

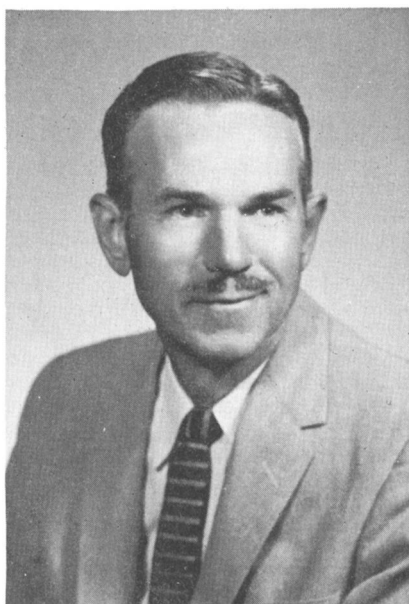
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President, Rexford Daubenmire

The new president of the Ecological Society was born in Coldwater, Ohio, in 1909. He obtained a B.S. degree from Butler University, Magna cum laude, in 1930, a M.S. from the University of Colorado in 1932, and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1935.

After the last graduation he filled a temporary vacancy in the Botany Department at the University of Tennessee, then went on to the University of Idaho where he remained for 10 years before moving nine miles farther west to Washington State University, where he is still located, his present status being Professor of Botany.

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In the Ecological Society he has been Chairman and vice-Chairman of the Western Section, a member of the Editorial Board, the Survey and Planning Committee, Committee on Vegetation, Committee on Applied Ecology, and the Council at Large. Elsewhere he has served on the Executive Committee of the Western Section of the A.A.A.S., and similar capacities in the Northwest Scientific Association, Grassland Research Foundation, Pacific Science Association, Nature Conservancy and Sigma Xi, and has been ecological consultant for governmental agencies and in litigations.

His research interests as shown in over 60 publications have included temperature and drouth tolerance, phenology of tree growth, plant geography, studies of vegetation mosaics as controlled by climate, soil and fire, vegetation classification and community theory. A textbook of plant autecology, first published in 1947, is still widely used.

In 1938 he married Jean Boomer, who has an M.S. degree in plant ecology and has assisted her husband in most of his field work. They have one daughter, Janet.