

A REPORT ON DAN GREEN'S SLOUGH,
Clay County, on October 10, 1934
The opening of the Shooting Season.

Clear; bright sun; sunrise 6:21 A.M. Shooting started at 6:15. Approximately 50 autos were parked around the slough. These would average 2 hunters per car. Therefore there were 100 shooters on the 285 acres, a tract having not over 75 acres of water.

Of 12 hunters interviewed, 3 had their limit (Blue-Winged Teal and 7 Pintails and Mallards). The rest had only one or two duck apiece.

Most of the killing was done in the first 10 or 15 minutes. Then birds flew high, especially the Pintails and Mallards. Coots were in numbers equal with the ducks. A few snipe seen. One hunter reported securing "2 Plover and 1 Snipe".

Only two or three flocks of decoys were used. The hunters using these met with greatest success. At least one and a half or two times as many birds were lost as were secured. Probably not more than 150 ducks and coots killed and 300 or more lost. A few dogs were used, but these were mostly too young or poorly trained.

All hunters seemed satisfied except for the losing of so many crippled ducks.