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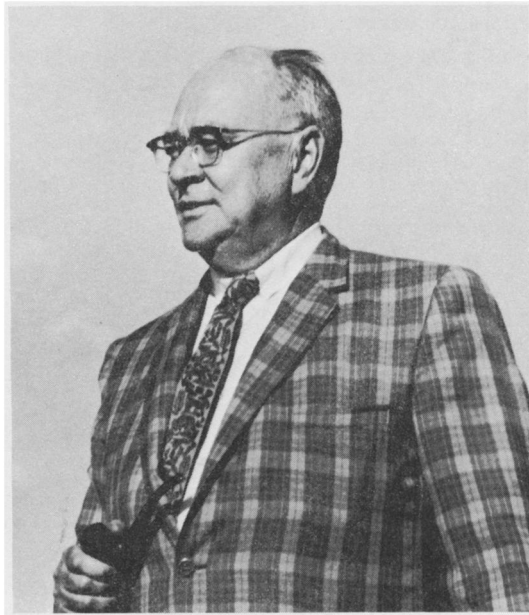
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## PRESIDENT, BOSTWICK H. KETCHUM

The new President of the Ecological Society was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1912 and received his A.B. degree from Bard College, Columbia University, in 1934 and his Ph.D. degree from Harvard University in 1938. He was awarded the honorary Sc.D. degree by Bard College in 1964. As a graduate student he held a research fellowship at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution during three consecutive summers and participated on his first oceanographic cruise on ATLANTIS in 1934. He worked as a research assistant at the Biological Laboratories at Harvard University and taught biology at Long Island University prior to returning to Woods Hole as a full time member of the staff in 1940. In 1936 he married Emily King and they have three children (two sons who are studying science in graduate school, one at M.I.T. and one at the University of Massachusetts and a daughter who is enjoying her sophomore year at Vassar.)

He is Associate Director for Biology and Chemistry at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and Lecturer on Biological Oceanography at Harvard. During his 25 years on the staff of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution he has been chief scientist on a score of oceanographic expeditions sailing from Woods Hole and has been at sea on practically all of the vessels the Institution has operated over the last 20 years.

He has served on many national committees, including the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Atomic Radiation in Relation to Oceanography, Marine Biology, and Fisheries, the American Institute of Biological Sciences Committee on Hydrobiology, The National Science Foundation Advisory Panel for Environmental Biology, and the Advisory Screening Committee for Biology and Agriculture for awards under the Fulbright and Smith-Mundt acts. He has been consultant to the U.S. Public Health Service since 1953 and has taken part in several international meetings, including the Second International Conference on Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy in Geneva in 1958, and is Convenor of the Marine Productivity Sectional Committee of the International Biological Programme. He was Vice President of the Ecological Society of America in 1962 and has been Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President, and President of the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography.

His research interests have included the nutrition of phytoplankton algae, the subject of his doctorate thesis, the cycle of nutrients in the sea and their relationship to primary productivity. During the second World War he worked for the Navy on the problems of the growth of fouling organisms on ships hulls and was coeditor and author of substantial parts of the book MARINE FOULING AND ITS PREVENTION. After the war, in addition to his continuing interest in phytoplankton nutrition, his interests have included the circulation in estuaries and the effects of the circulation on the distribution of planktonic populations. He has published more than 50 papers in the scientific literature.

