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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.

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.

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.

CLIFFORD C. GREGG ELECTED DIRECTOR OF THE MUSEUM

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Field Museum, held May 17, Mr. Clifford C. Gregg was elected Director of the Museum, effective from that date. Simultaneously, Mr. Gregg was elected Secretary of the Museum.

The directorship and secretaryship had been vacant since the death, on January 28, of Mr. Stephen C. Simms, who had held the office since 1928. In the interim, Mr. Gregg has been in charge of the administration of the Museum under a temporary appointment as Acting Director.

Mr. Gregg, 42 years old, is the youngest man ever to be charged with the responsibility of administering the diversified and

widespread operations of Field Museum, which ranks among the four most important of all the world's scientific museums. He is the fourth Director the Museum has had since it was founded in 1893, his predecessors, besides the late Mr. Simms, having been the late David C. Davies, and the late Frederick J. V. Skiff, who was the first Director. A member of the Staff since 1926, Mr. Gregg served as Assistant to the Director under both Mr. Simms and Mr. Davies.

Prior to coming to the Museum, Mr. Gregg was engaged in business, a training which qualifies him for the executive and administrative position he has now assumed. The difficulties of the Museum directorship, it was pointed out by President Stanley Field in announcing the Trustees' choice, are increased at this time by the necessity of holding expenses down because of declining income. The revenues of Field Museum, like those of practically all other endowed institutions, have suffered seriously in the past few years due to reduced rates of return from endowment fund investments, and also from a reduction in the amount received from taxes levied for the benefit of museums.

Mr. Gregg was born in Cincinnati. He is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, and engaged in post-graduate studies at Northwestern University. During the world war Mr. Gregg won a commission as an infantry lieutenant in the United States Army, and has since retained his connection with the Army Reserve Corps, in which he now ranks as a major. He has been prominent in community activities of Park Ridge, Illinois, where he resides with his family. He has taken an active part also in affairs of the American Legion, and in the local direction of the Boy Scouts of America.

EXPEDITION TO COLLECT SEALS AMONG PRIBILOF ISLANDS

An expedition to the Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea, off the coast of Alaska, to collect fur seals for a projected habitat group, will leave early in June. It is planned to collect more than thirty specimens of both sexes and of various ages. The group, illustrating the "home life" of the animals, will reproduce a rookery or breeding ground,

and will be installed with a scenic background in the Hall of Marine Mammals (Hall N).

The expedition leader is Staff Taxidermist C. J. Albrecht, who worked in the same region a number of years ago. He will spend the greater part of the summer in the islands, living among the native Aleut inhabitants.

Permits to collect the seals have been granted by the United States Department of Interior, and through the cooperation of the Bureau of Fisheries of that department the museum expedition will sail from Seattle aboard the government survey vessel *Penguin*.

DR. STEPHEN LANGDON DEAD

Dr. Stephen Langdon, director of the Field Museum-Oxford University Joint Expedition to Mesopotamia, died May 20 at his home in Oxford, England.

Dr. Langdon, who was born in Monroe, Michigan, was a well-known archaeologist. For many years he was professor of Assyriology at Oxford University. He was 61 years old at the time of his death.

He personally supervised the excavations at Kish during two seasons of work of the Field-Oxford Expedition, which was in operation from 1923 to 1932. During the rest of the time he guided its progress through field directors who were in constant communication with him. He devoted much time to research upon the collections obtained, and was the author of numerous important books. His passing will be felt as a severe blow by scholars all over the world.

Botanist Joins Staff

Dr. Julian A. Steyermark, formerly of St. Louis, has been appointed to the Museum staff as Assistant Curator of the Herbarium. He entered upon his duties last month. Dr. Steyermark received his doctorate in botany from Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. He has engaged in studies at the Missouri Botanical Garden, and the Gray Herbarium of Harvard University. He is a joint author of *Flora of Missouri*, of a monograph of the genus *Grindelia*, and of other important botanical works.

Annual Report Published

The Annual Report of the Director of Field Museum to the Board of Trustees was published last month. A book of 147 pages, with fourteen photogravure plates, it is the last report of the late Stephen C. Simms, former Director, who died on January 28, a short time after he had prepared it. It contains detailed accounts of all the activities of the Museum during 1936. Copies will be distributed to Members of the Museum at an early date.

Horns for Medicine

A principal occupation of an African medicine-man is the making of concoctions which are supposed to possess magical, protective, and curative powers. Among the Ovimbundu of Angola the substances used include human bone finely powdered, together with animal fat and charcoal. Such ingredients are stuffed into a horn small enough to be worn around the neck of a patient. Sometimes a large horn may be placed upright in the ground near a native encampment in order to keep away thieves and wild animals.

A habitat group illustrating the bird life of Fox Lake, Illinois, in summer, is on exhibition in Hall 20.



Clifford C. Gregg



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