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END HAPHAZARD SHOOTING, CONSERVE WATERFOWL FWS URGES

The shades of Bunker Hill will hover over duck blinds throughout the country this waterfowl season and give their silent support to a big movement for the conservation of ducks if the hunters follow the advice of the Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Department of the Interior.

In an artist's sketch which is being made available for reproduction to State conservation departments and others and which is being distributed through the regional offices of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, the appeal is made to hunters to withhold fire and let the ducks come in "until their eyes are visible". This was the technique of the gunners of the past. The hope is to cut down the appalling crippling losses, to add to the hunter's bag birds which would otherwise be lost to him, and to save for next year's nesting birds which otherwise would die in the marshes. It is estimated that one-fourth of the birds shot are not recovered.

The drawing reminds the viewer that "Minute Men and old-time hunters" had something in common. Neither fired until they could see the whites of their eyes. The drawing points out that old-time hunters made every shot count. When they could see the duck's eye it was within killing range.

The birds portrayed in the sketch are pintails, drake and hen, attempting to "get out of there" as the hunter rises to shoot.

A copy of the drawing is attached.

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*Let 'em Come in Close
THEN YOU KILL CLEAN
OR YOU MISS CLEAN*



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