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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE OFFICIAL RETIRES

An employee of the Fish and Wildlife Service (and its predecessor agency, the Bureau of Biological Survey) for more than 32 successive years out of 36½ years in the Federal Government service, Thomas E. Jacoby, Personnel Officer, retired from official life on December 31, 1948, it was announced today by Albert M. Day, Director of the Service.

Mr. Jacoby exercised the right of optional retirement at the age of 55. Entering Federal Service in his 18th year, Mr. Jacoby served with the Civil Service Commission from July 1912 to September 1916. After six weeks in the Office of the Surgeon General, War Department, he transferred to the Bureau of Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, on October 25, 1916, as a clerk.

"It is with genuine reluctance that the Service loses the abilities of such an excellent official as Mr. Jacoby," commented Director Day. "He will be sincerely missed. From the very day he joined our organization he took hold of his work with ability and enthusiasm. He advanced through the ranks to become personnel officer in June 1945 because of his loyalty, diligence, and the high quality of his services."

Mr. Jacoby was born in Wallbert, Lehigh County, Pa., on December 29, 1893. With his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Olmsted Jacoby, he lives at 816 B Street, N. E., in Washington.

At a Christmas party in honor of Mr. Jacoby, Director Day presented him, on behalf of his co-workers, with a gift order for \$100 on Brentano's Book Store, and an initialed cowhide briefcase.