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### AGENTS NAB LOOKOUTS AND DUCK HUNTERS FOR BAITING WATERFOWL

Two hunters in Ohio who posted lookouts in an attempt to avoid being caught while they hunted wild ducks illegally recently learned that U. S. game management agents know all the tricks used by violators, the Fish and Wildlife Service today reported to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes.

While making their regular patrol through the duck hunting sections of Ohio, U. S. game agents noticed that two men were stationed in the vicinity of a marsh hole, which aroused their suspicions and resulted in an immediate investigation. John A. Zimmer and William E. Hunger, both of Cleveland, were taken into custody and each was fined \$200 by Judge Frank L. Klobb, presiding in the Federal Court at Toledo. The violators were charged with shooting ducks as they came down to feed on the grain that had been placed in the marsh holes.

The lookouts, Arthur and Luke Gowitza, brothers of Castalia, Ohio, were each given a 6-month suspended jail sentence, fined \$50, and placed on probation for 2 years.

### Dove Hunters Fined for Violations

In the Southwest, dove hunters who failed to obey migratory bird hunting regulations recently received fines ranging from \$10 to \$400 each. Seven hunters apprehended for hunting mourning doves with unplugged guns or from an automobile were taken to State courts and fined from \$10 to \$50 each, plus costs, for an aggregate of \$250.50.

State wardens in Arizona found a resident of Tucson with 12 mourning doves killed out of season. Taken to Federal court, the violator was fined \$50. In nearby New Mexico, five illegal mourning dove hunters were apprehended by a Service agent for using unplugged shot guns, exceeding the bag limit, or hunting without a State license. Fines in State court ranged from \$20 to \$75 with costs, and aggregated \$233, or an average of about \$46 each.

The heaviest fines imposed on mourning dove hunters this season were given recently in Texas. A resident of Kilgore was apprehended in Tarrant County for killing 12 upland plovers and 4 doves out of season. He paid a fine of \$400 and costs of \$22 in State court. Another \$422 fine was paid by a resident of Fort Worth who was apprehended by a Service agent and State wardens in Wise County. The violator was charged with possessing 47 mourning doves.

For killing doves from an automobile in Palo Alto County, a resident of Texas was taken to State court the same day and fined \$50 and costs of \$11, while a resident of Dallas was apprehended in Navarre County for possessing 18 mourning doves. The Dallas hunter was fined \$200 and costs of \$11.

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