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William A. Dreyer, President of the Society for 1956-57, was born March 7, 1904, at Chicago, Illinois. He received his A.B. degree from the University of Illinois in 1926 and a Ph. D. in zoology from the University of Chicago in 1931. He was a student of the late Warder C. Allee, of whom he has been a great personal admirer and follower in the teaching of community ecology, animal behavior and socio-biology

He is Professor of Zoology at the University of Cincinnati where he has been located since 1931 teaching laboratory and field ecology, animal biology, invertebrate zoology and evolution. In 1940-41 he taught marine and fresh-water ecology at the Long Island Biological Station, Cold Spring Harbor, New York. In addition to his teaching duties at the University of Cincinnati, he is chairman of premedical recommendations and director of the ornithological research program at that institution.

His research work has dealt with respiration and water content of ants and the ecological conditions of ant mounds. In 1948 he held a Fellowship at the E. N. Huyck Preserve, Rensselaerville, New York, for study of the environmental conditions and micro-habitat of ant nests, which is his present field of interest.

During the last fifteen years Buck has devoted much of his spare time to the work and interests of the Ecological Society of America, serving as Secretary from 1942-47, Vice-President, 1948 and Council member, 1949-50. He was instrumental in establishing the archives of the Society in the University of Cincinnati Library and has been chairman of the Committee on Historical Records since 1952.