REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE REELFOOT LAKE BIOLOGICAL STATION

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The thirty-fourth summer session of this research facility that is operated by the Tennessee Academy of Science through an appropriation from the State of Tennessee indicates that our activities are restricted to intense research by a few investigators. They are chosen for their ability and interest in problems relating to the lake and the vicinity and their adaptability to a very unusual environment.

Dr. Robert J. Schoffman of the Griffin High School, Springfield, Illinois, spent his twenty-seventh consecutive season studying the growth rate of certain fishes of the lake and comparing his results with those he obtained two decades ago.

Drs. W. D. Fattig and J. T. Darlington of Southwestern College spent numerous week ends at the Station supervising the research of several college students engaged in the Undergraduate Research Participation Program of the National Science Foundation. Classes from nearby colleges and universities and participants in summer institute programs also used our facilities for brief periods.

A severe hail storm necessitated our installing a new roof on the building and other minor repairs were made. While the Station is officially open only during June, July and August it is possible for special groups to use our limited facilities, especially for brief periods, in the spring months. There is no caretaker and, despite many window shutters and locks, the building is entered illegally each year. Each fall the boats are stored, all water pipes are drained and all possible doors and windows are locked. Each time the Station is used, even for a brief period, it necessitates that the Director make a special trip from Memphis to open the building and then another trip to close up and prepare the equipment again to prevent weather damage, especially freezing. Thus it is not expedient nor convenient to allow use of the Station to groups who wish to avoid the expense of nearby motels. Living facilities are limited to six people and it is not practical to try to accommodate classes of fifteen to twenty students. It may be convenient for groups to "camp out" at the Station but, until additional funds are available, we must limit the use of the Station to three summer months.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE REELFOOT LAKE BIOLOGICAL STATION

FOR THE PERIOD, JANUARY 1, 1964 - JANUARY 1, 1966

For the Year 1964

Balance on Hand January 1, 1964 $1,454.08
Expenditures to July 1, 1964:
  Printing of Report for 1964 $1,262.07
  Scholarship 100.00
  Operating Expense 92.01
Total $1,454.08

Balance on Hand July 1, 1964 0.00
Appropriation by the State of Tennessee, July 1, 1964 $3,000.00
Expenditures to January 1, 1965:
  Scholarship and Salary $1,100.00
  Operating Expense 65.13
  Automobile Expense 178.96
Total $1,344.09
Balance on Hand January 1, 1965 $1,655.91

For the Year 1965

Balance on Hand January 1, 1965 $1,655.91
Expenditures to July 1, 1965:
  Printing of Report for 1965 $1,318.19
  Scholarship 200.00
  Operating Expense 137.72
Total $1,655.91

Balance on Hand July 1, 1965 0.00
Appropriation by the State of Tennessee, July 1, 1965 $3,000.00
Expenditures to January 1, 1966:
  Scholarship and Salary $1,000.00
  Operating Expense 121.95
  Automobile Expense 146.00
  Repair (New Roof) 290.90
Total $1,558.85
Balance on Hand January 1, 1966 $1,441.15