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OUTDOORS

Grumblings Heard About Black Duck Opening Delay



By JACK McANDREW
There has been a fair amount of grumbling of late over the split season on ducks, and because I'm feeling a little brave

(or maybe foolhardy) I thought I'd like to go into some of the arguments on either side of the controversy.

As nearly as I can gather most of the people who oppose the delay in opening the black duck season do so on the grounds that people will shoot blacks anyway whether they are closed or not as long as they are out after any other kind of quacker.

I've heard several people say they'd be tempted to let go whether they knew the bird in their sights was a black duck or not, and the feeling was that if they didn't shoot, somebody in a blind just up the pond would anyway.

New I don't suppose there is any question that black ducks were shot during the two weeks that they were banned while other kinds were legal game. But it seems to me that if you argue that because some people are going to violate the lag it shouldn't be in ef-

fect, you are arguing that laws aren't any use at all.

EVADE LAW

There isn't much question that a good many people consistently break the speed limit on the highway, or for that matter that some people commit robbery, murder or a good many other varieties of crime and then successfully evade the penalties of the law.

But I've never heard anybody use that as a serious excuse for doing away with laws against murder or armed robbery or for eliminating speed limits.

A closed season on any given species does put the onus squarely on the hunter to recognize his target before he blasts away. It also makes him face up squarely against his responsibilities as a sportsman to honour the regulations that have been established for his own long term self interest.

Apart from the question of whether there are enough black ducks around on which to base a season, (and opinions on that subject vary about as widely as you could imagine), there are some arguments for having split seasons that act to the immediate benefit of the hunter.

For one thing, split seasons enable the hunter to get more time in the field and at the same time protect endangered species.

For instance, split seasons seem to be in little danger of diminishing in supply, and the wildlife biologists feel that they can be safely harvested. But if no duck hunting were permitted until October 15, most teal would have been long gone south by opening day and Black Ducks would bear the brunt of hunting pressure.

In addition, hunters would have given up two weeks of the best hunting weather principally because they won't take the trouble to identify what it is they are shooting at.

When it comes right down to it, the main effect of the split season is to put the

onus on the hunter to respect game laws and learn more about his sport.

NUMBER SMALL

Birds will be killed illegally of course, but the numbers still won't amount to as many that would be killed in an unrestricted season. Hunters can only hope that the enforcement of the law will be as efficient as possible, and that the majority of gunners will act in a responsible law-abiding manner.

Where teal ducks are concerned, identification should not really be all that much of a problem. In fact, any hunter who pots a black duck in mistaking it for a teal ought to turn in his gun and stumble his way to the nearest eye doctor.

Mind you, I suppose the occasional honest mistake will happen. When a duck jumps out of a marshy pothole it's almost instinctive to take aim and let go. Some areas resolve this one by allowing a "mistake" duck. In other words, instead of closing the season on a species altogether, one of the protected kind can be found in the game bag without penalty. Under this scheme you've also got to trust to the hunter's sense of responsibility that he won't deliberately shoot one of the protected species.

I think the thing to keep in mind is the fact that regulations aren't imposed just to bedevil the hunter. There is always room for argument and discussion, but the real intent of any regulation is simply to attempt to ensure that the hunter enjoys some sport while preserving the supply of game for future years.

FISHING LICENCE

In another vein, I've received a communication from a chap in King's county who takes me to task over some comments I made about a recent motion passed at the Souris Fish and Game Association which recommends the reduction of the resident fishing licence to one dollar from five dollars next year.

The point I was trying to make was that a misprint occurred in the published Fish and Game Regulations where the proposed licence at \$5.00. In actual fact the regulation should have read two dollars for a fishing licence for next year, and that is a sum which I don't think is out of line for five month's fishing privileges.

Certainly no slight was intended

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SECOND SECTION



DISCUSSING COURSE

Hon. M.L. Bonnell is discussing the new Brudenell Golf Course with club officials at a meeting in Montague Wednesday evening. Officials

(FROM THE LEFT) are: E.G. 'Duke' MacDonald, president; Rev. Preston Hammill, retiring president and Secretary; Justin MacNeill. The treasurer

or Mrs. Eileen Johnston is missing from the photo. The new 18-hole course is to be started immediately. C.E. Robinson, architect for CPGA will

visit the province shortly and will design the new course. The course will be built and maintained by the provincial government.

Two Wholesale Suppliers Have Advice For Shoppers

By JAMES NELSON
OTTAWA (CP)—Spokesmen for two wholesale suppliers of supermarkets had words of advice for shoppers when they appeared before the Senate-Commons price committee.

—Don't confuse hardware, drygoods, beauty aids and drugs with food prices when you do your weekly shopping.

—Learn to judge the value of a food purchase by the price and quantity in a package, not by price alone. The committee heard the last of a string of wholesale distributors and chain supermarkets will turn next week to quibbling food processors and manufacturers.

D. J. Hamm, president of Atlantic Wholesalers Ltd., cited the case of a housewife who complained a bout her high supermarket bill and found that only \$2.20 out of the \$8.00 total was for food. The other items

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Aime Boisvert of the Montreal wholesale firm of Couvrette and Provost Ltd., said his company carries 4,500, to 4,700 lines of goods but all are typical grocery store products—not pots and pans, light bulbs or other items more generally found in hardware stores.

Mr. Boisvert testified that on the big volume fast-turnover lines of foodstuffs—like canned soups, vegetables, baby foods, breakfast foods, tea, coffee and laundry bleach—his company charges two per cent or less of its buying price when it resells to retailers.

He and company president Bernard Couvrette said the food wholesalers do not warrant a reputation as leeches in the flow of trade between manufacturer and retailer. If their distribution services were not needed, competition long ago would have smothered them.

Max Saltzman (NDP—Waterloo South) asked whether the price an ounce could be stamped on food packages as well as a package price.

Mr. Boisvert said it would be a good idea, but it probably would be more costly.

MORE WOMEN AT SCHOOL

TORONTO (CP)—Dr. Edward Sheffield, a University of Toronto professor, says enrolment at Canadian universities has doubled to 206,000 in 1965 - 66 from 102,000 in 1950. In a report on enrolment at universities he says it will double again in the next six years and reach 553,000 in 10 years. Women would make up 42 per cent of the figure compared with 32 per cent now.

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