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**BARKERS POT SHOT**

It's going to be a great year for waterfowl gunners. For the second year's running duck and goose hunters can look forward to a long season with the most liberal limits for some time. A straight 95-day season is in the offing this fall beginning on October 11 and extending into the new year until January 13.

These were the dates selected by the Oregon game commission last week as they set the 1958 waterfowl rules within the framework of the Federal migratory bird regu-

lations.

The alternate to the 95-day season was a split season of two periods totalling 86 days. In the past Oregon gunners have always expressed their season over the split type shorter hunt.

Bag limit on ducks this year was increased by one bird, providing the extra bird is of the bonus species. Bonus birds include pintail and widgeon. This means that gunners may take five ducks daily, plus four bonus birds for a total of nine. Possession limit

was set at 14 ducks, providing at least four of these are pintail or widgeon.

Again the commission had an alternate choice for the bag limit which was 6 per day or in possession, plus the bonus birds. Because most hunters travel considerable distances and usually hunt for the two-day weekend, the commission chose the lesser daily bag and the larger possession limit.

Not more than one wood duck or hooded merganser may be included in the daily bag or possession limit.

In view of the continuing decline in the numbers of brant in the Pacific Flyway, the shooting season framework on these marvelous sea-coast geese was moved back to eliminate February shooting on early northern migrants.

The game commission chose the dates of November 22 through January 30 for the shooting of brant. This will give gunners a total of 70 shooting days, the same as last year. Bag limit for brant was set at three per day or in possession.

The daily bag and possession limit of geese (except Ross's) will be 6 with the limitation that not more than three of the dark species may be included in such limit. In other words hunters may take three of the dark species which include the Canada Honkers, lesser Canadas, cacklers, and white fronts and three of the white species which means snow geese. Of course he could have the entire bag of 6 all snow geese, or a combination of snows and dark geese up to the dark goose limits.

Season on Wilson's snipe, or jacksnipe as this little speedster is commonly called, was set for 30 days from November 1 through November 30. Bag limit will be 8 snipe daily

**Sandy-Estacada Reserve Unit Returns From Training Camp With High Praise From Leader**

Company "D", 413th Infantry Regiment USA reserve, Estacada and Sandy's own, returned last week to their home Reserve Center after two weeks of extensive field training at Yakima Firing Center, Washington, bringing with them the praise of their division commander, regimental commander and the Sixth Army standing in the conduct of their training.

Organized as a company in February 1957, this was their first annual active duty field training as a unit and as part or in possession.

Because of an increased coot population, Oregon gunners may shoot these birds for 105 days with the season extending beyond the regular waterfowl closure to January 23. Daily bag and possession limit was set at 25 coot.

In addition to the daily limit on ducks, the daily bag limit on American and red-breasted mergansers will be 5, possession limit 10, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds.

Shooting time for Oregon gunners on the opening date, October 11, was set at 8:00 AM. This was to conform to the opening day shooting time set for upland game birds, which also opens on October 11. With the exception of the opening day, shooting time will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

A complete synopsis of the waterfowl rules including a shooting time table and waterfowl management area regulations will be available to Oregon hunters about mid-September.

of their regiment and they not only held their own with the veterans, but stepped out and set new standards for the others to reach.

Made up of an 81mm mortar platoon and a machine gun platoon, they received the praise of General Green, representative of Continental Army Command, who witnessed their firing. General Green stated it was the finest organization and conduct of reserve training he had witnessed this year.

There was nothing easy about the training. The company spent the two weeks in tents, rising every morning at five a.m. and spending the day perfecting their skill as mortarmen and machine gunners under temperatures averaging one hundred degrees. By the last week the high barren hills were just hills to the members of the company as they hand-carried their weapons up and over the many slopes. It was said that Company "D" never walks... just runs.

To top off a most successful camp, Company "D" polished off Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the regiment in a hard fought contest played on a diamond of crushed rock to return home champions of the regiment.

To work without a good meal or three squares makes life pretty miserable, but not in Company "D". The men in this unit think they have the best cooks in the Army and to back this statement, praises of quality were received from General Farmer and General Green and other officials who visited the unit during training.

Team work and fortitude made a successful two weeks training and this would not be if it were not for the ability and agility of the officers to teach these young men the right ways of team work. The next step... to be better at the next summer camp training.

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**Bull Run School To Open Sept. 2**

Bull Run School, District 45, will open a full day of school September 2. The cafeteria will begin operating on the first day and the bus schedule will be the same as last year with the new school bus in operation.

First grade students and those new to the district are asked to bring proof of birth. Such proof will be returned to parents after registration. School hours will be from 8:30 to 3:30.

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