'Just Like I Putt'

As 3 Guns Blast, Bird Falls Into Hope's Lap

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ALBANY, Dec. 1. — Blasting away with a vim that contradicted his claim he never had fired a shotgun before, Bob Hope scored a pair of near misses and a possible hit here Thursday on a quail hunt.

"I'm really a society hunter—I hunt only the classier birds," he pointed out on arrival at the home of his overnight hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Howsley. Later, on J. H. Nail's ranch he cut loose at the mere flap of a wing after determining whether the fowl was quail or plain bird.

First Rounds Even.

Although he explained that "I have a gun with an attachment that picks me up after I fire it," he borrowed a weapon with the request to "please give me a little one to start out with—about four o'clock I'll be ready for a big one."

"You know, these things can be dangerous," he mused.

But, the comedian showed no nervousness as he prepared for the hunt—and for the first few shots neither did the birds.

The first shot, solidly placed in a tree, brought the comment, "See, just like I putt."

Later, his aim had improved enough for his hunting com-

panions, B. C. McMordie of Albany, and W. A. Moncrief Jr., of Fort Worth, unanimously to declare him owner of the fallen bird when all three fired a volley into a tightly packed covey.

Hope's attention was particularly attracted by the business-like performance of McMordie's bird-dogs. Once, when the animals had ranged afar he called for a count of noses—of his companions, not the dogs.

Draws Gaping Cattle.

Even an audience of cattle drew near when Hope dis-

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COLORED SECTION FOR HOPE SHOW

A section for colored persons has been reserved at Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum for Friday night's Bob Hope show.

Choice seats for the 2½-hour show are still available at Central Ticket Office, Hotel Texas lobby. Curtain time is 8:15 p. m.

Proceeds will benefit the Star-Telegram Free Milk and Ice Fund.

Prices range from \$1 to \$3.50, with all seats affording a good view of the stage.

Rumors Stir Oak Knoll as Official Quits

Rumors of circulation of a petition calling for a special election in Oak Knoll came on the heels of the resignation of Fire Chief Roy Hutcheson Thursday.

Several residents admitted hearing of the petition, but claimed they hadn't seen it. The election would seek to dissolve the city charter.

Hutcheson, who was rumored as the circulator, disclaimed any connection with it.

Can Hear Anything.

His reply to a question of whether he knows of its circulation was:

"It hasn't been by me."

Police Chief H. B. Ray snorted when asked about whether he had heard of the petition.

"You can hear anything out here," he said.

W. E. Ralstin of 403½ E. Belknap said he has heard of the petition, "but I haven't seen it."

Interest Ceases.

Ralstin said he had "quit taking interest" in Oak Knoll. "It's too much of a mess," he commented.

"I took my cards out, took my chips and went home," he declared.

Hutcheson said he had no knowledge of when or where the fire department will be reorganized. He said he didn't know how many members of the volunteer fire department quit with him.

Mayor Johnnie Andrews was out of the city.

Era of Peace Is Seen by

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 1 (AP).— President Truman's number one labor consultant expressed confidence Thursday night that the calling off of the coal strike will

THE WEATHER

(By the United States Weather Bureau.)

Dec. 2.—Fort Worth and Vicinity — Considerable cloudiness with occasional light rain Friday morning, becoming partly cloudy Friday afternoon and night. Continued cool. Highest afternoon temperature Friday in lower 60s and lowest Friday night in lower 50s. Saturday partly cloudy and warmer with highest afternoon temperature in mid 70s.

Sunrise, 7:14; sunset, 5:22.

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mounted from McMordie's car for a crack at quail.

"Just like the customers at Jersey City," he reminisced.

The quips became less frequent as Hope settled down to the serious business of hunting.

"This is wonderful out here—those dogs, how they work. This I am going to have to do more often," he declared.

Hope, with David Butler of Warner Brothers and Dick Gibson, his business manager, arrived here in a Roeser & Pendleton plane.

Farmer of Albany.

After a lunch given by Mr. and Mrs. Nail, the party, which also included Jack Farmer of Albany, broke up into small hunting groups for the remainder of the afternoon.

Hope will leave Albany Friday morning with W. A. Moncrief for Scurry County where they will inspect their oil properties. He will return to Fort Worth for the Star-Telegram's free Milk and Ice Fund Show Friday night at Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum.

Sunday afternoon he will be in a foursome made up of Byron Nelson Raymond Gafford and Jimmy Nichols for a benefit golf match for the Milk and Ice Fund.

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