



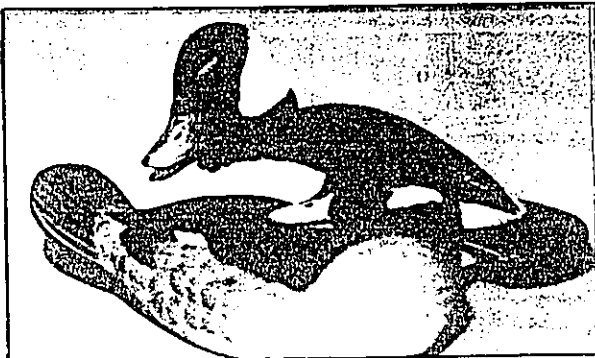
Hans Bolle
favors sleeping ducks

"If people go to auctions, and take the time to look at it," he said, "If you put nothing into it, you get nothing out of it."

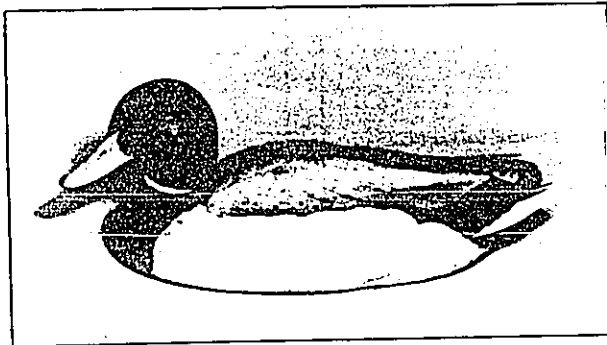
A good place to find antique decoys is at yearly auctions on the East Coast, Samson said.

Take of the biggest and best known

represented by the likes of Ted and Ethel Kennedy are those of Richard Oliver in Kennebunk, Maine (phone: 207-985-3600), James Julia and Gary Gouette in Fairfield, Maine (207-453-7904), and R.A. Bourne in Hyannis, Mass. (508-775-0797). All produce catalogs that show and describe items to be auctioned.



For contemporary carvers like Bolle, realism in carving and painting the decoys is the ultimate. Shown above, a pair of buffleheads. Below, a mallard.



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