

RECENT DEATHS

DR. W. S. FRANKLIN, who retired last year from the professorship of physics and electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was killed in an automobile accident on June 6. Dr. Franklin was driving north from Florida, where he had served during the winter as visiting professor at Rollins College. He was sixty-seven years old.

DR. A. R. CROOK, who for twenty-four years has been chief of the Illinois State Museum at Springfield, Illinois, died on May 30 at the age of sixty-six years.

DR. H. J. B. FRY, pathologist at the Cancer Hospital, London, died on May 5 from an infection acquired at a post-mortem examination. He was forty-four years of age.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE PROPOSED SUBTROPICAL NATIONAL PARK IN FLORIDA

SECRETARY WILBUR, of the Department of the Interior, has announced that the departmental committee of experts designated by him to make an examination of the availability of the Everglades in the Cape Sable region of Florida for a subtropical national park has completed its investigation, and would report that the project measured up to the high standards prescribed for national park establishment.

He stated that the prospective educational value of the area equals at least, if it may not exceed, that of any existing national park, and that the area should be preserved to protect the primitive character of the country and its abounding wild life so that it may be enjoyed in its natural state by future generations as well as those of our time. For these reasons, he said, he would himself recommend it to Congress for approval as a project.

The committee of experts consisted of Director Horace M. Albright and Associate Director Arno B. Cammerer, of the National Park Service; E. K. Burlew, administrative assistant to the secretary, and acting as the latter's personal representative; Superintendent Roger W. Toll, of the Yellowstone National Park; Dr. Hermon C. Bumpus, of the American Association of Museums; Dr. T. Gilbert Pearson, president of the National Association of Audubon Societies, and Dr. M. W. Stirling, chief of the Bureau of American Ethnology.

The detailed official report embodying the committee's recommendations is in course of preparation. The announcement says:

The Cape Sable region of Florida, site of this pros-

MEMORIALS

To commemorate the life and work of Dr. Herbert Steuer, on the second anniversary of his death, the Steuer Memorial Prize was awarded to William A. Sommerfield, a junior in the School of Medicine of Western Reserve University. Dr. Steuer was electrocuted on June 6, 1928, while making an X-ray examination of a patient. Friends of his established the memorial, the income from which goes each year to an investigator who does meritorious work in the department of anatomy of Western Reserve University.

THE Cole Library, in memory of the late Professor Alfred Dodge Cole, in the Mendenhall Laboratory of the Ohio State University, was opened for the use of students and faculty, with the spring quarter. The library will be supported by a fund of \$50,000 which is being collected by engineers and other alumni who are particularly interested in physics. More than \$22,000 has already been pledged.

pective national park, is fifty miles nearer the equator than any other section in the United States and presents an area of tropical America in flora and fauna encountered nowhere else in the United States. One interesting observation made generally by the members of the committee was that their original conception of the Everglades as an impassable tropical jungle, festooned with lianas and with miasmatic swamps, full of alligators, crocodiles and venomous snakes, was entirely shattered by their views of extensive coastal prairies and tropical hammocks. The inspection was made by dirigible, and by motor boats and skiffs.

EXPEDITION TO GREENLAND OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

PROFESSOR WILLIAM H. HOBBS, of the geology department of the University of Michigan, while remaining in Ann Arbor, will direct a fourth expedition to Greenland, made possible through a recent gift of \$5,000 by the Carnegie Institution of Washington for a twelve months' continuance of earlier studies. Professor Hobbs will direct the work partly by wireless.

Plans are under way for the establishment of two aerological stations—one in Ivigtut, on the western coast of south Greenland, and another in Anmagsalik, in southeastern Greenland, both south of the Arctic Circle. The Michigan observers will cooperate with Professor Alfred Wegener, who has already reached Greenland at the head of a large expedition which includes twenty scientists.

Professor Wegener will establish three similar stations stretching in a line across the ice cap of Greenland in the latitude of Umanak. One of these stations will be situated on the top of the ice cap and near the remote center of the continent. All five stations will