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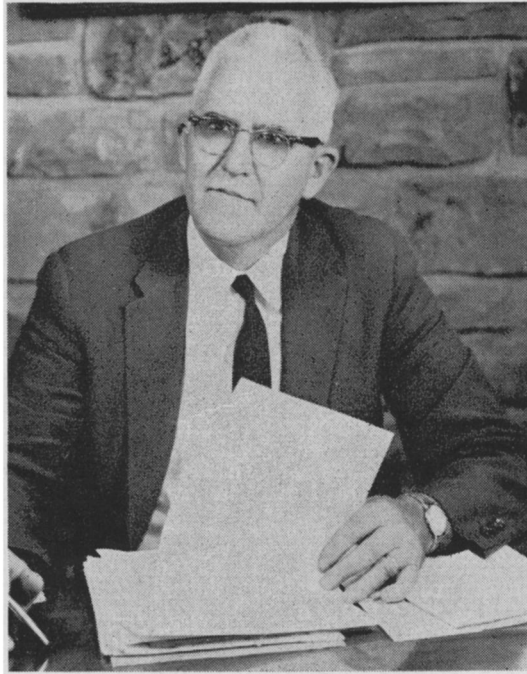
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PRESIDENT JOHN F. REED

The new president of the Ecological Society was born in Rockport, Maine, in 1911, grew up in New England, and received his A. B. degree from Dartmouth College in 1933. He did his graduate work in the Department of Botany at Duke University, receiving the A. M. degree in 1935 and the Ph. D. in 1936. In 1934 he was married to Mildred Stites, also a graduate student in botany, and they have three sons.

John began his teaching career at Amarillo Junior College in Amarillo, Texas, in the fall of 1936. In 1938 he became instructor of Biology at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, being advanced to Associate Professor and becoming Dean of Men in 1941. After the War, in 1946, he moved to the University of Wyoming, where he taught for ten years. From 1952-56 he acted as manager for the University's Summer Science Camp in the Medicine Bow Mountains, and was assigned to the Jackson Hole Wildlife Park in Teton County, Wyoming, to work with the animal behaviorists there.

During 1951-52 President Reed and his family lived in Ruyigi, Ruanda-Urundi, Africa, where he served as plant ecologist on a pedo-botanical mission sponsored by the Economic Cooperation Administration and the Belgian Government.

In 1956 John went to the University of New Hampshire as Dean of the Graduate School, Coordinator of Research, and Professor of Botany. During his six years there, he became increasingly involved with administrative duties, serving at various times as special assistant to the President, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Vice-President, and finally as Acting-President of the University. In 1962, he was appointed President of Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, a new, state-supported, liberal arts college.

President Reed's contributions to professional and governmental organizations include serving as a member of the Environmental Biology panel of the National Science Foundation, 1956-60; of the National Advisory Dental Research Council of the National Institutes of Health, 1959-63, and Chairman of its Program Planning Committee in 1962-63; as Secretary of the Ecological Society, 1953-57, and as Chairman of its Ecology Study Committee, 1963. He has published a number of papers in plant anatomy and ecology.