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CAREER EMPLOYEE NAMED NEW SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR
FOR FEDERAL WILDLIFE AGENCY

C. Edward Carlson, Chief of the Wildlife Research Division of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, has been appointed regional director for that agency in Atlanta, Georgia, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced.

Carlson will replace Walter A. Gresh, a 1964 recipient of the Department's Distinguished Service Award, who will retire in December after more than 29 years of Federal service.

Gresh joined the Fish and Wildlife Service in August 1939 and was promoted to regional director in 1954 with responsibilities in eleven southeastern States. He had previously worked for the Pennsylvania Game Commission, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the West Virginia Conservation Commission.

Secretary Udall called Gresh a recognized authority in the field of fish and wildlife conservation and said he intends to utilize his extensive experience by assigning Gresh to make a highly specialized and much needed cooperative wildlife management study in the near future.

Carlson, 52, is a forestry and wildlife management graduate of the University of Minnesota, and worked for the Minnesota Department of Conservation from 1939 to 1947. He was Assistant Professor of Forestry, University of Florida prior to joining the Bureau in 1948. In 1957, after regional and central office assignments, he returned to Washington as assistant chief of the Bureau's wildlife research division.

A widely respected expert in the wildlife field, Carlson represented the United States in the recent international meeting to develop conservation measures for the polar bear.

John Gottschalk, Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, said, "I am happy we have such a highly qualified man to step in and fill the very large shoes being vacated by Walter Gresh."

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