

of a suitable wetland area is licensed by the department and he becomes owner of the muskrats on the area. In the fall he and the Department estimate the size of his crop and how many he can safely harvest. He then buys from the state a supply of pelt tags equal to his estimated harvest. Every animal trapped must be tagged.

A further provision of the law allows the owner a 3-4 month period for trapping. Thus, he does not risk losing his crop by having to harvest it during a short season when trapping conditions are too poor for a successful operation.

Very detailed annual reports of each operation are required under the law.

The program has been working very successfully in Wisconsin for many years. At present there are some 340 marsh or wetland areas under management. Some of these have been created from low-lying formerly unproductive wetlands, some are existing marshes naturally productive of aquatic-wildlife and some would have been drained were it not for this alternative sound economic use.

No better use could be found for thousands of acres of Minnesota Wetlands. A program such as this can contribute to the income of the individual, community or state, can put worthless lands on the tax rolls of many counties and can contribute to the wildlife production of the state.



Please Correct!
Duck Banding Article In Error

Librarians, and those planning to use the material for study purposes are asked to make the following correction in the article "Minnesota Bands Ducks" which appeared in the November-December, 1954 VOLUNTEER.

On page ten, strike out the cutlines and substitute the following: "Map 6—Direct recoveries of Ring-necked ducks banded in Minnesota."

On page 12, strike out the cutlines and substitute the following: "Map 4—Direct recoveries of mallards banded in Minnesota. These were nearly all adult birds when banded."

