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TWO FINED FOR INTERFERING WITH FEDERAL GAME AGENTS

It doesn't pay to interfere with U.S. Game Management Agents while they are enforcing the Federal game laws. Howard and Lloyd Greenley, of Alexander County, Illinois, learned this fact the hard way when Federal Judge Walter C. Lindley assessed them fines of \$100 each and costs in Federal court at Danville, Ill., on January 23, for interfering with Federal officers "while engaged in the performance of their official duties."

According to Jesse F. Thompson, newly appointed chief of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Division of Game Management, the assault violation occurred on November 22, 1947, when two Federal game agents were patrolling for migratory bird hunting violations within the closed area adjacent to Horseshoe Lake, west of Miller City, Ill. In the act of apprehending a hunter seen carrying a goose, the game agents were stopped by the two Greenleys, both armed, who threatened to shoot unless the Federal officers left the area.

In Federal court the defendants waived their right to be indicted and entered pleas of guilty to the charge of interference. Mr. Thompson stated that violators of the Federal assault act who "use a deadly or dangerous weapon" can be fined "not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both."

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