

THE WARDEN TELLS ABOUT QUAIL HABITAT

BY JIM CANON STATE GAME WARDEN... are largely dependent on native plants for food and...



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shelter; consequently, changes which man has wrought in plant life have greatly influenced quail numbers. The Indian used fire to increase cover and food supply for game animals and birds. The woods tribes burned extensive timbered areas for the purpose of creating tracts of brushland, which deer, turkey and smaller game preferred to the heavy unbroken forest. Although there was game in abundance, the Indian saw the importance of improving their habitat.

One thing we have overlooked is just this. When the white settlers came to Texas they continued to burn the pine woods. The axe and plow were used to increase the number of openings in the forest. Fields were small and grain was the principal crop. Fences were made of rails, stone and brush. Over-grazing was not injurious to the vegetation and soil, because livestock were few and they ranged in small areas near natural surface water. During this period (the nineteenth century), man improved the habitat for quail by causing the growth of different kinds of plant life. As a result, the quail responded to the favorable habitat by increasing in numbers and extending its original range.

Methods Changed By the latter part of the nineteenth century, farmers and ranchers had spread rapidly over Texas. New products further encouraged the expansion of the ranching and farming industries, and windmills made water available in previously dry areas. Barbed wire fences replaced those of more primitive materials, and with improved farm machinery, more acres were put under the plow. Livestock increased.

Campaigns to further reduce what game food and cover remained on Texas farms began about 1900. Farmers were urged to remove native vegetation from fence corners and all out-of-the-way places to combat the boll weevil. Man and his agencies have greatly reduced in this way, the amount of favorable quail habitat. Scarcity and poor distribution of food and cover are evident throughout the state. If quail are to increase appreciably, persistent efforts must be made to remedy food and cover deficiencies. Fortunately food and cover improvement fits in well with the sound principals of diversified farming and conservative land use.

First Game Law The first game law of this state was passed in 1860. The pressure for legal protection steadily increased. Thousands of exotic Bob Whites were brought in from Mexico, and quail sanctuaries were set aside. Predatory and supposedly predatory mammals and birds were slaughtered in Texas. More money and effort were expended in behalf of the Bob White than for all other game species combined. The importance of a favorable habitat as the determining factor in quail abundance, however, received little attention, and the quail population continued a downward trend to the present low.

HEAVY SCHEDULE FACES MATADORS

- September 9—Crosbyton—there
September 16—Quitaque—here
September 23—Open
CONFERENCE GAMES
September 30—Turkey—here
October 7—Silverton—
October 14—Spur—there
October 21—Open
October 28—Flomot—here
November 4—Open
Armistice—Floydada—here
November 18—Lockney—there
Thanksgiving—Paducah—there

Contributing Factor

Certain factors which are viewed with much alarm today were operating during the nineteenth century. So-called predatory birds and mammals were abundant, and at first there were no game laws. Quail were shot and trapped throughout the year. A general game law was passed in Texas in 1879, and then 83 counties claimed exemption from this decree. Mere protection has achieved wonderful results in some of the western sections of this state, for food and cover are available in many of the areas to support a good game crop. In other sections man has destroyed their natural habitat. In this case, cover and food for the premier game bird of the region must be replaced.

Many farmers will do little to improve their property for quail, unless sportsmen provide a real incentive. The human element is probably the most important single factor in a farmer-sportsman cooperative. Cooperation varies greatly with local conditions. One caution must be remembered. Farmer-producers are entitled to a fair deal; in too many cases the hunter's interest in quail begins and ends with the hunting season. Even though he buys a hunting license and bags no more than the legal limit, the hunter is actually doing little to preserve and increase quail. Sportsmen must encourage farmers to improve the habitat for quail by specific money grants or other tangible values. I believe if the farmers would turn the project over to the boys and girls it would provide them with a nice income, make them more interested in our wild life, and also provide more and better shooting for the sportsman. Through research, and research is nothing more than finding facts, we find that when we had quail in abundance we also had predatory mammals and birds in abundance. But when predatory man came, with his gun and plow and other agricultural devices, without stopping to think, he destroyed their natural habitat. Constant use of the gun and trap, started the quail population on the downward trend.

Your game warden is on duty twenty-four hours a day. Consult with him about your wild life problems. Let all the people of this great state join in a great cooperative move to restore our small remnant of wildlife.

Judge Terrell Grateful For Endorsement

AMARILLO.—I am sincerely grateful for the endorsement of my candidacy for re-election to the Railroad Commission of Texas by so many Texas and national leaders. Thus did Judge C. V. Terrell, Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, speaking here last night at the dedication of the Will Rogers Highway, express his appreciation of the endorsement of his candidacy by Governor-designate O'Daniel, Elliott Roosevelt, John Wood and former State Senator Robert A. Stuart, the two latter being formidable candidates for the office in the July primary.

He pointed out the extreme importance of the Railroad Commission to the well-being of every person in Texas and especially to the school children. The eight industries under the Commission's supervision pay the best wages, operate under stabilized conditions, yet are required to deal absolutely fairly with the public, he pointed out, citing the oil and gas industry in particular. "The Oil Industry of Texas would be in a completely demoralized condition, due to over-production and ruinous prices of crude oil, but for the courageous stand of the Railroad Commission."

Complicated Duties Judge Terrell also explained

that the duties of a Commission Member are complicated and difficult and hence require a man with both unusual experience and exceptional qualifications in a job that directly affects the livelihoods of one-half of the families in Texas.

Judge Terrell followed with a resume of his two-term record on the commission, stating that he has saved the farmers of the State \$8,000,000 annually thru reduced cotton rates, that he has brought down freight rates on stocker cattle and grain, that he has so regulated the oil industry that the per-capita apportionment for schools has been raised from \$17.50 to \$22 a student, that his oil work has brought \$10,000,000 into the state school funds, that he has reduced gas rates in 119 Texas cities, that he has aided materially in tax collections.

Joe Dooley, prominent Amarillo attorney and Member of the Amarillo School Board, introduced Judge Terrell and endorsed his candidacy strongly. Likewise, Clayton Heare, Shamrock attorney, spoke in unqualified recommendation of the present Railroad Commission Chairman.

Softballers Eliminated In Tourney

After making a fair showing in practice games last week, Matador's softball team was eliminated from the Floydada tournament Monday by a 20 to 10 defeat at the hands of the Floydada team, in the second game of the tournament. The loss was attributed to the absence of several players, which necessitated a last-minute change in the line-up.

The team beat Petersburg in a practice game Friday night, and then lost to Pleasant Hill, 7-0, Sunday, in a non-tournament game played after the regular baseball game here, the softballers defeated Flomot, 13-8.

Arvil Craven is manager of the team, and players Monday were Joe Campbell, first baseman; Howard Edmondson, second; Charlie Scaff, short stop; Buddy Cochran, third, subbed by R. E. Campbell, Jr., when he received a sprained ankle; Clay Gilbert, catcher; John Briscoe, pitcher; Raby Webb, left fielder; Tom Tilson, Jr., center fielder; A. G. Allen, right fielder; and B. F. Tunnell, Jr., roving fielder.

Gathering of material for the Tribune's Old Settler edition is progressing, as August 25, the day of publication, nears. Members of the Motley-Dickens County Old Settlers Association, and other residents of the two counties who have lived here 40 years or more, are being written up briefly. The Tribune is, of course, unable to obtain all the names, so if readers know of an old resident that might be missed, they will help a lot by letting this office know the name, date of arrival, and other information. Advertisers are asked to cooperate this week, since success of the publication depends, of course on the number of advertisements sold.

Pitchfork Kid

Picture to be run will include the Pitchfork Kid, the county's first bride and groom, and many other old-time scenes. Interest in the edition is already evidenced among old-timers in and around Matador, and the officers of the Old Settlers Association are co-operating to the fullest extent.

Copies of the edition, which will be included in the regular weekly issue next week, will also be sold on the grounds at the reunion. The 10c sales price will be divided equally between the Tribune and the Old Settlers Association.

Information about long past incidents, unusual characters, old buildings and settlements, and material of like nature, will be grate-

WHITTENS RETURN FROM MEXICO

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Whitten returned Sunday night from a honeymoon trip to Mexico City. They are making their home at the Matador Hotel. Mrs. Whitten, the former Miss Vera Carpenter, of Lefors, Texas, and Mr. Whitten, county attorney, were married August 1, at McLean.

Guests of the Whittens this week were Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Haynes and daughter, of Florence, Alabama, and Mrs. J. E. Smith of Birmingham, Alabama. The visitors arrived Tuesday.

fully accepted for publication. Deadline on copy must be, however, set for Tuesday next.



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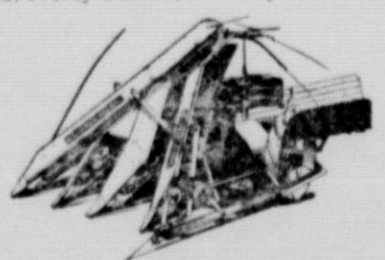


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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce the following names for public office, subject to the Democratic Election, August 27, 1938.

For State Representative, 121st District
R. A. Harp
Bob Alexander, re-election

More than 2,000,000 acres of farm and ranch lands have been enlisted in the campaign to conserve and protect Texas wildlife.

WICHITA FALLS EXPEDTED TO REFUSE GRANT

WICHITA FALLS—As is true in San Antonio where officials recently turned down a PWA grant for a municipal power plant, the same is expected to happen here on August 29 when the city council acts upon a recommendation by a special citizens' committee recommending that no election be called on the proposal.

The committee submitted a number of reasons why it would be inadvisable for the city of Wichita Falls to build a municipal electric light plant. The committee was appointed after petitions had been filed asking that the question for a Public Works Administration loan and grant of approximately \$1,750,000 for construction of a municipal light plant and water system improvements be submitted to a vote of the people.

Some of the reasons given for opposing the election are: The federal grant is based on the showing of a bona fide offer to purchase the existing light plant which must be refused by the utility company. This offer has not been made and could not be done until a survey of the existing plant was made.

It would cost the city large sums of money to hire experts to conduct the valuation survey. If the utility plant accepted the offer, taxpayers would have to pass a bond issue for purchase of the plant which would involve large annual payments for interest and sinking fund.

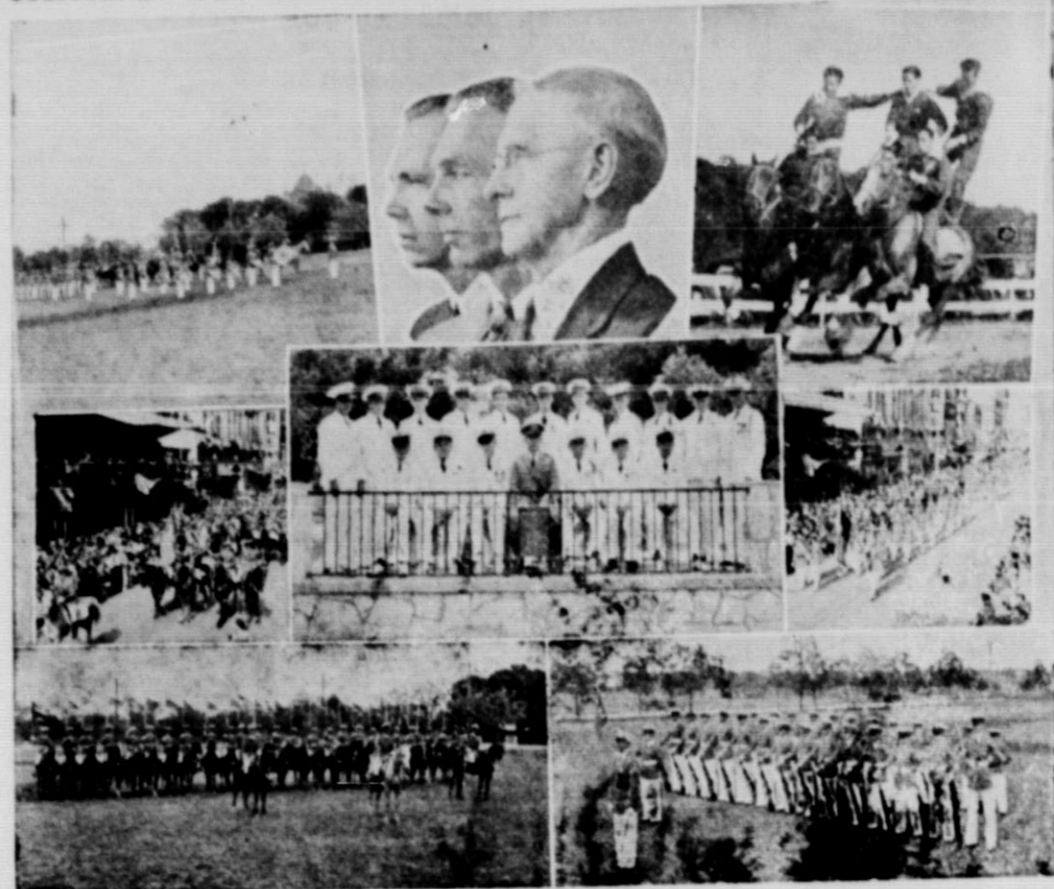
If the city accepts the present grant and purchases the plant it would force the city into debt by a million or two million dollars, would force a raise in taxes, doing away with the homestead exemption law or seeking new sources of revenue.

Repairs to and additions to the water system, which will increase the indebtedness by \$800,000, are more vital. Present plant has a franchise here until 1951 and competition from a city plant would not be practical or produce lower rates or more revenue.

Federal grant would authorize payment of water plant revenue to pay for the light plant which would tie up city revenues from this source.

People of Wichita Falls have twice voted down like propositions.

HERE'S TEXAS SCHOOL WHERE MEN ARE MADE



Top, left to right, the battalion of cadets, comprising the drum and bugle corps, infantry companies, and cavalry troops of Peacock Military Academy in San Antonio. Ready for their weekly dress parade in spring uniforms and formed in line of columns. The Peacock Triumvirate—Professor Wesley Peacock, president emeritus; Major Wesley Peacock, Jr., superintendent, and Lieutenant Donald Peacock, commandant. Six daring riders of Peacock's famed monkey drill team take the show ring at a full gallop. These boys have created a sensation wherever they have performed, and thousands of spectators were thrilled with their bareback feats at the school's horse show and field day.

Center, left to right, the battalion of infantry cadets, Peacock Academy, parading down San Antonio-Houston street during the Fiesta de San Jacinto celebration. The graduating class of 1938 with their sponsor, Lieutenant L. B. Richardson, instructors are grouped on the reviewing stand, gift of the class of 1937. Another view of Fiesta de San Jacinto parade.

Bottom, left to right, the "Peacock Lancers," troop of cavalry cadets (Peacock Military Academy) who have been selected as escort of honor to the Governor of Texas the past three years in the Battle of Flowers parade at San Antonio. The "crack drill team," composed of the most proficient cadets in infantry drill.



ANCHORS AWEIGH



CORTEZ IN REVERSE—

On My Way To Yucatan—

Cortez, in 1519, marched with his men from Vera Cruz on the Gulf of Mexico, to Tenochtitlan, the Aztec Capital, now known as Mexico City.

Today, I will tell you about a trip that I took by train in the opposite direction, but paralleling that of Cortez.

This trip, for beauty of scenery and for diversity of interests, stands supreme in Mexican travel.

It is one of the "musts" when you are here to see Mexico. It is an all-day's trip of about 265 miles. It was the first leg of my journey to Yucatan. My immediate destination for the night was Vera Cruz. From Tejeria, its air-port, I took plane for Merida, the Capital of Yucatan, from there, by motor car, to visit the famous ruined Mayan cities of Chichen Itza and Uxmal in the jungle beyond.

THE TRAIN—
A few words must be said about the train itself before we start. It was made up of three different grades of carriers: First and Second Class and a Pullman (a combination of Diner and Observation Car).

The second class coaches were up towards the front and were filled to overflowing with a motley crowd of the Great Unwashed, together with their travelling impediments: boxes, bundles, parcels, anything but orthodox luggage as we know it.

The first Class was so in name only. However, here one saw a cleaner, better-dressed class of Mexicans and a sprinkling of American and other tourists who stood out like plums in a large pudding. Here and there on the racks one saw, too, suitcases, club bags mixed with a gundry collection of bags, parcels and bundles. The last car attached to this

train was a Pullman that rejoiced under the sobriquet of "Cittal-tepetal" a name unpronounceable to most, but which was the old Aztec name of Mexico's greatest volcano, Mt. Orizaba, seen on this line.

This car was a combination of Diner and observation car. Only a handful of people were in it, well groomed and prosperous looking, but not particularly interesting except for a pair of newly-weds and an elderly couple (Jewish) who were returning to New York from Mexico City. The newly-weds were all smiles and "Oh, looka dat, Honey," while the elderly couple to whom marriage was no longer a novel experience, were using the words "Business" and "Money" often in the conver-

sations. I chose to travel in this car as I wanted to avail myself of the opportunity to see the landscape to the best advantage from the rear observation platform.

INTERESTING SIGHTS—

About an hour's ride and we get a fleeting glimpse of the great "Pyramid of the Sun" at Teotihuacan. This pyramid is about half as high as the one of Cheops on the Nile but, this one is of greater cubicle content. One sees shimmering, watery expanses, the shallow waters of Lake Texcoco in the distance. Through a rift in the clouds, a superb sight is vouchsafed us: the twin volcanoes of "Popo" and "The White Woman"

arising above the landscape their snowy grandeur. Soon we see vast acres of cacti, the maguey plant from which the native Mexican pulque is made. (pronounced "pool-kay"—beer.) (To Be Continued)

Texas home demonstration of women in 1937 canned 6,443,709.482 quarts of fruits and vegetables; 3,264,365 pounds of fruits and vegetables; 3,518,000 pounds of meats were cured, stored 398,673 pounds of nuts and additional food. The total value of this farm food is estimated \$488,658.02.

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