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Stanley A. Cain, President of the Society for 1957-58, received his B.S. at Butler University in 1924, his M.A. and Ph.D. in Botany from the University of Chicago in 1927 and 1930, respectively. He has held appointments in a number of institutions including Butler University, Indiana University, Waterman Institute, University of Tennessee, American Army University, Biarritz, France, Cranbrook Institute of Science, UNESCO (Technical Mission to Brazil) and currently is Professor of Conservation and Chairman, Department of Conservation, and Professor of Botany, University of Michigan.

He has authored several books, including "Foundations of Plant Geography" and "Manual of Vegetation Analysis". Over one hundred technical papers bear his name in such varied specialities as plant ecology and geography, palynology, and conservation.

His current research interests include composition and structure of vegetation and relations of vegetation to land management; methodology in the study of vegetation and ecology; the ecological basis of conservation; demography in relation to resource development and use.

In addition, Stan has, to his great credit, an amazing list of contributions to the demanding duties of office in a large number of professional organizations and societies. These include: A.A.A.S., Secretary of Section G and vice-President; Botanical Society of America, Editorial Board, President of northeastern Section; Society for the Study of Evolution, Secretary; National Research Council, various committees; Biological Abstracts, Director; Conservation Foundation, various committees; Soil Conservation Society of America, vice-President, various committees and Director of Region 4; National Science Foundation, Panel Member on Environmental Biology.

His contributions to the Ecological Society have been and continue to be many: they include numerous committee assignments, Treasurer, Editorial Board, vice-President and now President.


THE GEORGE MERCER AWARD—1957

The winner of the George Mercer Award for 1957 is Dr. John J. Christian of the Naval Medical Research Institute. The award was given to Dr. Christian on the basis of his 1956 paper—"Adrenal and reproductive responses to population size in mice from freely growing populations", ECOLOGY 37:258-273. He received his A.B. in 1939 from Princeton University (cum Laude in Biology), went to Medical School, Columbia University for 2½ years leaving there to work in Aeronautical Engineering. During one semester in Engineering at University of Michigan, he worked part time for Dr. William H. Burt in the Department of Mammalogy. From 1944 to 1946, he served in a U.S. Navy P.T. boat Squadron in the Moluccas and Philippines spending his spare time collecting and painting fish and birds. From 1946-1947, he was assistant leader, Pennsylvania Mammal Survey under the direction of Dr. J. K.