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EUGENE MURRAY-AARON

August 4, 1852—September 19, 1940

After a long and notable career as an explorer, collector, entomologist, geographer, and lecturer, Eugene Murray-Aaron, M.D. and Sc.D., a special assistant in the Division of Insects at Field Museum for several years past, died on September 20, at the age of eighty-seven years.

Dr. Murray-Aaron was the son of prominent Quakers in Philadelphia. His father, a teacher, provided him with opportunities to develop the varied interests of his youth which were to dominate the greater part of his eventful life.

Having displayed an early fondness for natural history, especially the butterflies, he specialized on this group of insects, and published at least thirty-five papers on Lepidoptera. He served as Custodian of the Insect Division of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, as Curator of the American Entomological Society in the same city, and as editor of the entomological journals *Papilio* and *The Entomological News*.

Later he made numerous and extended explorations in various parts of the world. On a trip to the western part of Tanganyika Territory he had an encounter with a lioness which resulted in severe and lasting injuries. He served as a consul in Jamaica, explored the West Indies, and subsequently wrote his book, *Butterfly Hunters in the Caribbean*.

Few men have had the opportunity to meet so many prominent scientists, writers, explorers and statesmen as Dr. Murray-Aaron had in his long life. As a student under the great Huxley he first became acquainted with many scientists, and continued such contacts through later years. He furnished information which aided former

President Theodore Roosevelt when the latter planned his explorations in Brazil.

In his last years, while at Field Museum, he was engaged in preparing an extensive bibliographic list of North American butterflies. His great host of friends, in and outside the Museum, will indeed deeply mourn his death, for he was always willing to help others, even though it taxed his strength and consumed much of his time.—W.J.G.

Members of Museum Staff Aid National Defense

Mr. Clifford C. Gregg, Director, was ordered into active service September 1, for a period of one year as Major of Infantry in the United States Army. He has been assigned to staff duty at the Headquarters of the Sixth Corps Area, in Chicago.

Mr. Alexander Spoehr, Assistant Curator of American Ethnology and Archaeology, has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

Drafted Museum Employees Assured of Jobs, Pensions, Insurance

Employees of Field Museum who may be called into the national defense forces under the Selective Service Act are assured of reinstatement in their Museum positions upon their return to civilian life, under the policy adopted by the Board of Trustees at a meeting held September 23. In cases where their immediate replacement is necessary to efficient operation of this institution, substitutes will be employed for a term of only one year.

The Trustees took action also to provide that the Museum insurance of drafted employees will be continued during their year of absence; and further, that pension payments of such employees will be continued, the Museum itself paying the employees' contributory share toward such payments as well as the institution's own normal contributions for this purpose.

Staff Notes

Mr. Emil Sella, Chief Preparator of Exhibits in the Department of Botany, recently made a trip to the northeast coast of Maine to collect materials and conduct investigations necessary for the construction of a proposed habitat group of marine algae.

Dr. Otto Haas, a well-known invertebrate paleontologist from Vienna, is co-operating, as a volunteer worker, with members of the staff of the Departments of Geology and Zoology, in a research project based upon the Museum's collections of invertebrate fossils.

Mr. Rudyerd Boulton, Curator of Birds, presented a paper, "Sea Birds of the West Indies," recounting observations made on the recent Leon Mandel Caribbean Expedition, before the meeting of the American

Ornithologists' Union held at Boston last month. Mr. Emmet R. Blake, Assistant Curator of Birds, presented a paper, "The Brazilian Frontier of Guiana," outlining the work of the Sewell Avery Expedition to British Guiana.

Distinguished Visitors

Among distinguished visitors recently received at Field Museum are Mr. Alfred M. Bailey, Director of the Colorado Museum of Natural History, and members of his staff, who made a tour of the Museum laboratories devoted to preparation of exhibits; Mr. Martin L. Grant, Department of Botany, Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Professor Irving Bailey, of Harvard University; Mr. Frederic Douglass, Acting Director, Denver Art Museum; Mr. René d'Hamoncourt, head of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board, Department of Interior, Washington, D. C.; Dr. James G. Needham, Emeritus Professor of Entomology, Cornell University; Dr. Myron Gordon, Fellow of the John Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, now studying inheritance of sex and wild type patterns in Mexican fishes at the New York Aquarium, and Dr. Michael G. Guyer, Professor of Zoology at the University of Wisconsin.

Museum Aids Safety Drive

The Western Electric Company recently borrowed from the Department of Anthropology of Field Museum a pair of Eskimo snow goggles, for use in an industrial safety campaign to promote the use of safety goggles by workmen employed in certain operations hazardous to the eyes.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT FIELD MUSEUM

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, and	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 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 at 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.

Free courses of lectures for adults are presented in the James Simpson Theatre on Saturday afternoons (at 2:30 o'clock) in March, April, October, and November.

A Cafeteria serves visitors. Rooms are available also for those bringing their lunches.

Chicago Motor Coach Company No. 26 busses provide direct transportation to the Museum. Service is offered also by Surface Lines, Rapid Transit Lines (the "L"), inter-urban electric lines, and Illinois Central trains. There is ample free parking space for automobiles at the Museum.



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