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Thomas Park, our new president, was born in Danville, Illinois in 1908. He received his bachelors and doctorate degrees at the University of Chicago in 1930 and 1932, majoring in zoology. He was awarded a National Research Fellowship at Johns Hopkins University from 1933 to 1935, following which he accepted an appointment as Instructor in Biology in that Institution. In 1937 his alma mater persuaded him to return to Chicago in the department of zoology and since 1947 he has held the rank of Professor there.

The field of laboratory population ecology is his special research interest and in this field he has made a number of significant contributions.

Reflecting his stature as a scholar are a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship at Oxford University in 1948 and a Visiting Professorship at the University of California in 1952.

Tom's reputation for sound judgment and expeditious handling of important scientific problems has brought his way an impressive array of duties including: Scientific Attache, American Embassy, London; Member, Board of Directors, AAAS; Panel Member, Environmental Biology, National Science Foundation; Collaborator, **Acta Biotheoretica**; Zoological Adviser, **Encyclopaedia Britannica**; Member Editorial Boards of **American Naturalist** and **Quarterly Review of Biology**; and Editor of **Physiological Zoology**.

Tom Park's name is on the rolls of a number of scientific societies, and ecologists are proud to have him at the helm in our society as president. No stranger to the workings of the society, he was Editor of **Ecology** for ten years and has served on many of its committees. We are happy to wish our new president well and to introduce him to those not as yet having had the pleasure of meeting him.