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URGES PROGRAM OF SMALL  
REFUGES FOR WATERFOWL

Praising a campaign for waterfowl sanctuaries on private lands recently inaugurated by the Mississippi State Game and Fish Commission officials of the U. S. Biological Survey today appealed to landowners in other States to make similar efforts as part of the national program of wildlife restoration.

In Mississippi, according to reports received by the Bureau from State Director of Conservation Hunter Kimball, game wardens throughout the State are explaining to owners of small ponds and lakes the seriousness of the waterfowl shortage and urging them to make their water areas inviolate sanctuaries. In one county seven parties have already offered to provide such refuges.

"With emergency funds and with the proceeds from the duck-stamp sales," says the Biological Survey, "the Federal Government is carrying on a restoration program that will result in the establishment of refuges on the breeding grounds and flyways in the United States. Many additional refuges will, however, be needed for the full realization of wildlife restoration in this country, and the establishment of numerous small areas will go a long way towards meeting this need. For administrative reasons the Government is confining its land acquisition to large consolidated areas, but no pool or slough that attracts the wild fowl is too small for a private sanctuary. Thus a nation-wide small-areas-for-waterfowl program will be a valuable supplement to the Government's work."