



# Ass'n Recommends Six Duck Bag Limit

By JACK McANDREW  
It took over three hours of pretty spirited horse trading and general jawing about, but when the last shot had been fired last Monday evening the recommendations of the Provincial Fish and Game Association for next fall's hunting season were ready for forwarding to Charlie Bartlett and his boys of the Provincial Fish and Wildlife Service.

this business of harvesting only what each species can safely stand, bearing in mind the "shot in the dark" approach that's necessary because the Fish and Wildlife Service very often don't have accurate game counts on which to base the allowable kill. Naturally there was a good deal of comment on a number of issues, but a spirit of compromise seemed to prevail after everyone had had a say. For instance, there was the business of Black Duck daily li-

mits. The Queens County boys had recommended that only two blacks be allowed each day while Prince held out for six birds of any variety without restriction. As a compromise it was decided that a daily limit of six ducks, only four of which may be blacks, be the recommendation. Everybody however seemed to agree on October 1 to November 30 season for all species of migratory birds with the exception of Geese.

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The first week of December is normally a good week to get that Christmas goose so the recommended season will be October 1 to December 9. **DUCKS PLENTIFUL**  
There was a good deal of discussion on the current state of the black duck population, and I was surprised to hear from a number of the boys that they've been spotting more ducks this spring than in the past few years. The question now is whether these adults will be able to rear enough ducklings to take care of next season's kill of local birds. Careless use of poisons, destruction of habitat, and the work of predators all play a part in reducing the hatch and upping the mortality of those little fellaers when they get their feet in the water. Speaking of predators, this subject got a good airing, but

with a few wrinkles added. A lot of the discussion centred around the role of the Red Fox. Is he a predator, or is he a game animal? Well the fact of the matter is that foxes, raccoons, and even skunks are predators only if they are so classified, and all require a legal season before they can be taken. Raccoons and skunks will be unprotected at any time if the recommendations are accepted, but the fox will be protected in the mating and whelping time. In other words it will be legal to shoot foxes anytime except in the months of March, April and May. This seems to be a sensible way to keep the fox population at manageable limits, and at the same time enable them to whelp and rear a new generation without trouble. The bona fide fox hunters will still do

their hunting in the late fall and early winter anyway when the pellets are in good shape, (and with the recent increases in pelt prices, hunting Brier Fox is becoming a lucrative proposition) but there will be a measure of predator control as well. **BIGGEST PESTS**  
Raccoons and skunks are more pests than anything else right now. There aren't that many coon hunters around to keep the population under control and now that the highways are becoming littered with aromatic skunk carcasses once again, it's only too evident that a measure of control is needed in this direction. Another new and important season will be a two week go at Hungarian Partridge from October 1 to October 15. The open season will be in the nature of an experiment and licence holders will be under an obligation to file reports with the Provin-

cial Service on their covey sightings and kill. Another recommendation of interest to those poor souls like myself who pay a provincial licence for the privilege of hunting will be a recommended licence fee of \$2.00 for small game and birds covered by provincial statute. Migratory birds will require an additional two dollars, the permit set by the Federal Wildlife Service. The part of the population not covered by the provincial act (farmers, fishermen, farm labourers, their wives and families) will pay only the federal permit. The minority of provincial sportsmen will partially support the government's management program for the majority of the population, and general revenues will take care of the rest of the budget. **LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
One recurring factor which seemed to have a bearing on

every topic was the matter of game law enforcement. There seemed to be a general feeling that it often didn't matter what regulations were in effect to conserve the wildlife resource, there were just too many lawbreakers going about uncaught. It's recognized of course that the RCMP do their very best in enforcement, but the Provincial body went on record as favoring Provincial Conservation Officers who have been specially trained not only in enforcement but in general conservation matters as well. I'll have more for you on this topic later on. Before I close this week I'd like to congratulate that veteran hunter and dogman Ollie Harper. Ollie ventured over to the Nova Scotia side last weekend to enter his black Labrador Abegweit Jed in the Junior Retrieving Trial, and came back with a first place.

The year-old was up against twelve others working on pigeons and live ducks in what Ollie said was a very well run spring trial. The two he off again this weekend to see if they can stage a repeat performance in a New Brunswick trial. See you next week. **PLAN ROAD LINK**  
LUSAKA, Zambia (Reuters)—A new road freighting company linking Zambia with landlocked Zambia will start operations in July. The Tanzania-Zambia Road Services Corp., financed by both governments with the Italian Fiat Auto Company, will haul fuel and general cargo over a 1,200-mile route between the Tanzanian seaport capital of Dar-es-Salaam and Zambia's chief export earner. The Sea of Galilee, on the Israeli-Jordanian border, is more than 600 feet below sea level.

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# TONIGHT

## A Volunteer Canvasser Will Call At Your Home... Have Your Donation Ready Please!

### A Mother's Hope...

Every mother's first hope is for the health and happiness of her children, normal or retarded. But the mother of a retarded child knows that without HELP, that child is a child without HOPE. He needs more help than just the love and devoted care of parents. He needs your help and understanding based on knowledge of his handicap to develop his capabilities to the limit... the kind of help that recognizes his rights as a person.

Your dollars can bring this kind of help to the mentally retarded in your community, and HOPE to their parents.

**REMEMBER...**

**Your Seeds of Hope Could Be The Flowers of Life For a Retarded Child!**

**HEAVEN'S VERY SPECIAL CHILD**

A meeting was held quite far from earth  
"It's time again for another birth,"  
Said the angels to the Lord above,  
"This special child will need much-love.

His progress may seem very slow,  
Accomplishments he may not show,  
And he'll require extra care  
From the folks he meets, 'way down there.

He may not run or laugh or play,  
His thoughts may seem quite far away,  
In many ways he won't adapt  
And he'll be known as handicapped.

So let's be careful where he's sent,  
We want his life to be content  
Please Lord, find the parents who  
Will do a special job for you.

They will not realize right away  
The leading role they're asked to play.  
But with this child sent from above,  
Comes stronger faith and richer love.

And soon they'll know the privilege given  
In caring for this gift from heaven;  
Their precious charge, so meek, so mild,  
Is heaven's very special child."

There are about 3000 mentally retarded on Prince Edward Island. In fact one child in every 30 is born mentally retarded. These children need our help.

You provincial association for Retarded Children is dedicated to giving all who need it the special care and training which can help them grow into useful, happy citizens.

If you feel you would like to help support this vital work, please send your contribution in the envelope you have received.

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