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PREFACE

The original objectives of the organizers of this symposium were "to provide management biologists, research biologists, administrators, sportsmen's organizations, and interested lay people an opportunity to interchange information related to management of the bobwhite quail; to bring together available information concerning status, research programs, management activities, and land use trends affecting bobwhites; to present a forum for discussion of interstate and inter-agency planning for management of bobwhites; and to focus attention on bobwhite quail through release of information to the general public in symposium proceedings, news releases, and feature articles." We did not reach as many lay people as we would have liked; however, plans are already underway for a National Quail Symposium, which will more actively involve laymen.

Papers in this volume address a number of issues including rapid deterioration of bobwhite quail habitat, effects of disease, effects of environmental toxicants, harvest patterns, effects of land management practices, and other quail management techniques. There are those who believe that no more bobwhite quail research is needed because we already know all we need to know about bobwhite quail management. However, as some of the symposium papers point out, our information is not current. Studies conducted 20 or 30 years ago apply only to conditions of 20 or 30 years ago. Both environmental and social conditions are changing rapidly in the United States; our research techniques, data base, and management techniques must keep up with current conditions.

QUAIL HUNTERS' FIELD EVENT

On September 13, the first day of the symposium, a Quail Hunters' Field Event and Barbecue was held at Lake Carl Blackwell. We would like to thank the following individuals for their efforts in making this event a success:

Chairman--R. W. (Bill) Altman

Master of Ceremonies--Fred J. Oliver

Committee--E. B. Epperson, John Floyd, Howard Jarrell, and Delmar Smith

Participants--Delmar Smith, Bill Trabue, John Floyd, E. B. Epperson, Howard Jarrell, Rick Smith, Tom Smith, Terry Townsend, Mary Townsend, Dr. Gary Miller, Irvin Bollenbach, and Fred Oliver.