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The appointment of Dr. Gustav A. Swanson as a biologist in the Division of Wildlife Research, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, was announced today by Albert H. Day, Acting Director of the Service.

Dr. Swanson has been selected to head the Service's important cooperative wildlife research unit program and also will serve as liaison officer on Pittman-Robertson research projects in order to correlate the valuable scientific data acquired through the expenditure of Federal Aid funds.

The appointment was effective October 3 and Dr. Swanson's headquarters will be in Chicago, Ill., at the Service's central offices.

A native of Minnesota, Dr. Swanson has been Associate Professor of Entomology and Economic Zoology at the University of Minnesota from which institution he has received the degrees of B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. He has been connected with the University's teaching staff since 1937, with the exception of a year spent as a Federal Aid Inspector in Region 3 for the Fish and Wildlife Service. Previous to 1937 he was a state biologist with the Minnesota Conservation Department and an Assistant Professor of Game Management at the University of Maine. During that time he also served as assistant leader of the Maine Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit.

The work conducted by the wildlife research units is a cooperative undertaking between the Fish and Wildlife Service, ten land-grant colleges, the State game or conservation departments, and the American Wildlife Institute. These units have been established in the principal natural wildlife regions of the United States to conduct investigations that furnish a scientific foundation upon which to base practical wildlife restoration and management practices.

There are now ten of these units located at land-grant colleges in Missouri, Oregon, Utah, Texas, Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maine, Virginia, and Alabama, where men returning from military service will be trained in handling technical phases of work in the wildlife field.