

FOUR MORE LECTURES IN SPRING COURSE

Four more lectures in the fifty-fifth free course presented by Field Museum remain to be given on Saturday afternoons during April. These lectures, by eminent explorers and naturalists, will be illustrated with motion pictures and stereopticon slides.

All lectures are given in the James Simpson Theatre of the Museum, and begin at 3 P.M. Following is the schedule of dates, titles, and speakers:

April 4—Alaska

Amos O. Berg, Ottawa, Canada

April 11—Across Asia's Snows and Deserts

William J. Morden, Associate in Mammalogy, American Museum of Natural History, New York City

April 18—The Tale of the Ancient Whaleman

Chester Scott Howland, Boston, Massachusetts

April 25—A Close-up of Early America

Gilbert E. Gable, New York City

No tickets are necessary for admission to these lectures.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENTS —RAYMOND FOUNDATION

Four more of the free motion pictures of the spring series provided for children by the James Nelson and Anna Louise Raymond Foundation for Public School and Children's Lectures remain to be given on Saturday mornings during April in the James Simpson Theatre of Field Museum. Following is the schedule of dates and titles of films to be shown on each:

April 4—The Story of Silk; Pineapples; Life in a Pond; Undersea Partnerships; The Life History of a Pearl.

April 11—The Story of Asbestos; Fire-making Without Matches; Drummers and Boomers; Porcupines and Their Neighbors.

April 18—The Island of Sugar; Prodigal Palms; Poor Butterfly; The Message of the Flowers.

April 25—In Batik Land; A Dyak Wedding; Teak-logging in Siam; Elephants on Parade; Wooden Shoes.

Each program is given twice, at 10 and 11 A.M. Children from all parts of Chicago and suburbs are invited to attend.

FURTHER TREASURES REVEALED BY KISH EXCAVATIONS

Priceless jewelry worn at the court of Nebuchadnezzar some 2,500 years ago, magnificent sculptures of the Sassanian period (A.D. 226-637), and royal tombs more than 5,500 years old, have been discovered as a result of this season's excavations on the site of the ancient city of Kish by the Field Museum-Oxford University Joint Expedition to Mesopotamia, according to reports received from Professor Stephen Langdon, director of the expedition, and L. C. Watelin, director of excavations.

Solid gold ornaments are included among the treasures of the Babylonian period which have been unearthed from the buried city, Professor Langdon states. These, with other jewelry of outstanding beauty and artistry, represent the time of Nebuchadnezzar.

Far below the Temple of Nebuchadnezzar have been found the Sumerian royal tombs which Professor Langdon estimates date back 5,500 years. Work of opening and exploring them has begun. The remains

of several chariots, oxen, and harnesses have been found.

It has now been revealed that the Sassanian palace, discovery of which was reported in the March issue of *FIELD MUSEUM NEWS*, had a spacious open court with a fountain. Brick columns with bases of yellow glazed bricks have been discovered. Doorways from the court lead into suites of rooms in which magnificent sculptures were recovered. These include heads of women, flying angels, friezes of giants and animals, and plaques of lotuses and pomegranates.

In the previously excavated neo-Babylonian temple glazed coffins containing gold jewelry have been found. Beneath this temple the expedition has come upon the top of a massive building believed to date from the age of Sargon of Accad, about 2700 B.C. This newly discovered building has walls eighteen feet thick. It is believed to have been the Temple of Aruru and probably was a ruin long before Nebuchadnezzar was king.

The present season is the ninth in which operations have been conducted at Kish. More than 300 men are engaged in the work this year. The expedition is financed on behalf of Field Museum by Marshall Field, and on behalf of Oxford by a group of British philanthropists.

NAVAHO HOMES



A miniature model of winter and summer homes of the Navaho Indians of Arizona and New Mexico is on exhibition in Hall 6 of the Museum. As may be seen in the accompanying photograph, figures in the group are arranged to show the various occupations and pastimes these Indians engage in, such as pottery making, weaving, shearing of sheep, gathering wood, gambling (pole and hoop game), and other activities.

Stowaway Land Crab

While installing large corals, secured under the sea near the Bahamas by the Field Museum-Williamson Undersea Expedition, for a new exhibit in preparation at Field Museum, workers discovered a live Bahaman land crab which had stowed away in the crates and thus stolen a ride to Chicago. The crab itself is now preserved for use in the zoological collections. This is the first appearance of a land crab in Chicago by such means in the experience of the Museum, although the accidental dispersion of species of various living things is not uncommon.

Chinese Type in Museum

A complete font of Chinese type, recently imported from China by Field Museum, has been added to the equipment of the Division of Printing. It is being used under the supervision of Dr. Berthold Laufer, Curator of Anthropology, for special work in connection with certain Museum publications where it is necessary to present excerpts from Chinese literature in the Chinese characters, in addition to giving their English translations.

APRIL GUIDE-LECTURE TOURS

Following is the schedule of conducted tours of the exhibits during April:

Week beginning March 30—Monday: 11 A.M., Africa and Madagascar, 3 P.M., Physical Geology; Tuesday: 11 A.M., Animals of the Plains; 3 P.M., Peoples of the Pacific; Wednesday: 11 A.M., Egypt, 3 P.M., American Trees; Thursday: 11 A.M. and 3 P.M., General Tours; Friday: 11 A.M., Crystals and Gems, 3 P.M., Indians of the Plains.

Week beginning April 6—Monday: 11 A.M., Prehistoric Life, 3 P.M., Industrial Models; Tuesday: 11 A.M., The Story of Early Man, 3 P.M., Birds and Their Nests; Wednesday: 11 A.M., Lizards, Past and Present, 3 P.M., Musical Instruments; Thursday: 11 A.M. and 3 P.M., General Tours; Friday: 11 A.M., Comparative Anatomy, 3 P.M., Chinese Art of the Past.

Week beginning April 13—Monday: 11 A.M., Roman Exhibits, 3 P.M., Looms and Textiles; Tuesday: 11 A.M., Systematic Birds, 3 P.M., Tibet; Wednesday: 11 A.M., Eskimo Customs, 3 P.M., American Archaeology; Thursday: 11 A.M. and 3 P.M., General Tours; Friday: 11 A.M., Tropical Plants, 3 P.M., American Mammals.

Week beginning April 20—Monday: 11 A.M., Melanesia, 3 P.M., The Primates; Tuesday: 11 A.M., Animal Families, 3 P.M., Mummies; Wednesday: 11 A.M., Fishing in Many Lands, 3 P.M., Indian Art; Thursday: 11 A.M. and 3 P.M., General Tours; Friday: 11 A.M., Man Through the Ages, 3 P.M., Marine Life.

Week beginning April 27—Monday: 11 A.M., Iron, Coal and Petroleum, 3 P.M., Indians of the Northwest Coast; Tuesday: 11 A.M., The Grasses, 3 P.M., Chinese Art of Today; Wednesday: 11 A.M., Work of Wind and Water, 3 P.M., Madagascar; Thursday: 11 A.M. and 3 P.M., General Tours.

Persons wishing to participate should apply at North Entrance. Tours are free and no gratuities are to be proffered. A new schedule will appear each month in *FIELD MUSEUM NEWS*. Guide-lecturers' services for special tours by parties of ten or more are available free of charge by arrangement with the Director a week in advance.

NEW MEMBERS

The following persons were elected to membership in Field Museum during the period from February 17 to March 17:

Associate Members

Harry C. Daley, Harry Eisenstaedt, Mrs. Alfred K. Foreman, R. W. Gerding, Harold J. Gordon, Mrs. William Brooks Greenlee, Mrs. E. M. Hill, George W. Hubbard, Charles W. Isaacs, Jr., Dr. Henry H. Kleinpell, Fred L. Mills, Thomas H. Monaghan, Kurt Rosenthal, Richard M. Rosenwald, Mrs. Edward L. Ryerson, Sr., Jesse D. Scheinman, J. E. Slocum, Robert Wheeler Swett, Kay Wood, Jr.

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Museum hours in April: Daily, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP IN FIELD MUSEUM

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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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