will direct the expedition, which will study the nesting practices, habitat, and migration of the scarlet ibis and other bird life of the area. Dr. Zahl hopes to locate colonies of the scarlet ibis in rookeries deep in the flooded llanos of Venezuela’s State of Apure, which can be reached only by small boat or horseback. The birds are reported to have sought refuge with herons, other ibis varieties, and possibly spoonbills.

Dr. Zahl will make his headquarters in San Fernando, where he will be joined by native helpers. The government of Venezuela will cooperate with him to further the work of the project. The expedition will be assisted by William Phelps, resident associate in Caracas of the American Museum of Natural History.

The new system of electrical measurement using absolute units, adopted by the International Conference of Weights and Measures and officially instituted January 1, 1948, is described in a new booklet, Circular C475, Establishment and Maintenance of the Electrical Units, published by the National Bureau of Standards and available at 25 cents a copy from the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. The booklet gives an account of the working, history, and maintenance of the international system of electrical units. Also described are the methods used in the measurements that now form the basis for the absolute units, in which all certifications for standards and instruments are given by the National Bureau of Standards.

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Journal of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Commonwealth of Australia. (Quarterly publication.) Direct inquiries to J. J. Gourley, Govt. Printer, Melbourne, Australia.


Cochise and Mogollon Sites, Pine Lawn Valley, Western New Mexico, by Paul S. Martin, John B. Rinaldo, and Ernst Antevs. (Fieldiana: Anthropology, Vol. 38, No. 1.) Issued by Chicago Natural History Museum, Chicago, Ill. $3.50.


El Alia (series of papers on the native plants of California), Vol. 2, #1, including “A Long Term Test of Seed Longevity.” Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Route 3, Anaheim, Calif. $5.00 per volume.


Guide to the Collection of Rocks in the British Museum. (2nd ed.) Order from British Museum (Natural History), London, S. W. 7. One shilling.


The deadline for the receipt of nominations by fellows of the AAAS for the Theobald Smith Award in Medical Sciences, established in 1936 by Eli Lilly and Company, has been extended to October 30. For the conditions of this annual award, which consists of $1,000, a bronze medal, and travel expenses up to $150, see Science, July 15, p. 80. Nominations should be sent to Dr. Gordon K. Moe, secretary of Section N, Medical School, University of Michigan, during September, and to Dr. Malcolm H. Soule, chairman of the Award Committee, same address, during October.

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