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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF REELFOOT
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The 1957 summer session of the biological station was the twenty-seventh consecutive session of this cooperative activity between the State of Tennessee and the Tennessee Academy of Science. The unusual rainfall kept the lake at a higher than normal level and enabled us to park our boats at our front steps for most of the session. The road leading to the Station was under water for a part of the summer and resulted in fewer visitors and considerable privacy for the workers.

Dr. Robert J. Schoffman of the Spalding Institute, Peoria, Illinois, was again in residence for the session and spent his twentieth consecutive summer of investigation on a study of the age and rate of growth of the yellow bass (*Morone interrupta*). This fish exhibits a normal growth rate despite the fact that it is taken in considerable quantities by both sports fishermen and commercial fishermen.

Floyd M. Ford of Austin Peay State College, Clarksville, Tennessee, spent part of the session working on the taxonomy of the Collembola as part of his research at Vanderbilt University.

A class in ecology and herpetology from the University of Wisconsin visited the Station in March led by Dr. Hugh Iltis. A group of twelve biology teachers of high schools of Memphis spent a week-end at the Station in October as part of their in-service training.

The Station continues as a field of operation and research for Reelfoot Lake and vicinity and the few investigators who use its facilities have found it profitable and advantageous.