

# Singles Trap Title At Stake

## Indiana Doubles' Title Won By Cheek —Meet Ends Sunday.

CLINTON, Ind., July 18.—The Indiana singles trap shooting championship is at stake for a large field which is competing here at the Cheek Gun Club this week end in the annual state event.

The field will shoot at 200 targets from 16 yards and a total of \$700 in added money, as well as a number of trophies, is at stake. The women's and junior crowns also will be decided in the singles division.

The big tournament comes to a close on Sunday when state handicap champions will be crowned.

Shoot-offs were needed to determine winners Friday in three events at this 58th annual meeting of the Indiana Trapshooting Association.

Dr. Bob Taggart of Whiting won the Class A title after three men tied for first with 197 targets out of 200 attempts. Frank Mitsch of Cedar Lake was second in the shoot-off, and Fred Bittus of Evansville was third.

### Tie for Class B Title.

Another three-way tie knotted the Class B event with the trio breaking 196 targets. Carl Watson of Monon won in the shoot-off, with Art Troxell of Indianapolis second and R. M. Jenkins of Orleans third.

Bob Greek of Evansville won the Class C event in a shoot-off with Neal Custer of Columbus. They had tied with 195 hits.

Clyde Love of Fair Oaks broke three more targets than his nearest rival in Class D competition and won that event without a shoot-off, hitting 196 times out of 200.

Veterans Herschel L. Cheek, host to the meet, hit 95 of 100 targets to defend his doubles championship.

### Bob Stifal Is Winner.

Two more ties popped up in the non-resident shooting, the first in Class A competition between Marion Partlow, Casey, Ill.; Bobby Stifal, Illinois, and Homer Clark, Sr., Alton, Ill., at 198-200 with Stifal winning in the shoot-off.

Jay Estey, Dayton, Ohio, won the Class B non-resident shoot with 197-200, and Cecil Sutton, Peoria, Ill., took Class D honors, 195-200, but Frank Spellman, Villa Grove, Ill., and David Brooks, Illinois, locked gun barrels for Class C competition, 195-200, with Brooks taking the shoot-off.

J. Watson, Paoli, hit 93 for second place. John Loffland, Fort Worth, Tex., won the high non-resident crown with 94-100 and Bob Stifal was second and captured the First Lewis Class Trophy. Then came Curt Stanfill's 83-100 victory shoot in the Second Lewis Class Trophy. He hails from Terre Haute.

In the only professional shoot Cliff Doughmaan, Middletown, Ohio, took first place with a 94-100 performance.

About 100 shooters started the contest, held up temporarily in the morning by rain, and witnessed by an unusually large crowd.

The shoot had one of its biggest

preliminary days on Thursday when four shooters broke 100 straight at 16 yards. They were G. I. Babcock of Culver, L. G. Wehmhoffer of Beecher, Ill., Homer Clark, Sr., of Alton and one pro, Clay Williams of Indianapolis. In the three-way shootoff, Homer Clark broke 25 straight to win.

Other first day winners were F. W. Speelman of Villa Grove, Ill., Billy Jean Cheek of Clinton, Herschel Cheek of Clinton, Harry Crist of Letta, Iowa, and Henry Austin of Champaign, Ill.