

veloped into a leading center of ichthyological and fisheries research.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "It is with deep regret that we record the untimely death of Dr. I. C. Wen, which occurred in the Peiping Medical College Hospital on Monday morning, April 17, after a prolonged illness. Dr. Wen was born on October 16, 1899, a native of Hupeh. He graduated from Tsing Hua College in 1922. Subsequently he took his Ph.B. in 1924 and Ph.D. in 1927 at the University of Chicago. He became a laboratory assistant in neurology in 1926-1927 at the University of Chicago and a Rockefeller Foundation fellow in anatomy in the department of anatomy at the Johns Hopkins Medical School in 1927-29. Dr. Wen was a member of Sigma Xi. Upon his return to China, Dr. Wen joined the Peiping Union Medical College in 1929, first as assistant in anatomy and then associate in 1931 and assistant professor of anatomy from 1934 until his death. Dr. Wen was a brilliant student in the fields of embryology and neurology."

A PLAQUE was unveiled recently at the Ohio State

University in honor of Dr. John A. Bownocker, who died on November 2, 1928. At the dedication services Dr. Charles Foulk, of the department of chemistry, and Dr. Wilber Stout, successor to Dr. Bownocker as state geologist, were the principal speakers. Dr. J. Ernest Carman, of the department of geology, formally presented the plaque to the university. It was accepted by Acting President William McPherson. The tablet, the work of Professor Erwin F. Frey, of the department of fine arts, carries this inscription: "John Adams Bownocker, 1865-1928, BSC 1889, DSC 1897, Ohio State University, Professor of Geology Ohio State University 1898-1928, State Geologist Geological Survey of Ohio 1906-1928. The consuming interests of his life were his native state of Ohio, its geology and its university. He gave to them 30 years of devoted service as teacher and geologist. To Ohio State University he bequeathed his entire estate as an endowment for the work of the department of geology. To his students and his colleagues he left the memory of a rugged unswerving character, rough hewn like the rocks of his own geology."

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### THE LAKE LABORATORY OF THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

THE Lake Laboratory of the Ohio State University on Gibraltar Island near Put-in-Bay has now a year-around program, with continuous study of problems important to the Lake Erie fishing industries. Formerly the laboratory was open only in the summer for courses in advanced biology. Dr. Thomas H. Langlois is director of the laboratory, which has a special staff of instructors and lecturers.

The laboratory serves as headquarters for administration of the fisheries of Ohio, with Dr. Langlois as chief of the Bureau of Fish Management and Propagation of the Ohio Division of Conservation. The operation of twelve inland fish farms is directed from there, fish management agents from eleven districts report to Dr. Langlois, and commercial fishermen make reports of their catches to the laboratory.

Studies of the trends of the fisheries and the success of the fishermen thus are combined with studies of the life-histories of important species, to the end that the laboratory "may discover the factors limiting the abundance of important species of fish and point the way toward an effective conservation program."

Three quarters of the year are devoted to this phase of its work. In the summer the laboratory turns its attention to courses for students in advanced biology. Provision has been made this summer for living quarters for couples and small families, making it

possible for students to take their families with them to the lake.

The staff, in addition to Dr. Langlois, includes Dr. Charles F. Walker and Dr. David C. Chandler, who work at the laboratory all the year. Several other members of the faculty of the Ohio State University will work there during the summer. Dr. Ralph V. Bangham, Wooster College; Dr. William F. Hahnert, the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware; Dr. Bertil G. Anderson and Dr. Earl L. Core, both of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, will also join the staff of the laboratory. There will be week-end lectures on the bird-life of the lake regions.

Expansion of the program of the lake laboratory has come as a result of an agreement completed last year between the university and the Ohio Division of Conservation, whereby the laboratory assumes responsibility for the division's fisheries research program. In return the conservation division has helped to provide new living quarters for faculty and students, and conservation hatcheries have been made available to the laboratory.

### THE BATTELLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

CONTRACTS have been let by the Battelle Memorial Institute, Columbus, Ohio, for the construction of a new research laboratory to take care of the expanding volume of industrial research.

Clyde E. Williams, director of the laboratory, points