

Chairman of the Board of the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers Institute. C. R. Guterthuth, vice president of the Wildlife Management Institute, will be master of ceremonies.

Since the intensive conservation program began July 1, 1938, a total of \$220,000,000 in Pittman-Robertson money has been apportioned to States and Territories. Significant accomplishments under the program include the purchase and development of 2,373,754 acres of land. Research has been conducted on all major species of wildlife in the United States, and 4,750 scientific publications have resulted from these studies which have been instrumental in placing wildlife management on a scientific basis.

Through trapping and transplanting projects, the eastern wild turkey, Meriam's turkey, the white-tailed deer, antelope, big horn sheep, elk, and numerous other birds and mammals have been restored over large areas in many States in which they had been exterminated.

Developments and habitat improvement for wildlife have been many and varied, including the improvement of 864,492 acres of waterfowl habitat, the construction of "guzzlers" to provide water for quail and other wildlife in arid regions, the planting of food and cover crops and winter cover for upland game, the improvement of deer and elk winter range by selective cutting and seeding, and the planting of field borders and food plots.

Equally important is the fact that public hunting has been aided through longer hunting seasons and increased bag limits on species of wildlife as a direct result of research activities conducted under the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration program.

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