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DOVE HUNTER GIVEN HEAVY FINE FOR USING GUN WITHOUT A PLUG

Jewell B. Kirkpatric, of Gilchrist, Tex., was fined \$50 recently by the Federal court at Galveston, Tex., for hunting mourning doves without a plug in his shotgun. Under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act regulations a hunter shooting migratory birds must first plug his gun so that the magazine and chamber combined do not hold more than three shells.

A game management agent of the U. S. Biological Survey apprehended Kirkpatric on Boliver Peninsula, Galveston, Tex., with mourning doves that he had killed with a gun that was not plugged.

In addressing the jury that found Kirkpatric guilty, the court stressed the necessity of regulations for protecting and conserving wildlife.

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