

Cover Crops Check Erosion And Provide Food for Quail

Every farmer knows a bobwhite quail when he sees one, but few are thoroughly familiar with its food and breeding habits, its enemies and the diseases that thin out its numbers.

George B. Becker, biologist of the soil conservation service, says that 86 per cent of the food of the quail consists of waste grains and plant food.

In providing quail and other desirable forms of wildlife with food and cover by the planting of shrubs, legumes and grasses in gullied areas, galled spots and odd corners, the farmer in cooperation with the soil conservation service and state college extension service not only helps to replenish the supply of wildlife but controls erosion on his farm.

Cowpeas, soybeans, waste grains left after harvest, sorghums, millet, wild plum, mulberry, dewberry, ragweed, lespedeza, beggarweed, blueberries, huckleberries, dogwood, wild cherry and weeds are among the food producing plants attractive to the bobwhite quail.

Fourteen percent of the food of the bobwhite quail consists of animal life, including grasshoppers, weevils, locusts, chinchbugs, caterpillars, squash bugs, cucumber beetles and wireworms, said Becker.

The bobwhite mates usually in May and lays from 6 to 20 eggs, which are hatched in 23 to 24 days. Soon after hatching the young are able to take care of themselves in their new environment, and if everything goes well with the first brood the female usually does not

lay another set of eggs. Among the agencies tending to decrease the bobwhite, Becker pointed out, are its predatory enemies, disease, and weather conditions.

Some of the prominent enemies of the quail are stray cats and dogs, Cooper's hawk, sharp-shinned hawk, skunk, o'possum, cotton rats, snakes, ticks, redbugs, and red ants.

Quail are very susceptible to poultry diseases and cannot be propagated successfully near chickens. Quail diseases, coccidiosis, and blackhead are among the diseases of the bobwhite.

While farmers have no control over the weather, Becker stated, they can provide the quail with food and cover, which will at the same time help to control soil erosion and build up the fertility of the soil as well as add beauty to the farm.

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MILLIONS SPENT ON CAMPAIGNS

Expenses of All Parties Expected To Be About \$25,000,000

(Special to The Press-Maconian) WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—The most expensive political campaign in the nation's history comes to an end next Tuesday. More money will have been spent by both parties in the National, Senatorial, Congressional, state and local campaigns than ever before.

That is not to imply that there is anything improper in the spending of money by political organizations for election purposes. It costs money to pay the expenses of speakers, to pay for advertising in newspapers and on billboards, to buy time on the air, to print booklets, circulars and badges by the tens of millions, and to pay the wages of employees.

All of these expenses so far as they relate to national offices, Presidential, Senatorial or Congressional, are required to be reported to the proper officials in Washington in detail, and particular pains are taken to scrutinize them with great care and frequently to investigate them afterwards. Since the passage of the corrupt practices act, more than 20 years ago, instances have been very rare of improper or fraudulent use of money in elections for such purposes as bribing voters or concealing the expenditure of campaign funds.

Practically all of the states require reports of campaign expenditures made on behalf of state, county and municipal officers, so that it is increasingly difficult for any party, however well organized and financed, to buy an election. There is nothing shocking, therefore, in the fact that this year's political campaigns, taken altogether, will run to around \$25,000,000.

The Money Spent

Of this amount the Republican National Committee is expected to report the expenditure of \$8,336,000, which is the largest amount ever spent by any party in a presidential campaign, except in 1928, when the Republican National Committee spent \$9,433,000 and the Democratic National Committee, \$7,152,511. This year the Democratic National Committee expenditures will run around \$3,000,000. The Senatorial and Congressional Committees of the two major parties are expected to spend about \$500,000 each.

Senatorial and Congressional candidates' personal expenditures will run to about \$2,000,000. The minor parties, Union, Socialist, Communist, Prohibition, Farmer-Labor, etc., will probably spend among them about \$3,000,000. State, county and local campaigns will account for another \$8,000,000.

One of the reasons for the heavy expenditure this year is the great increase in the number of voters whom every candidate and committee is trying to reach and influence. The addition of more than a million to the registered vote of New York State led to the calling of a special session of the legislature last week for the purpose of enacting a law permitting the polls to remain open several hours later than the established closing time of 5 o'clock.

If the efforts of the various campaign committees to get out the full vote are successful, the probability is that in many of the crucial states and cities the process of counting the ballots will necessarily be prolonged. It is, therefore, quite possible that the nation will not know definitely who has been elected President until well along on Wednesday morning, Nov. 4.

In the cities which use voting machines, such as New York, Buffalo and many of the larger cities of the Middle West, the total vote is normally completely tabulated and recorded within an hour after the close of the polls. But with the extension of voting time in New York and the probability that it will be necessary to resort to paper ballots to supplement the work of the voting machines, the way is paved for a long delay in the reports from this and other vital centers of election night interest.

The Straw Vote Polls

In no previous campaign has there been such an extensive use of the method of trying to forecast the election by means of polls

or "straw votes." One enterprising newspaper, the Cleveland News, conducted what it calls a "poll to end all polls." That newspaper discovered that no less than 3,007 separate polls were being made, nationally or by states and localities.

Combining the results of these polls, the Cleveland News comes to the conclusion that, if these straws actually do show which way the wind blows, Mr. Landon will get 307 electoral votes against Mr. Roosevelt's 220. Analyses of the major polls by others do not bear out this conclusion. Indeed, as the election day approaches, it still remains anybody's guess as to whether the President will be reelected or Mr. Landon will go to the White House.

All of the polls and straw votes have been under more vigorous fire than ever before. Polls which show a decided trend toward Republican victory have been attacked by the Democrats and vice versa.

Much of the criticism of some of

the more important polls has been based upon the allegation that they do not necessarily represent the views of actual voters. Those who have maintained that the only way to get an accurate forecast is to poll all of the registered voters of the state or nation. The Baltimore Sun undertook to do this in the state of Maryland, with the result that its straw vote, representing about 10 per cent of the voters, showed a heavy majority for Mr. Roosevelt. But, as an eminent publican commentator points out, nothing is easier than for a well-organized party to see to it that its adherents record their preferences, while the weaker organization cannot do that so effectively. Where there is a strong Republican organization the method of polling registered voters is likely to show a Republican majority and vice versa.

And there we are. By this next week we ought to know who is to be the next President of the United States.

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