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SPODEN PROMOTED TO FISH AND WILDLIFE REALTY CHIEF

F. George Spoden, Jr., 402 Cloverway, Alexandria, Va., has been appointed Chief of the Division of Realty for the Interior Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau Director John Gottschalk announced today. Spoden succeeds Albert J. Rissman, who retired recently after more than 35 years' Federal service.

The Division of Realty handles real estate activities of the Fish and Wildlife Service, including acquisition of land for National Wildlife Refuges and National Fish Hatcheries and the record keeping for over 29 million acres of Federal fish and wildlife conservation areas.

In his new position Spoden is also secretary of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, which consists of two United States Senators, two members of the House of Representatives, and the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and Interior.

Spoden, who has been Assistant Chief of Realty since 1958, was born in 1911 at Fredonia, N. Y., and attended public schools there. He was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1933 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry. Following graduation he was employed by the U. S. Forest Service as an assistant forester, transferring to the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1940.

During World War II, Spoden was with the Army's Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Va., and now is a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve.

Spoden is married to the former Frances Garrard of Winchester, Ky. Their son Edward, 22, is an Army lieutenant at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

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