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LIAISON OFFICER NAMED TO HELP IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ON CCC FORESTRY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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Appointment of Harold L. Blakey, biologist of the Biological Survey, as a liaison officer between the Survey and the U. S. Forest Service to help develop plans for efficient management of wildlife on Federal and State forest areas being improved under the C. C. C. program is announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Blakey is now inspecting C. C. C. forestry improvement projects and studying the plans and work of wildlife technicians to determine recommendations for improving wildlife management on forest areas. He succeeds Leo K. Couch, who is now directing the cooperative wildlife research and management projects under supervision of the Biological Survey at 9 land-grant colleges, and also research in forest-wildlife relationships.

Since January 1936, Mr. Blakey has been studying the life history and habits of wild turkeys in Missouri for the Biological Survey and advising with the U. S. Forest Service and the Missouri State Game and Fish Department on management practices for these birds. His preliminary report, "The Wild Turkey on the Missouri Ozark Range," has been made available by the Survey as a wildlife research and management leaflet, BS-77.

Before joining the Survey, Mr. Blakey was employed as a junior forester by the Forest Service. Following his graduation from Central College, Fayette, Mo., in 1929, he spent a year and a half at the University of Missouri studying game management and was later engaged in game management work for the Missouri State Game and Fish Department.

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