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YOUNG SUCCEEDS FISHER IN RODENT
AND PREDATORY ANIMAL CONTROL

Stanley P. Young, of Colorado, formerly of Oregon, has been appointed head of the division of economic investigations of the Bureau of Biological Survey, in charge of the rodent and predatory-animal control operations of the United States Department of Agriculture, to succeed Dr. A. K. Fisher, effective February 16. Commenting on this change in administration, Paul G. Redington, chief of the Biological Survey, said Doctor Fisher will be assigned to scientific research work in economic ornithology, his future activities to be concerned primarily with studies of the economic status of the hawks and owls, a subject he has been much interested in for many years and on which he prepared publications for the department as long ago as 1893.

Doctor Fisher has been a member of the staff of the Biological Survey since July 1, 1885, when this branch of the department was established, and is considered peculiarly well fitted to handle this assignment, having conducted the original economic ornithological work of the bureau. "He thus returns," said Mr. Redington, "to a field with which he is thoroughly familiar and in which he is a recognized authority. It is expected that as a result there will be issued a new publication on the status of the hawks and owls that will enable the public generally to better understand the beneficial and harmful traits of these species of birds.

"Doctor Fisher has handled the economic investigational work of the bureau from the time of its inception, and through a very stressful period.

During this time the cooperation by State and other organizations with the Biological Survey has increased greatly, and the policies and work of the bureau have become well understood throughout the country. Doctor Fisher will now be connected with the division of food habits research."

Stanley P. Young, who succeeds Doctor Fisher has been in Washington since May 9, 1927, as assistant head of the division. "He comes to his new position," said Mr. Redington, "well qualified by education and training, and with a large background of experience. A native of Oregon, he received his common and high school education in Astoria, Oregon, and pursued his collegiate studies at the University of Oregon, receiving the B.S. degree in 1911, and took postgraduate work at the University of Michigan, where he received his M.S. degree in 1915. After graduation from college, he spent a short time on geological and biological investigations in eastern Oregon and in British Columbia. These investigations, combined with later work in rodent and predatory-animal control in the Southwest, gave him basic practical experience.

"First employed by the Survey in 1917 as hunter of predatory animals in Arizona, Mr. Young has risen through the various grades of hunter, assistant in rodent control, predatory-animal inspector, and assistant leader, in New Mexico, Colorado, and Arizona, until in 1921 he was placed in charge of operations against predatory animals in Colorado, a position he left to become assistant head of the division in Washington. He has the distinction, as a government hunter in November, 1917, of trapping the first wolf taken by the Biological Survey in its predatory-animal control operations in Arizona. In Colorado he was instrumental in building up effective cooperation of State authorities and private organizations, and his deep interest in the various lines of work of the Survey has always been in evidence. As leader of the Colorado district he launched a campaign against renegade wolves that in six years resulted in their eradication from the State."

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