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The retirement on January 31 of Theodore S. Kibbe, assistant regional director of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Region 3, with headquarters at Minneapolis, Minn., and the appointment of Robert W. Burwell to succeed him, was announced today by Service Director Albert M. Day. The Service is an agency of the Department of the Interior.

Mr. Kibbe, 55, has spent all of his 32 years of public service in the employ of the Fish and Wildlife Service and its predecessor agency, the Bureau of Fisheries. Following a year of military service during World War I, he joined the Bureau of Fisheries in January 1920 as an apprentice fish-car messenger. He progressed through the ranks to become assistant regional director of Region 2, headquartered in Albuquerque, N. Mex., on January 1, 1945. In July 1945 he was transferred to his present post in Region 3.

As superintendent of various fish-cultural stations, Mr. Kibbe contributed many valuable improvements now used generally, among them being a method of bulk transportation of green salmon eggs that saved many millions of these eggs over the years during spawn-taking activities. He also perfected studies on the use of malachite green as a prophylactic measure in treating hatchery waters, and conducted a successful experiment on heating water for trout stations having too cold a water supply.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions in the field of fish and wildlife conservation and administration, Mr. Kibbe recently received the highest honor of the Department of the Interior, its Distinguished Service Award, from Secretary Oscar L. Chapman.

Robert W. Burwell, who will report for duty in the Minneapolis Regional Office on January 26 to succeed Mr. Kibbe, is presently stationed in Billings, Mont., where he has been in charge of the Service's River Basin Studies Program in the Missouri River Basin since July 1951.

Mr. Burwell was born in Winsted, Conn., on September 8, 1915. In July 1937 he received his B.S. degree in Forestry from the University of Michigan. He joined the Fish and Wildlife Service on February 1, 1946, as regional supervisor of River Basin Studies in Region 2 at Albuquerque, N. Mex. Prior to that time he had served for nearly seven years with the Corps of Engineers, War Department, Tulsa, Okla., in various positions involving conservation and recreation features on reservoir lands in the Tulsa Engineer District.

During World War II, Mr. Burwell was an Army lieutenant at Ft. Sill, Okla., engaged in aerial mapping.

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