

L. M. LAFOLLETTE IS W. VA. CHAMP

L. M. LaFollette of Charleston, broke 198 out of a possible 200 targets to win the singles trapshooting championship of West Virginia as the three-day tourney was concluded at the traps of the Ridgeley Rod and Gun Club.

Edgar McDonald of Headsville, defending champion, finished in the runner-up position by breaking 197 targets.

Fifty-three shooters from West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia participated in the 16-yard singles event on the final day of a most successful meet. It was the largest turnout at a West Virginia State shoot in ten years. Last fall 35 participated in the event at Charleston.

LaFollette captured three out of a possible four state titles by taking the doubles on Saturday with a score of 85 out of 100 and grabbing off all-around honors by breaking 373 out of 400 the three events. His score in the handicap was 90 out of 100.

Ed McDonald, who "cleaned up" in 1946, finished as the runner-up in the three events this year. He trailed LaFollette in the singles 198-197, also in the doubles 85x83, and lost out in a thrilling 50-bird shoot-off with Dr. D. R. Kenter, of Bluefield in the handicap. At the end of the regular match McDonald and Kenter were tied at 93 birds. In the first 25-bird shoot-off, the score stood 24-24 while in the second the Bluefield shooter won by the margin of two targets, 25-23. Dr. Kenter shot from 20 yards and McDonald 23 yards.

LaFollette took three of the four trophies offered by the Amateur Trapshooting Association while the other one went to Dr. Kenter.

"Tony" Renner, veteran shotgun artist of Winchester, Va., romped off with three of the four trophies offered by the Ridgeley Rod and Gun Club to out-of-town shooters. The Virginian won the singles after a 75-bird shoot-off with Earl Keller of Hagerstown, took the doubles by breaking 90 out of 100 and the all-around title with 376 out of 400. In fact "Tony" broke more targets than any individual in the three events program.

In the singles Renner and Keller tied at 196 out of 200. In the first two overtime heats they tied at 25 and 24 and in the final 25-bird race Keller missed one while Renner made a possible.

The fourth trophy for an out-of-state gunner was won by Donald Reeves, of Westport, who broke 96 out of 100 from 18 yards.

Trophies were presented by Fred Tomlin of Glassboro, N. J., noted professional shooter, and representative of an Eastern arms company. Scores of singles race:

200		200	
16-yd		16-yd	
L. M. LaFollette.....	198	Donald Reeves	190
James LaFollette.....	193	Tony Francis	192
W. E. Spalding.....	175	Mrs. B. Keyser.....	94-100
C. M. Sparks.....	196	Walter Whitfield	190
J. R. Temple.....	167	H. Melcki	183
*R. H. Counts.....	179	Morgan West	195
A. C. Trammell.....	179	Tony Gallo	181
Dr. D. R. Kenter.....	192	J. Farquahar	168
L. A. Hess.....	192	Dr. E. Boyer.....	180
W. E. Hartley.....	161	H. Dell	194
William McFarland.....	164	H. Dornite	186
W. L. West.....	170	A. Adams	181
Dr. W. H. Yeager.....	193	E. Keller	196
Roy Callaway.....	154	Miss S. Wenski.....	177
*Norman Powell.....	176	Les Barnes	195
Charles Jordan.....	185	"Tony" Renner	196
Charles Simson.....	183	Arthur Seabright	180
Russell McElfish.....	186	Willis Anderson	183
J. D. Coldren.....	187	Carl Lewis	186
Paul Hornick.....	185	Jack Wenski	195
Ed McDonald.....	197	Philip Luttrell	185
John Sanders.....	190	Ralph Luttrell	195
J. Wilbur Powell.....	172	Dr. C. A. Brown.....	182
Joe Woodard.....	185	Paul Nucum	194
Dr. R. C. Snavely.....	189	B. Whitby	194
Arthur P. Hoffa.....	174	Graham Gray	193
Olin Logsdon.....	181		

Dr. B. R. Kenter of Bluefield won the handicap title in West Virginia's twenty-seventh annual trapshooting tournament at the Ridgeley Rod and Gun Club's traps on Frankfort Road.

The doubles title went to L. M. LaFollette of Fairmont, the defending champion who broke 85 out of 100 pairs with Headsville's Ed McDonald running second with a 79.

An estimated crowd of 1,500 saw Dr. Kenter take the handicap trophy by defeating McDonald in a shoot-off. Each finished with a 93 score. Dr. Kenter shooting from the 20-yard line and McDonald from 23 yards out.

Each broke 24 out of 25 in the first shoot-off and Dr. Kenter wrapped up the title in the second overtime battle by breaking 24 targets to McDonald's 23.

Donald Reeves of Westport, finished first in the event but was ineligible for the championship, being an out-of-the-state shooter. Runnerup honors also went to an "outsider," Louis Anderson of Gore, Va. Reeves broke 96 of 100 targets from the 18-yard stripe, while Anderson broke 95 from 20 yards away.

Arthur Cuscaden and Fred Tomlin are cashing the shoot and Robert Powell is in charge of the traps. The three are well known professionals. The scores:

HANDICAP		Yds	100
Donald Reeves	17	96	
Louis Anderson	20	95	
Morgan West	18	94	
H. Dell	22	94	
E. H. McDonald.....	23	93	
Ruth Cuthbert	20	93	
Louis Bari	19	93	
Dr. B. R. Kenter.....	20	93	
Arthur Hoffa	19	92	
L. M. LaFollette	22	90	
Ned Sparks	19	90	
Arthur Seabright	18	90	
Earl Cuthbert	22	90	
Tony Renner	22	89	
Tony Francis	19	89	
"Skipper" Winski	19	89	
Al Trammell	18	89	
A. B. Adams.....	21	88	
Hall Hornick	23	88	
John Sanders	18	88	
Russell McElfish	21	88	
Leslie Barnes	18	87	
W. E. Spalding.....	19	87	
W. Whitefield	18	87	
Olin Logsdon	18	87	
W. L. West.....	18	87	
Joseph Prickett	19	86	
William McFarland	18	84	
John LaFollette	18	84	
L. A. Hess.....	20	83	
Jack Winski	20	83	
W. E. Hartley.....	17	82	
Roy Calloway	20	80	
R. Luttrell	21	79	
H. W. Doernte	20	78	
A. M. Galls.....	18	78	
H. Matthews	17	78	
G. M. Yocom.....	20	76	
Russ Temple	18	76	
W. M. Marsh.....	18	73	
H. M. Marsh.....	18	70	
Phillip Luttrell	17	67	

DOUBLES			
50-pr		50-pr	
Tony Renner	90	Arthur Hoffa	78
Earl Cuthbert	86	R. Luttrell	77
L. M. LaFollette.....	85	H. Doernte	77
Leslie Barnes	85	Tony Francis	77
M. West	81	H. Dell	74
Carl Lewis	81	R. Calloway	69
Walter Whitfield	80	Olin Logsdon	68
Russ McElfish	80	L. S. Hess.....	66
S. McDonald	79	Paul Hornick	59
Ruth Cuthbert	79	G. M. Yocom.....	58
Jim LaFollette	54	J. Winski	50