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**FOURTH ANNIVERSARY
OF CCC IS CELEBRATED
AT WHITE RIVER REFUGE**

**U. S. Biological Survey
Congratulates Boys
on "Good Job."**

Civilian Conservation Corps boys doing development work on the White River Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, in Phillips, DeSha, Arkansas, and Monroe counties, Arkansas, have done a good job, says Ira M. Gabrielson, Chief of the U. S. Biological Survey, in congratulating the boys on the fourth anniversary of the C. C. C.

The White River Camp is celebrating today (fill in date and brief explanation of ceremonies planned).

C. C. C. boys on 17 wildlife refuges are contributing man-power for the Biological Survey's nation-wide refuge program, says Chief Gabrielson. They are, in general, contributing two important things: making the areas more attractive for the birds and making the refuges easier to administer.

One of these areas, the White River Refuge, was given inviolate sanctuary status by Executive order in September, 1935. Its 110,000 acres offer winter haven to a great concentration of ducks, and its remoteness from any other waterfowl sanctuary gives it a further major status in the Survey's system of refuges. It is at the point of greatest waterfowl concentration in the Mississippi Valley flight lane, both spring and fall, as most of the

ducks going to and from their northern breeding grounds over a wide region gravitate to the main valley of the Mississippi river, and all of these flights converge at this refuge.

By far most of the waterfowl to be safeguarded here are mallards. Pintails, gadwalls, and green-winged teals compose a large part of the remainder. A three-day count made early last year showed 84,075 mallards, 540 wood ducks, 762 black ducks, and the rest pintails and canvasbacks on the refuge at that time. Other birds in the area include snowy egrets, widgeons, coots, great blue herons, and double-crested cormorants. The refuge is also frequented by wild turkey, deer, and bear.

The U. S. G. boys' accomplishments make these wild creatures feel at home on the White River Refuge, says Chief Gabrielson. Since July, of last year, when the Camp was established, its work has been extensive. It includes, among other things, the construction of two foot and ten vehicle bridges, two equipment and supply storage houses, 15 miscellaneous buildings; and the partial completion of two more vehicle bridges, six more buildings, and three lookout towers. In addition, they have completed eight diversion dams and are working on four more.

In the construction of dams and earth fills, they have excavated 50,143 cubic yards of earth and materials and 14,480 cubic yards for levees, dikes, and jetty work. They have erected 2,145 rods of fence, 32 miles of telephone line, and marked 30 miles of refuge boundary. They have built two cattle guards; 840 signs, markers, and monuments; 10 tool boxes. They have cleared for and constructed 66 miles of truck trails and 8 miles of foot trails.

In clearing and cleaning out channels, they have worked over 1,322,222 square yards of territory ; cleaned 247 acres of reservoir sites; excavated 7,935 cubic yards for canals and ditches; and generally cleaned up 150 acres on the refuge. They collected 375 pounds of seed, and planted and seeded to feed and cover for wildlife a total of 432 acres.

All together, they devoted 12,177 man days to preparation and transportation of materials for construction projects on the refuge, in addition to many man days given over to wildlife feeding, mosquito control work, linear and topographic surveys, and miscellaneous erosion control work.

"All this work," says Dr. Gabrielson, "is part of the restoration of our American wildlife, an invaluable resource of great benefit to all Americans. The next time that you see that thin moving line in the sky that gives away the flock of millions winging their way along, you can say to yourself, 'Well, it may be that those birds are up there because the C. C. C. boys have been doing a good job down at the White River Refuge'."