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DR. LEEDY TO HEAD COOPERATIVE WILDLIFE RESEARCH UNIT PROGRAM

The selection of Dr. Daniel L. Leedy to head the Fish and Wildlife Service's important Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit Program was announced today by Albert M. Day, Director of the Service.

The appointment became effective on January 1, 1949. Dr. Leedy's headquarters will be in Washington.

Dr. Leedy has been leader of the Ohio Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at Ohio State University, Columbus, since December 5, 1945. From September 1940 to April 1942 he served as assistant leader of the Ohio Unit and also as instructor in wildlife management at Ohio State University.

During World War II Dr. Leedy served with the Army for 42 months, 33 months of which were spent overseas. He was discharged in November 1945 from the Ninth Army Air Force with the rank of captain.

Dr. Leedy was born on a farm near Butler, Ohio, on February 17, 1912. His elementary and high school education was obtained at North Liberty and Butler, Ohio. From 1930 to 1935 he attended Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, receiving his A.B. degree in 1934 and his B.Sc. degree in Education in 1935. This was followed by post graduate work at Ohio State University where he held a Wildlife Research Fellowship for four years. He earned his M.Sc. and his Ph.D. degrees in Zoology (Wildlife Management) in 1938 and 1940.

Dr. Leedy's major field of research has been on farm game, with special emphasis on the ring-necked pheasant. He is a co-author of the book, The Ring-necked Pheasant, published by the Wildlife Management Institute, and has published numerous articles on pheasants, land use in relation to wildlife, and the economic aspects of wildlife. He is a member of such professional societies as American Ornithologists Union, Wilson Ornithological Club, The Wildlife Society, and the American Society of Mammalogists.

The Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit Program is jointly supported by the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Wildlife Management Institute, and the game or conservation departments and land-grant colleges of the participating states. Main objectives are the training of men for technical positions in the field of wildlife management and ecology, and the providing of assistance to participating states in the handling of important wildlife problems.

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