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SERVING WILDFOWL JAILS RESTAURANT OPERATOR

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Another Federal game law violation, involving a restaurant operator selling and serving wild duck dinners, has been punished by a sentence of Frank Delerno of Metairie, La.

Delerno was accused by enforcement agents of the U. S. Biological Survey of selling dressed wild duck and wild duck dinners during close season at his restaurant and bar in Metairie, a suburb of New Orleans. He was sentenced on March 15 by Federal Judge Borah, of the New Orleans District Court, to serve 30 days in jail on each of four counts, sentences to run concurrently. On an additional count the judge gave the duck dispenser a six months suspended jail sentence and placed him on probation for five years.

The Biological Survey, with the aid of the American Wild Life Institute, sportsmen's clubs, magazine and newspaper editors, Audubon Societies, and other groups and individuals, is fighting traffic in wildfowl and other birds. Under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act the buyer as well as the seller of migratory wild fowl and other migratory birds is subject to Federal prosecution.

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