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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE REELFOOT LAKE PROGRAM

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The establishment of the Reelfoot Lake Biological Station in 1932 paved the way for a great deal of biological research in a unique environment. During the past year the Director has compiled a preliminary bibliography relating to the Reelfoot Lake area. Although not all of the work listed in this bibliography was completed at the Station, the 211 citations indicate that much interest has been generated about the lake and its immediate surroundings. Copies of this bibliography may be obtained from the Director upon request.

The active life of the present Reelfoot Lake Biological Station has effectively ended. Time and vandalism have taken their toll on the building and in its current state it is considered unsafe for use. The Reelfoot Lake Advisory Committee and the Director are of the opinion

that the Academy should terminate its lease of the grounds on which the Station now stands and should pursue the establishment of a modest station at a different lake site. In view of the current economic situation, prospects for the development of a large, multipurpose station seem very dim. However, the project will be pursued in order to stimulate research and encourage field instruction in the sciences. Comments and suggestions from the membership of the Academy are invited.

During the past few years the Academy has provided scholarship support for students attending Tech Aqua on Center Hill Reservoir. The provision of such scholarships is in keeping with the long history of the Academy in encouraging field study.



Typical terrain of Reelfoot Lake, Tennessee demonstrating the natural beauty of our environment