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### BUYERS AND KILLERS OF WILD DUCKS SENTENCED

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Four residents of Blytheville, Ark., entered pleas of guilty in Federal Court at Jonesboro, Ark., yesterday (May 1) to violating the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Evidence had been obtained in connection with a special effort being made by the U. S. Biological Survey in cooperation with State authorities to apprehend persons involved in the buying and selling of wild ducks.

Paul Byrum, a machinery dealer, was fined \$250 for buying a number of wild ducks, and Rodney Bannister, a banker, \$50 for buying two ducks.

J. E. Portlock, a farmer, was sentenced to 30 days in jail and placed on probation for one year for possessing ducks in close season. John Hannon, a farmer also charged with illegal possession, was placed on probation for six months.

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