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THOMAS G. SCOTT TO DIRECT WORK
AT IOWA WILDLIFE RESEARCH UNIT

Appointment of Thomas G. Scott, extension wildlife specialist in Iowa, as leader of the Iowa Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at Ames, is announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. He succeeds Dr. Logan J. Bennett, who on March 1 took charge of the work at the newly established wildlife research unit at Pennsylvania State College.

The Iowa unit was organized September 24, 1935, under a cooperative agreement by the State Conservation Commission, the Iowa State College, the American Wildlife Institute, and the U. S. Biological Survey. Wildlife being studied in the research projects include the ring-necked pheasant, bobwhite quail, waterfowl, cottontail rabbit, raccoon, muskrat, and skunk. Graduate students holding scholarships assist in the research work by compiling life histories of important native species of wildlife and working out management problems. Trial demonstration areas are also maintained for studying ring-necked pheasant, bobwhite, and other wildlife, and improved management methods are being applied within the region.

As a specialist in wildlife conservation for the Iowa State Extension Service since October 1935, Mr. Scott has helped advance the program for wildlife improvement on Iowa farms. He also is the author of several bulletins on birds and mammals, his most recent being "Mammals of Iowa." Mr. Scott received his B. S. and M. S. degrees from Iowa State College, where he has completed work toward a Ph. D. degree.

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