

## A NEW PROGRAM FOR THE FRANZ THEODORE STONE LABORATORY

The Franz Theodore Stone Laboratory at Put-in-Bay, Ohio has been the site of Ohio's principal biological station since 1925. Many teachers and scientists in Ohio schools, colleges, and universities and in bordering states have benefited from the field courses, research and experiences enjoyed at this pleasant island location. The summer teaching program scheduled to open there on June 18, 1956 marks the beginning of the seventh decade of continuous operation by The Ohio State University of a summer biological station in the Lake Erie area. This year also marks the return to the practice of offering courses at the Laboratory through established departments on the campus.

The program for 1956 has been planned by the departments of Botany and Zoology for advanced undergraduate and graduate students who wish to round out their training with appropriate field courses. It has also been planned to meet the needs of general science and biology teachers interested in gaining a more complete knowledge of field biology and in collecting material for class room use. Courses in algae, field zoology, invertebrate zoology, limnology, and ornithology will be given during the summer of 1956.

An inter-institutional committee has been appointed to aid in the development of a long-range program designed to fill the needs of Ohio colleges and universities for instruction and research opportunities in the field aspects of biology which are often lacking or difficult to provide through on-campus programs. The committee will welcome suggestions from interested persons for developing and implementing the program.

The Institute of Hydrobiology, which existed at the Laboratory as a separate department from 1938 to October 1, 1955, has been discontinued. Its personnel and courses have been incorporated into the appropriate campus departments. Use of the facilities of the Laboratory has been made the responsibility of a Natural Resources Institute created by the University Board of Trustees in the same action which dissolved the Institute of Hydrobiology. In their action the Trustees emphasized that every effort be made to secure the fullest use of the Laboratory facilities for instruction and research. It is hoped that through the inter-institutional committee full use of the facilities for research and teaching will be developed.

Anyone interested in using the facilities for research or in sending students to the Laboratory for courses or research work is invited to address his inquiry to the Director of the Natural Resources Institute at The Ohio State University, Columbus 10, Ohio, who is serving as chairman of the inter-institutional committee for the Laboratory. A brochure describing course offerings and research opportunities will be sent on request.

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