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Field Museum is open every day of the year during the hours indicated below:

November, December, January	9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
February, March, April, October	9 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
May, June, July, August, September	9 A.M. to 6:00 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 Library of the Museum, containing some 92,000 volumes on natural history subjects, is open for reference daily except Sunday.

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

Lectures for school classrooms and assemblies, and special entertainments and lecture 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 courses of free illustrated lectures on science and travel for the public, and special lectures for Members of the Museum, will appear in FIELD MUSEUM NEWS.

There is a cafeteria in the Museum where luncheon is served for visitors. Other rooms are provided for those bringing their lunches.

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

MUSEUM ATTENDANCE IN 1931 REACHES RECORD HEIGHT

At the time of going to press with this issue of FIELD MUSEUM NEWS attendance at Field Museum of Natural History during 1931 had reached within a few thousands of one and one-half million, with the probability that that figure would be passed within the remaining days of the year. Up to and including December 20 the total number of visitors was 1,487,427, establishing a record far surpassing any preceding year, and marking a notable increase over the previous record made in 1930 when 1,332,799 visitors were received.

It is with intense gratification that this constant and rapid increase in Museum attendance is observed, because it reflects the growth of public interest not only in the institution itself but in the sciences which the Museum's exhibits serve to illustrate. It indicates that the Museum is successfully fulfilling its mission as an educational factor in the life of Chicago.

In addition to those actually visiting the Museum, hundreds of thousands of school

children have been reached by the Museum's extra-mural activities conducted through the N. W. Harris Public School Extension and the James Nelson and Anna Louise Raymond Foundation for Public School and Children's Lectures, while a numerically incalculable public has been made conscious of the institution through its publications, reports in the newspapers, motion picture newsreels, and radio lectures.

The complete attendance total for 1931, and a detailed analysis of the number of people reached by some of the Museum's special activities, will appear in the February NEWS.

X-RAY STUDIES OF MUMMIES PUBLISHED BY MUSEUM

A book, unusual both in text and illustrations, presenting the results of studies, made by means of the X-ray, of mummified remains in Field Museum, was published by Field Museum Press last month. *Roentgenologic Studies of Egyptian and Peruvian Mummies* is the title, and the author is Dr. Roy L. Moodie, professor of paleontology in the college of dentistry at the University of Southern California, and paleopathologist to the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum of London. Dr. Moodie was formerly professor of anatomy at the University of Illinois, College of Medicine.

The book is in quarto size (9" x 12") and it contains sixty-six pages of text and seventy-six photogravure plates made chiefly from roentgenograms prepared in the Division of Roentgenology of Field Museum by Miss Anna Reginalda Bolan, formerly assistant professor of roentgenology and photography at the University of Illinois. These illustrations are regarded as remarkable for their clarity, and they reveal many hitherto unknown facts about the conditions of life and the diseases which prevailed in ancient Egypt and Peru. The majority of the X-ray pictures are of men, women and children, but there are also a number showing mummified animals. Most of the specimens are from the collections at Field Museum.

Professor Moodie's book is published in an extremely limited edition, and it constitutes Volume III of the Anthropology Memoirs Series of the Museum. The character of the illustrations and the fine paper used involved a heavy publication expense. Copies may be obtained from the Museum at \$5 each, including postage.

An Expedition to Indo-China

Field Museum is sharing in a zoological expedition to French Indo-China, led by Jean Delacour, well-known French zoologist. The participation of this institution is financed by Marshall Field. The expedition is now in operation, and will continue collecting until May of this year. Little known regions in the province of Laos from Vientiane to Muong-Ting will be covered, and several thousand specimens of birds and mammals are expected to result. The Paris Museum of Natural History and the British Museum (Natural History) will receive part of the collections.

Trustee Wrigley Resigns

Due to the press of business, William Wrigley, Jr., has resigned from the Board of Trustees of Field Museum. Mr. Wrigley continues his connection with the Museum, however, as a Corporate Member and a Life Member.

NORTH AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY COLLECTIONS REINSTALLED

BY PAUL S. MARTIN

Assistant Curator of North American Archaeology

The North American archaeological exhibits of Field Museum have been augmented by much new material, and have been completely reinstalled in Mary D. Sturges Hall (Hall 3). The collection features especially local material representing the prehistoric Indians of Illinois. Dominating this section of the hall is the reproduction of a mound builder's grave described and pictured in FIELD MUSEUM NEWS of September, 1931. This group is now supplemented by cases containing various types of archaeological specimens representing tribes of this state. There is also material on exhibition from the famous Hopewell burial mounds of Ohio.

The culture areas treated in this collection include Mississippi-Ohio, South Atlantic, North Atlantic, Iroquoian, Great Lakes, Columbia-Fraser, North Pacific Coast and California. The Southwest is omitted because a special hall representing its important group of cultures is in preparation.

Fascinating are the examples of the skill and ingenuity of the North American Indian shown in this exhibition. The Hopewell mound specimens include grotesque figures cut from mica; ornaments and tools made from copper; ceremonial paraphernalia of obsidian, imported from what is now Yellowstone National Park; and bear-teeth inlaid with pearls.

Those interested in metal working will find in the collection many arrow and spear heads, and various tools, skillfully fashioned from hammered copper by early Wisconsin Indians. Among the Illinois artifacts are hoes and spades made of stone, which were used by the tribes of this region for agricultural purposes. From the burial mounds of Arkansas and Missouri are cunningly manufactured ornaments of shell and excellent examples of the potter's art. Some of this pottery is fashioned into animal forms, such as frogs and fish, while other pieces are sculptured human faces resembling death-masks. One jar, known as the "skeleton jar," is decorated with pieces of a human skeleton.

There are many examples of so-called "problematical objects," made of polished slate, serpentine, and marble. These objects have been the subject of endless speculation, for no one knows exactly how or for what purposes they were made. Unusually large tobacco pipes of stone, made a thousand years ago by Indians of Georgia and Kentucky, are exhibited. These are elaborately carved. Whalebone tools of the Indians of California are another feature of the exhibition.

BEQUESTS AND ENDOWMENTS

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. For those desiring to make bequests, the following form is suggested:

FORM OF BEQUEST

I do hereby give and bequeath to Field Museum of Natural History of the City of Chicago, State of Illinois,

Cash contributions made within the taxable year to Field Museum not exceeding 15 per cent of the taxpayer's net income are allowable as deductions in computing net income under Article 251 of Regulation 69 relating to the income tax under the Revenue Act of 1926.

Endowments may be made to the Museum with the provision that an annuity be paid to the patron for life. These annuities are tax-free and are guaranteed against fluctuation in amount.



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