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EDITORIAL

With this issue, **THE MARKSMAN** takes a bow before the public as a magazine devoted to outdoor sports, specially to pistol and rifle shooting. Ever since the National Rifle and Pistol Association of the Philippines was incorporated in 1934, the Board of Directors felt the need for an organ wherein the views of the association could be expressed. Lack of funds prevented the establishment of such a magazine, and the NRPA limited itself to the publication of the annual handbook of matches for each succeeding year.

Today, the association is in a position to satisfy this long-felt want. With over 600 active members, the creation of a magazine to keep them in touch with the activities of the association, has become an imperative necessity. Thus did **THE MARKSMAN** come into existence.

THE MARKSMAN, however, will not limit its scope purely to pistol and rifle shooting in the Islands. Trap-shooting, sheet, angling, deep-sea fishing, motor boating, yatching, archery, hunting and other outdoor sports, will find welcome in its pages. Contributors, specially those in the provinces, are welcome to submit articles or pictures suitable for reproduction.

The aim of **THE MARKSMAN** can be summed up briefly: 1. To encourage all kinds of outdoor sports, and 2. To encourage marksmanship among citizens, specially among young men and women throughout the Islands, as a means of National Defense.

In succeeding issues we expect to state more fully our views and policies, and in the meantime hope that this initial number will meet with the approval of readers—as well as advertisers.

Our magazine cover shows Major General Basilio J. Valdez in the act of firing the third shot at the inauguration of the N.R.P.A. Ranges on July 31, 1938. At his left is Judge Delfin Jaranilla.