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VETERAN FWS OFFICIAL TO RETIRE ON APRIL 30

Oscar H. Johnson, chief, Branch of Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, after 27½ years in the Federal service, will retire April 30.

After serving for 14 years as director of the South Dakota Department of Game and Fish, Mr. Johnson joined the Service in July 1939 as a Federal aid regional inspector at Denver, Colo. From August 1940 to April 1942, he was regional inspector at Albuquerque, N. Mex., and then served as assistant regional director at Portland, Oreg. and later as regional director at Minneapolis, Minn.

When the Service was reorganized in 1946 Mr. Johnson became head of the Division of Management which includes the branches of Federal Aid, Predator and Rodent Control, Wildlife Refuges, Game Management, Gamefish and Hatcheries, and Lands.

Born in Brookings, S. Dak., in 1884, Mr. Johnson attended public schools there and spent three years at South Dakota State College where he majored in anatomy and veterinary medicine. After a short period of employment with the Indian Service Johnson entered the postal service in 1907 where he remained for 13 years. From 1920 to 1925 he owned and operated the Brookings County Real Estate Abstract Company.

After retirement Mr. and Mrs. Johnson plan to return to Minneapolis. The Johnsons now reside at 2009 Twentieth Road, North, Arlington, Va.

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