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**DUCK HUNTERS FINED \$200, JAILLED 30 DAYS**

Four duck hunters were given stiff penalties on April 10, 1950, by the United States District Court at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, for violations of Federal game laws, the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior reported today.

Each of the defendants pleaded guilty to hunting wild ducks in closed season, killing wild ducks, and possessing ducks killed in closed season. The hunters were each sentenced to 30 days imprisonment on count one, and were given \$100 fines on count two, and \$100 fines on count three.

Kermit E. Branum, 45, of Harnersville, Missouri, was picked up on December 27, 1949, with seven mallards and two black ducks in his boat. On the same afternoon, Cleatus Bailey, 39, Owen McKay, 36, and Edison K. Halstead, 34, all of Steele, Missouri, were caught with 22 mallards and one black duck in their boat.

A stay of execution on the jail sentence until June 1 was granted to Branum and Bailey to permit these men to finish large farming operations which were under-say at the time of the trail.

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