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Our new president is the third to be elected by the Society from the University of Wisconsin. He holds the rank of professor in the Department of Zoology and served as its department chairman in 1953. Although a Westerner by birth (Lehi, Utah, 1908) and early training (Brigham Young University, B.A. 1932), he has been at the University of Wisconsin since completing his doctorate under Professor Chancy Juday, the eleventh president of the Society.

His research interests cover a wide range in hydrobiology including fish migration and orientation, increasing fish productivity in lakes and the use of radio-isotopes in hydrobiology. His work on the role of sense of smell in orientation to parent stream is a major contribution to fish behavior.

In addition to his contributions in teaching and research, Dr. Hasler has been instrumental in obtaining major additions to the facilities and plant for hydrobiological research at his institution.

Art's reputation for getting things done extends beyond his University, including both state and national agencies. A sampling of his efforts includes service to the following: The Advisory Committee to Eniwetoc of ONR-AEC, Research Advisory Committee on Biology of ONR, The National Committee on Hydrobiology, The National Science Foundation's Committees on Biological Stations and Facilities and Environmental Biology, and the National Research Council's Committee on Graduate Fellowships.

Other evidence of scholarship and industry are: Fulbright Research Scholar in Germany 1945-55, Fellow of AAAS, and Fellow of the Philadelphia Academy of Science. He is a member of a number of scientific societies a few of which include the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography (president, 1951), American Society of Naturalists (vice-president, 1959), American Society of Zoologists, American Fish Society, American Wildlife Society and, of course, The Ecological Society of America.

A sampling of Dr. Hasler's long list of contributions should also mention that he is the father of six talented children and has been a French horn player for 25 years in the Madison Civic Symphony.

The enumeration of the accomplishments of a man portray little about the man himself. Although I have known Art personally for only a few years, I have found him warm and friendly, possessed of a quiet good humor and generous with his time and talents. I take pleasure in introducing Dr. Arthur D. Hasler to those members of the Society who do not already have the pleasure of knowing him. We wish him well in his term as our forty-fifth President.

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