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Field Museum is open every day of the year (except Christmas and New Year's Day) during the hours indicated below:

November, December, January, February	9 A.M. to 4 P.M.
March, April, September, October	9 A.M. to 5 P.M.
May, June, July, August	9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Admission is free to Members on all days. Other adults are admitted free on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays; non-members pay 25 cents on other days. Children are admitted free on all days. Students and faculty members of educational institutions are admitted free any day upon presentation of credentials.

The Museum's natural history Library is open for reference daily except Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Traveling exhibits are circulated in the schools of Chicago by the N. W. Harris Public School Extension Department of the Museum.

Lectures for schools, and special entertainments and tours for children at the Museum, are provided by the James Nelson and Anna Louise Raymond Foundation for Public School and Children's Lectures.

Announcements of free illustrated lectures for the public, and special lectures for Members of the Museum, will appear in FIELD MUSEUM NEWS.

A cafeteria in the Museum serves visitors. Rooms are provided for those bringing their lunches.

Chicago Motor Coach Company No. 26 buses go direct to the Museum.

Members are requested to inform the Museum promptly of changes of address.

MEMBERSHIP IN FIELD MUSEUM

Field Museum has several classes of Members. Benefactors give or devise \$100,000 or more. Contributors give or devise \$1,000 to \$100,000. Life Members give \$500; Non-Resident Life and Associate Members pay \$100; Non-Resident Associate Members pay \$50. All the above classes are exempt from dues. Sustaining Members contribute \$25 annually. After six years they become Associate Members. Annual Members contribute \$10 annually. Other memberships are Corporate, Honorary, Patron, and Corresponding, additions under these classifications being made by special action of the Board of Trustees.

Each Member, in all classes, is entitled to free admission to the Museum for himself, his family and house guests, and to two reserved seats for Museum lectures provided for Members. Subscription to FIELD MUSEUM NEWS is included with all memberships. The courtesies of every museum of note in the United States and Canada are extended to all Members of Field Museum. A Member may give his personal card to non-residents of Chicago, upon presentation of which they will be admitted to the Museum without charge. Further information about memberships will be sent on request.

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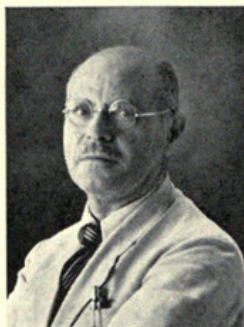
Bequests to Field Museum of Natural History may be made in securities, money, books or collections. They may, if desired, take the form of a memorial to a person or cause, named by the giver.

Contributions made within the taxable year not exceeding 15 per cent of the taxpayer's net income are allowable as deductions in computing net income for federal income tax purposes.

Endowments may be made to the Museum with the provision that an annuity be paid to the patron for life. These annuities are guaranteed against fluctuation in amount, and may reduce federal income taxes.

NOTED GERMAN BIOLOGIST JOINS MUSEUM STAFF

Dr. Fritz Haas, formerly Curator of the Department of Mollusks at the Senckenberg Museum, Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Germany, has been appointed as Curator of Lower Invertebrates at Field Museum. Dr. Haas is well known throughout the scientific world for his important biological researches, and is the author of numerous publications. He has come to America under the sponsorship of the Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced German Scholars, of New York, and the Jewish Welfare Fund, of Chicago, which are jointly furnishing funds from which part of his salary will be paid for a period of one year.



Dr. Fritz Haas

SPECIAL NOTICE

All Members of Field Museum who have changed their residence or are planning to do so are earnestly urged to notify the Museum at once of their new addresses, so that copies of FIELD MUSEUM NEWS and all other communications from the Museum may reach them promptly.

Staff Notes

Mr. Sharat K. Roy, Curator of Geology, and leader of the Sewell Avery Physical Geology Expedition, recently completed his work in northern Colorado. He returned to the Museum for a week last month, and then left for the east to continue the collecting of rocks for exhibition and study purposes, his further work being chiefly in various parts of New England and New York state.

Since his arrival in Europe in July, Dr. Henry Field, Curator of Physical Anthropology, has been collecting data for a tribal map of Iran to supplement statistics compiled during his previous expeditions and research. In addition he has assembled material for a report on the Ossetes and Yezidis of Georgia, U.S.S.R.

Mr. Phil C. Orr, Assistant in Paleontology in Field Museum's Department of Geology, has resigned to accept a position as Curator of Archaeology and Paleontology at the Santa Barbara (California) Museum of Natural History.

Mr. J. L. Jones, Field Museum's Purchasing Agent since 1929, has resigned from the staff because of extended long illness. He will resume his former residence in Florida where the climate is better suited to the state of his health.

BOTANISTS ISSUE WARNING ON NEW ILLINOIS WEED

Recently, while on the way to Rock Creek, Kankakee County, to collect plants, Curator Paul C. Standley and Assistant Curator Julian A. Steyermark of the Museum Herbarium, discovered several large and thriving colonies of a showy and rather handsome plant that proved to be the globe thistle (*Echinops sphaerocephalus*). The locality where the weeds were found is along the Governor's Highway, south of Manteno.

The globe thistle, native of the Mediterranean region, is sometimes grown for deco-

orative effects in gardens. It reaches three to six feet in height, and has numerous large, spherical heads of lead-color and purple.

In spite of the variety it gives to the roadside, the plant should be watched, or better, exterminated, for like all the thistle tribe, it is likely to prove a pernicious and dangerous weed. Certainly in this locality it gives every appearance of spreading rapidly, and being able to hold its own with the rankest native weeds along the railroad right of way and on the borders of fields.

In the Herbarium of Field Museum there is a specimen of this plant obtained in 1894 at Rockford, Illinois, but it is not known whether the plant was well established there, or perhaps still persists.—P.C.S. and J.A.S.

CURATOR OSGOOD RETURNS WITH DESERT COLLECTION

With approximately four hundred specimens of mammals, birds, and reptiles, including a number of rare and odd species, Dr. Wilfred H. Osgood, Chief Curator of the Department of Zoology, returned to Chicago August 17. Dr. Osgood left the Museum on May 15 as the leader of an expedition conducted in south central New Mexico. He was accompanied by Dr. Frank W. Gorham, of Los Angeles, and Mr. Walter F. Nichols, of Pasadena, California. The expedition, personally financed by Dr. Osgood as a contribution to the Museum, concentrated its efforts chiefly on the "white island" of sand in Tularosa basin, a desert region of some three hundred square miles, and in the adjoining territory where a black lava formation composes the ground surface.

One of the most striking specimens obtained is that of a pure cream white lizard the color of which made it almost invisible in the white Tularosa sands. Kangaroo rats were collected alive and sent to the Brookfield Zoo. Live specimens of a black mouse whose dark coloration protects it in its environment of black lava beds were sent to the Museum by airplane for use in research work. A variety of white mice inhabiting the "white island" of Tularosa was found to be scarce, and no living specimens were secured, but dried specimens were obtained, and arrangements made for live ones to be collected later.

In addition to collecting in the desert, Dr. Osgood obtained important zoological specimens also in the Mogollon mountains of New Mexico, in California, and in Colorado. After the conclusion of the expedition Dr. Osgood presented a scientific paper at the meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists held at San Francisco in July. He is a founder, and a former president, of this society, and is at present chairman of its committee on nomenclature.

FOR READERS FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTY—

Our Friendly Animals, by Karl P. Schmidt, Curator of Reptiles at Field Museum.

"An informative and attractively illustrated book on domestic mammals and their wild ancestors," says Dr. Wilfred H. Osgood, Chief Curator of Zoology. "It covers a neglected subject of interest alike to children and adults."

Copies, autographed by the author, on sale at the BOOK SHOP of FIELD MUSEUM. \$1.



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