

Hurricane Carla May Have Saved Quail Hatcheries

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There are a few well known quail hatcheries in Texas. Like, for example, "every hatchery has a silver lining," and "for every problem there must be some solution."

A couple of years ago Hurricane Carla swept across the Texas coast with a terrific rainstorm in its wake. Thousands of acres of quail hatcheries were inundated. All small hatcheries, including the bobwhite quail hatchery at Tyler, were destroyed.

Just the other morning Tom Waddell, regional game warden from Eagle Lake, went out in a boat almost to his very back door to the Gulf of Mexico. He reported seeing only a few birds on the hummocks that hadn't quite been covered with water.

LATER ON Game Department biologists and sportsmen verified that thousands of quail had been destroyed. Despite all the planting of multiflora roses—and other cover plants—the birds had been wiped out.

Opponents of the state-owned quail hatchery at Tyler, including some biologists who work for the state, thought it was a bad investment. But that quail hatchery during the past several months has poured some 21,000 quail back into the Coastal area. Barring another disaster there will be a great comeback of the wonderful bobs next year.

Just to release these birds in the wilds probably wouldn't have done the job. Fortunately the landowners and sportsmen's groups, with the help of game personnel, saw to it that the birds were properly provided for. Shelter, cover and feed were made available. The bobs were given every chance to make a comeback in a land that had been swept bare of their species.

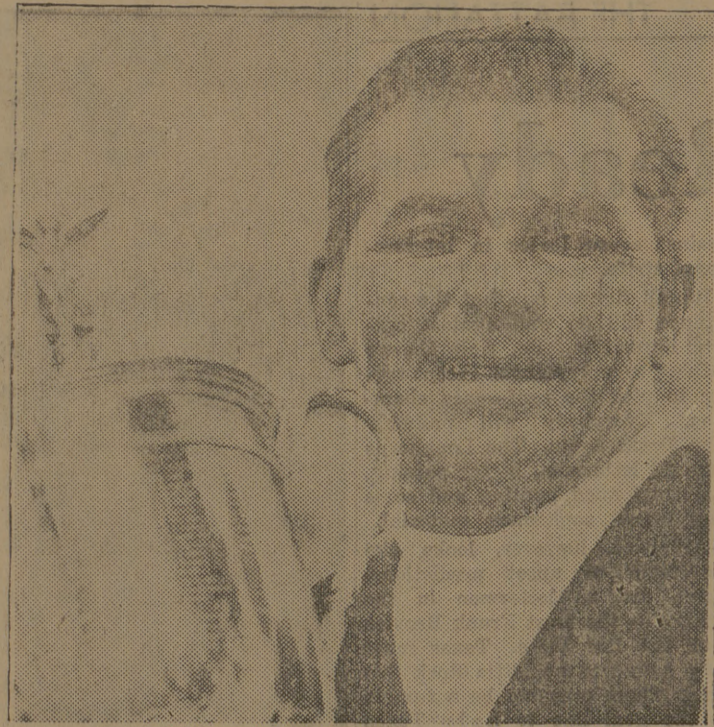
There will be some shooting in the area this year. Generally, however, landowners will keep their places closed in an effort to give the quail a good start. Hunters who do take birds are requested to turn bands over to game wardens. This is so that a careful check can be made both of the new hatch and the bird migration.

QUAIL, especially the bob, is a wonderful upland bird. In many states it is considered a song bird and is on the prohibited list.

Biologists long have considered this an unsound policy because of the heavy die-off and predation during the winter months. They contend that only about 20 percent of the birds carry over from one year to the next.

In other words, if the hunter doesn't get them, something else will. And the quail is one of the finest eating bird species in the world.

So from the devastation of Carla may come not only the restoration of quail in that stricken area, but perhaps the salvation of the entire quail hatchery program.



Repeat Open Winner

Julius Boros poses with the trophy after winning the 1963 U. S. Open Golf Championship at The Country Club in Brookline, Mass., in a playoff match with Arnold Palmer and Jack Cupit. Boros also won the Open crown in 1952. (AP Wirephoto)

Roberts, Matson Add To Successful Track Season

An Aggie and a prospective A&M trackster were among eight Texans who were able to improve on individual track efforts this season.

In a year that saw five state records bettered and one tied, track and field hit an all-time high in the Lone Star State, according to a recent feature story by the Associated Press.

A&M's senior weightman Danny Roberts sailed the discus 180-9½ for a new state mark.

Pampa's Randy Matson, who signed a letter of intent with A&M track coach Charlie Thomas two weeks ago, dethroned Roberts with a new Texas high in the shot put, 60-6, earlier this month.

McMurry's Bill Miller was the first Texan to go past 26 feet. He turned in a 26-2 effort.

Warren Bratlof of Rice hit the all-time Texas high of 16-1½ in the pole vault.

Ed Red of Rice launched the javelin 260-7½ for the best state effort yet in that event.

Abilene Christian College's Dennis Richardson equaled a 9:3 record in the 100-yard dash earlier in the season and then his teammate Bill Woodhouse later matched that time.

FIRST STOP: MOSCOW

A&M Track Signee Picked For European Competition

James Matson, who is scheduled to join A&M's track team next season, was chosen last week as a member of the 50-man team to represent the United States in four major European meets this summer.

The 225-pound Pampa lad took his place among the currently recognized giants in the shot put as Number-4 man behind Dave Davis of the Marine Corps, Gary Gubner of New York University and Parry O'Brien of Pasadena, Calif.

MATSON SET a Texas record in the shot put with a 60-6 toss two weeks ago at the United States Track and Field Federation Nationals in Houston. He beat A&M's ace weightman, Danny Roberts, who had held the state mark for two years.

Other members of the U.S. team who will have their first meet of the series with Russia in Moscow, July 20-21 are:

100-meter dash: Bob Hayes, Florida A&M; Bob Gilbert, Southern California Striders;

200-meter dash: Henry Carr, Arizona State; Paul Drayton, Philadelphia Pioneer Club; John Moon, Army;

400-METER RUN: Ullis Williams, Arizona State; Lester Mil-

burn and Ray Sadler, Texas Southern;

800-meter run: Jim Dupree, Southern Illinois; Morton Groth, Oregon State; Dave Haas, Occidental College;

1,500-meter run: Dyrol Burleson, Oregon; Tom O'Hara, Chicago Loyola; Lt. Gary Weisiger, Marines;

5,000-meter run: James Keefe, Central Connecticut; Charles Clark, Southern California Striders; Jim Beatty, Los Angeles Track Club;

10,000-meter run: Pete McArdle, New York Metropolitan; Ned Sargent, Los Angeles Track Club; Bud Edelin, Minnesota;

3,000-METER WALK: Lt. Ron Zinn, Army; Ron Laird, New York;

110-meter high hurdles: Hoy Jones, Detroit; Blaine Lindgren, Pasadena, Calif.;

400-meter intermediate hurdles: Rex Cawley, Southern Cal.; Jim Allen, Washington State;

3,000-meter steeplechase: Pat Traynor, Villanova; Jesse Fishbach, Santa Clara Youth Village;

Discus: Jay Silvester, Trenton, Utah; Rink Babka, Pasadena, Calif.; alternate, Dave Weil, Stanford;

Javelin: Larry Stewart, Southern Cal.; Frank Covelli, Arizona State;

Hammer throw: Al Hall, New York; George Frenn, Pasadena, Calif.; Hal Connolly, Boston;

HIGH JUMP: Gene Johnson, Santa Clara Youth Village; Paul Struber, Oregon; alternate, Roger Olsen, University of California;

Pole vault: Brian Sternberg, Washington; John Uelses, LaSalle;

Broad jump: Ralph Boston, Southern California Striders; Darrel Horn, Air Force;

Triple jump: Kent Floerke, Kansas City; Bill Sharpe, Philadelphia Pioneer Club.

Decathlon representatives will be chosen Saturday.

THE TEAM WAS selected by the Amateur Athletic Union's track and field committee. The first two American citizens in each event at the AAU Nationals in St. Louis last week qualified, as well as extra men for relays and distance events.

The committee also selected another group to compete in 15 smaller meets.

The other major meets will be in Warsaw, July 26-27, Hanover, Germany, July 29-30; and London, Aug. 1-3.

Stars At Bat

Ward, Chicago White Sox third baseman, continues his bid for Rookie of the Year honors by starting at bat. The 23-year-old left-handed swinger led to bat with his hands spread apart in the Cobb manner but now is taking a firmer grip on things. (AP Wirephoto)



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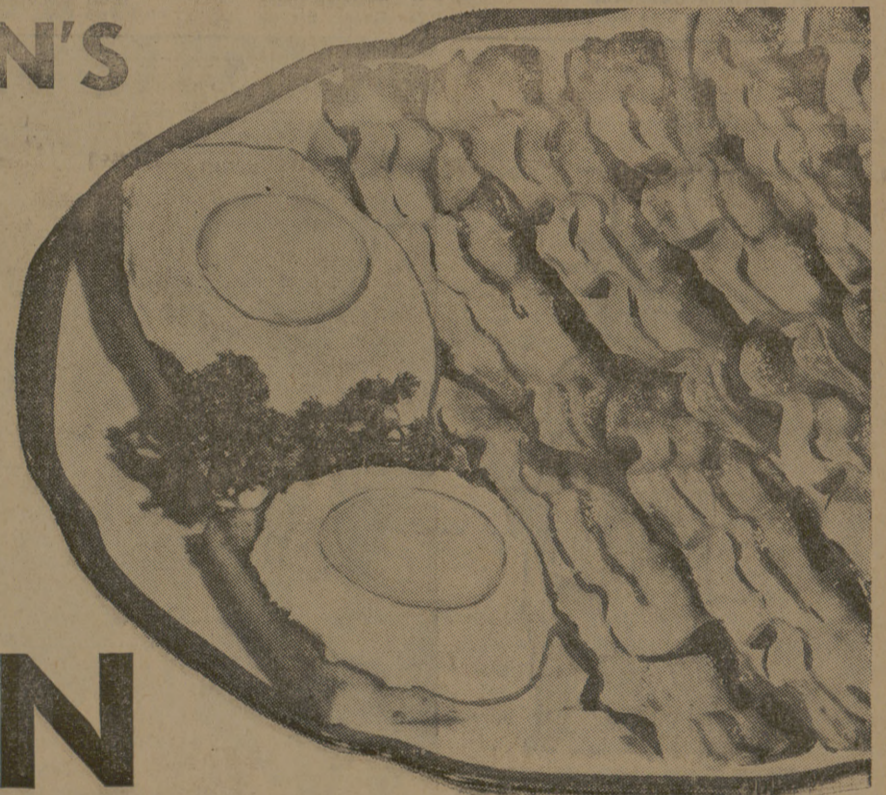
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