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WILDLIFE RESEARCH AT 9 COLLEGES
WORKING WITH BIOLOGICAL SURVEY
TO BE DIRECTED BY LEO K. COUCH

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Cooperative wildlife research and management projects -- under supervision of the Biological Survey -- at land grant colleges in Alabama, Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Ohio will be directed by Leo K. Couch, biologist of the survey, the U. S. Department of Agriculture announced today. He will be an assistant in the Section of Wildlife Surveys of the Bureau's Division of Wildlife Research.

During the past year Mr. Couch assisted in the investigation and inspection of eastern national forests in relation to wildlife, and as a liaison officer between the Biological Survey and the Forest Service he helped develop plans for efficient management of wildlife on Federal forest areas now being improved under the Emergency Conservation Work program.

At these 9 colleges investigations are under way to learn how to increase, maintain, and manage wildlife resources. Demonstration areas also are maintained there to show how facts found in research can be applied in a practical manner. Also in cooperative work with several Forest Service experiment stations, Mr. Couch will direct the Survey's research on the relationships of wildlife to forestry. Facts found in this research are to be used in developing and improving methods of managing forest fauna in the multiple uses of forest lands.

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Mr. Couch was graduated from Oregon State College in 1918, and joined the Biological Survey in 1919 as a biological assistant in rodent control work. In 1929 he was put in charge of the Bureau's predator and rodent control work in the State of Washington. While there he also supervised the administration of the Bureau's 9 migratory-bird refuges in that State, and was chairman of the wildlife committee of the State Planning Council.

Mr. Couch was secretary of the Pacific Northwest Bird and Mammal Society 10 years, is a charter member of the American Society of Mammalogists, and a member of Epsilon Sigma Phi, Extension Service fraternity.

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