



WEIGHING 5 POUNDS, the Hutchins form of the Canadian goose caught by Cobble had a total wingspread of 50 inches. Dr. W. B. Davis of the Wildlife department (at left) helped identify the goose.



FEW DAYS TOO EARLY is the thought of Larry Cobble as he releases a Canadian goose he caught in Finfeather Lake in Bryan with a frog gig.

Local Hunter Catches Goose With Frog Gig

By JIM BOWER
Battalion Editor

Armed with just a frog gig and a miner's lamp, Larry Cobble, chief of custodial services for A&M, got the jump on geese and duck hunters only to discover he was a few days too early to keep his catch.

Cobble was after frogs in Finfeather Lake, located in Bryan city limits, when just before moonrise he caught sight of an object slowly moving along a mud bank just outside the range of his miner's lamp.

He thrust his 12-foot frog gig toward the object and the spring trap on the end locked loosely around the neck of what turned out to be a Canadian goose. The goose was unhurt by the gig.

Realizing that the season for geese doesn't open until Friday

and that the fine for possession—if it should be a Canadian goose—was pretty heavy, Cobble took the fowl to Dr. W. B. Davis, head of the Wildlife Management Department here, for positive identification.

Davis identified the goose as being a branta canadensis hutchinsii, commonly called the Hutchins goose which is a small form of the Canadian goose.

Cobble is a well known hunter in this area and had "a pretty good idea" the goose was a Hutchins but "just to be sure" he took it to Davis.

The continental traveler was released since the Wildlife Department already has two of the species in its collection. Davis has a collector's license which allows him to collect various animals and fowl.

When released, the honker made a slow circle over the Petroleum Engineering building and then flew off toward the Gulf Coast area, winter home for ducks and geese.

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Moon Watch

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down and two hours before the sun rises, Kent says.

"Two groups of 30 persons each will be needed so one group will not be responsible for both watches," Kent says.

Kent says his group hopes to train alternates to work along with observers. The alternates are needed to spell watchers who may develop eye fatigue from long periods of peering into telescopes.

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