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**ALBERT M. DAY RETIRES FROM FEDERAL SERVICE**

Acting Secretary of the Interior Clarence Davis announced today that Albert M. Day, Assistant to the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, will retire on June 30 after 36 years of Federal service.

Mr. Day, who was Director of the Service from 1946 to 1953, is joining the Arctic Institute of North America where he will direct a fact-finding study of migratory waterfowl.

First employed by the former Bureau of Biological Survey in 1919 as a temporary field assistant in Wyoming, Mr. Day has since been continuously connected with the Biological Survey and its successor agency, the Fish and Wildlife Service, except for a year's leave for graduate studies.

Mr. Day was born in Humboldt, Nebraska, in 1897, but has always considered himself a Wyomingite, having been raised on a ranch there when his family moved to that State in 1900. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Wyoming in 1922 where he majored in animal husbandry and the biological sciences. During the first World War he served in the Army Signal Service. In 1920 he became leader of rodent control in Wyoming; in 1928 he was also placed in charge of the staff of professional hunters to protect Wyoming livestock and game from wolves, coyotes, and bobcats; in 1930 he was transferred to Washington, D. C., as an assistant chief of that branch of the Service's work.

In 1938, when Federal cooperation with States in wildlife restoration work had been made possible through the medium of the Pittman-Robertson Act, Mr. Day was appointed chief of a new division to administer this activity.

In 1941, when President Roosevelt requested that a liaison officer from the Fish and Wildlife Service be appointed to cooperate with the defense agencies in order to safeguard the Nation's wildlife resources, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes designated Mr. Day for this additional duty. In December 1942, following the retirement of Assistant Director W. C. Henderson, Mr. Day was appointed to succeed him. On April 1, 1946, when Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson retired as Service Director, Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug selected Mr. Day to become head of the Service. In December 1950, in addition to his duties as Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Mr. Day was appointed as Administrator of the Defense Fisheries Administration.

From 1947 to 1953, Mr. Day served as one of the United States Commissioners on the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission. He is a member of practically every scientific organization in both the fisheries and wildlife field.

Mr. Day is married and the father of three children. The family residence is at 7206 Cobalt Road, Wood Acres, Maryland.

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