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ILLEGAL DUCK HUNTING
COSTS TEXAS CLUB \$500

Mr. Schneider

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Permitting illegal killing of wild ducks on the Koon Kreek Klub marshes, near Athens, Tex., has cost its secretary \$500.

The club official recently pleaded guilty in a State court to the offense and paid the fine and costs. Cooperative investigations by Federal and State game officers that extended over several months also disclosed that the club had baited ducks.

"If Federal and State officers had not worked together on this case it is unlikely that either could have obtained a conviction," says R. D. Hildebrand, U.S. game management agent stationed at Fort Worth, Tex.

Another game-law case in which Federal and State officers cooperated has resulted in a 100-day jail sentence for William Nichols, Pacific County, Wash. The defendant was arraigned in a State court on a charge of possessing a quantity of elk meat in violation of a State law. He was fined \$250 and costs and sentenced to 15 days in jail, but in defaulting the fine and costs the jail sentence was extended to 100 days.

W. E. Crouch, in charge of the game-law enforcement activities of the U.S. Biological Survey, says these cases are examples of cooperation between State and Federal officers.

"Our agents", he said, "often furnish State officers with evidence of violations of State game laws, and likewise State officers often assist in the apprehension of persons violating Federal regulations governing the hunting of migratory birds. This kind of cooperation goes a long way in bringing about proper respect for State and Federal game laws."

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