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PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED BY INTERIOR'S WILDLIFE SERVICE

J. Clark Salyer, who has headed the Nation's wildlife refuge system since it was organized in 1934, has been appointed special staff assistant to the chief of the Division of Wildlife, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Frank P. Briggs announced today.

The Division of Wildlife is composed of the branches of wildlife refuges, wildlife research, game management and enforcement, and predator and rodent control.

Eugene E. Crawford, assistant chief of the branch of wildlife refuges, has been named chief of that branch, succeeding Mr. Salyer.

Salyer, winner of the Nash Award for Conservation in 1956, is the father of the refuge system as it exists today. In 1934 when he joined the U. S. Biological Survey, a forerunner of the Fish and Wildlife Service, as chief of the new refuge unit, there were only a few unadministered areas set aside for various forms of wildlife. Since then the national wildlife refuge system has grown to 279 refuges with a total area of approximately 29,000,000 acres, and a new concept, wildlife refuge management, has resulted.

Mr. Salyer is a graduate of Central College, Fayette, Missouri, where he took his A.B. degree in biology in 1927. He received his Master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1931. From 1927 to 1930 he was science instructor in the public schools at Parsons, Kansas. From 1932 to 1933 he was instructor in biology at Minot, North Dakota. He was also a research associate at the University of Michigan. He was born in Higginsville, Missouri in 1902.

Mr. Crawford is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana. He was born in 1911. He was recruited by the wildlife program in 1935 as a biologist on the Seney National Wildlife Refuge in Michigan. In 1938 he became manager of the Willapa refuge in Washington and successively managed LaCreek refuge in South Dakota, Theodore Roosevelt refuge in North Dakota and Crab Orchard refuge in Illinois. He came to Washington, D. C., in 1958 as Assistant Chief of the Branch of Wildlife Refuges. He spent 22 months in the U. S. Navy during the war. He was lieutenant senior grade on OSS assignment. He was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1935 with a bachelor's degree in forestry and received a degree of master of science in wildlife from Oregon State in 1938.

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