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WATERFOWL SELLERS JAILED AND FINED

Leo Darling, of Willows, Calif., who pleaded guilty in Federal Court at Sacramento to possessing more than the limit of wild ducks and selling 187 dead birds, was recently sentenced by Judge Harold Lauderbach to serve four months in jail on each of two counts, sentences to run concurrently. Vernon Strohl, of Willows, arraigned on a similar charge, was sentenced to three months in jail on each of two counts, sentences to run concurrently.

James McDonald, of Willows, who with Frank McVay of the same place sold 20 ducks, was sentenced to three months in jail. McVay was fined \$300.

Pleading guilty to selling wild geese, Leonard Henry and Charles King were fined \$100 each and John Cavier \$50. All are residents of Willows. Gordon Ashcraft, of Courtland was fined \$50 for selling wild ducks.

The Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, which administers the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, reports that all these cases involve recent apprehensions made by Bureau Agents, two of them with the active cooperation of a California Fish and Game Protector.

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