

## SUNDAY LECTURE-TOURS COVER BILLION YEARS OF LIFE

The story of one billion years of life will be presented in Sunday tours conducted by Mr. P. G. Dallwig, the Layman Lecturer, during the first quarter of 1938. In January his subject will be "Nature's 'March of Time'" in which he will trace animal and plant life from its beginning about one billion years ago, down to the dawn of the era of man, approximately a million years ago. This lecture will be illustrated by a tour of Ernest R. Graham Hall of Historical Geology. On Sundays in February the subject will be "Digging Up Our Ancestral Skeletons," following the course of human life from its beginning to the advent of recorded history, the narrative being accompanied by a tour of the Hall of the Stone Age. In March, under the title "Parade of the Races," Mr. Dallwig will acquaint his listeners with the principal living races of mankind, touring Chauncey Keep Memorial Hall which contains the extensive series of racial sculptures by Miss Malvina Hoffman.

Attendance one Sunday in each of the three months, to derive the benefit of the entire series in consecutive and connected form, is suggested. The Sunday lectures, inaugurated last October, have proved extremely popular week after week, and to be sure of accommodations it is advisable to make reservations in advance. This may be done either by mail or by telephone (Wabash 9410). Only if advance reservations do not exceed the number to which the party is limited, will additional registrations be permitted for other Sunday visitors at the Museum.

The lectures begin promptly at 2 P.M. and end at 4:15; midway there is an intermission for relaxation. Special tables are reserved in the Cafeteria for those who wish to obtain refreshments or smoke during this interval.

To avoid delay and inconvenience to themselves and others, those participating are requested to arrive at the Museum a few minutes before 2 o'clock so that registrations may be completed, and wraps checked.

Mr. Dallwig is a Chicago business man, and a Member of the Museum, whose deep interest in scientific subjects has led him to volunteer his services for this work without cost to those participating, or to the Museum. He is an impressive and dramatic speaker, whose command of his subjects has brought many favorable comments from those attending his previous lecture-tours.

### Staff Notes

Dr. Paul S. Martin, Chief Curator of Anthropology, attended the meetings of the American Anthropological Association held at Yale University December 28-31, and presented a report on the 1937 Field Museum Archaeological Expedition to the Southwest, of which he was leader.

Mr. Rudyerd Boulton, Curator of Birds, has gone east for several weeks of special research under co-operative arrangements with the American Museum of Natural History, New York, and the Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh. He is working on the taxonomy and distribution of the birds of Angola (Portuguese West Africa). These institutions, like Field Museum, have large collections resulting from expeditions he conducted.

Mr. Elmer S. Riggs, Curator of Paleontology, attended conferences of the Geological Society of America, and the Paleontological Society of America, at Washington, D. C., December 28-30.

Mr. Colin C. Sanborn, Curator of Mammals, recently gave a radio talk over station WLS (*The Prairie Farmer*), addressed especially to American farm youth. His story of Field Museum's animal groups, and how specimens are collected, brought many letters to the Museum from listeners.

Dr. Wilfred H. Osgood, Chief Curator of Zoology, and Staff Taxidermist C. J. Albrecht both appeared as lecturers before the Campfire Club of Chicago on December 2. Dr. Osgood related experiences on his 1937 expedition to Indo-China, and Mr. Albrecht told of his expedition to the Pribilof Islands to collect seals last summer. Mr. Albrecht repeated his lecture before the University Club on December 18.

## FIELD MUSEUM SPECIMEN FILLS GAP IN HISTORY

A limestone slab in the Egyptian collection of Field Museum is now helping to fill a gap in the history of Old Kingdom sculpture. Recently noticed by Mr. W. Smith of the Harvard-Boston Museum Expedition to Egypt, this piece, with others in the Metropolitan Museum, New York, the Louvre, Paris, and the Cairo Museum, is an important aid in completing a reconstruction of a tomb of the Fifth Dynasty (circa 2500 B.C.).

The sculpture in the Museum is a section of the doorframe from the mastaba tomb of Meri, "overseer of the treasury." As this dates to long before the days of coinage, and the "funds" consisted largely of agricultural products and commodities, a great many treasury officials were necessary. Meri, as director, must have been an important man.

—R.A.M.

### Distinguished Visitors

Among the persons of distinction in various fields who have been visitors at Field Museum recently are: Mr. Gilbert Archey, Director of the Auckland Institute and Museum in New Zealand; Mr. J. R. Kinghorn, zoologist of the Australian Museum in Sydney; Dr. J. M. Menzies, head of the department of archaeology at Cheeloo University, Shantung Province, China; Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, wife of the President of the United States; Mr. J. O. Brew, specialist in archaeology of the American Southwest, on the staff of the Peabody Museum, Harvard University; Mr. Earl Morris of the staff of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, D. C., and Dr. Harold S. Colton of the Museum of Northern Arizona at Flagstaff.

Dr. Menzies spent several days at the Museum conducting research, in collaboration with Curator C. Martin Wilbur, on Chinese jades and bronzes of the important Shang Dynasty (1400-1100 B. C.) upon which he is a leading authority. Mrs. Roosevelt wrote an article about the Museum in her column, "My Day," which is syndicated to many newspapers.

## 1,350 Four-H Club Boys and Girls on Tours of Field Museum

During the International Live Stock Exposition held in Chicago in December, 610 girls and 742 boys from American farms, delegates to the National Four-H Club Congress, were brought to Field Museum. They were conducted on tours of the exhibits by members of the staff of the James Nelson and Anna Louise Raymond Foundation.

A reproduction of a tea bush in flower and fruit is exhibited in Hall 25.

## JANUARY GUIDE-LECTURE TOURS

Conducted tours of exhibits, under the guidance of staff lecturers, are made every afternoon at 3 P.M., except Saturdays, Sundays, and certain holidays. Following is the schedule of subjects and dates for January:

Week beginning January 3: Monday—Plants and Animals of Long Ago; Tuesday—Systematic Animal Hall; Wednesday—Hall of Races of Mankind; Thursday—General Tour; Friday—Earth Forces and Their Work.

Week beginning January 10: Monday—American Archaeology; Tuesday—Palms and Cereals; Wednesday—Egyptian Hall; Thursday—General Tour; Friday—Bird Habitat Groups.

Week beginning January 17: Monday—The Story of Plant Life; Tuesday—Jades; Wednesday—Chinese and Tibetan Exhibits; Thursday—General Tour; Friday—Animal Life of the Chicago Area.

Week beginning January 24: Monday—Men of the Old Stone Age; Tuesday—Minerals of the United States and Its Possessions; Wednesday—Plants Native to the Americas; Thursday—General Tour; Friday—Skeletons.

Monday, January 31—The Eskimos.

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.

### Gifts to the Museum

Following is a list of some of the principal gifts received during the last month:

From Hammermill Paper Company—paper pulp and paper machine stock; from George Moore—266 herbarium specimens, Missouri; from Professor Manuel Valerio—115 herbarium specimens, Costa Rica; from University of Texas—86 herbarium specimens, Texas; from Jardim Botânico de Bello Horizonte—175 herbarium specimens, Brazil; from Yale University—126 herbarium specimens, Africa and Fiji; from Carleton College—134 herbarium specimens, Costa Rica; from Dr. Earl E. Sherff—109 herbarium specimens and 54 negatives of plants; from M. Vonsen—2 specimens of bakerite, California; from Rev. Dr. Hugo Bren—a specimen of cephalopod, showing siphuncle, Illinois; from Robert R. Sovey—a specimen of stigmara, Illinois; from K. E. Lofquist—fossil frond and fossil crustacean, Illinois; from Miss Nancy Woodson—a specimen of limestone, Switzerland; from G. B. Calhoun—a specimen of chalcidony pseudomorph after root, Wyoming; from Dr. H. H. Nininger—a stone meteorite, South Australia; from Captain John D. Craig—2 clips of motion picture film (positive) showing portions of a whale shark, off Mexico; from Chicago Zoological Society—7 mammal and 2 bird specimens; from Zoological Society of London—5 hedgehogs, England; from Dr. Alfred E. Emerson—a five-lined skink, New York; from Karl P. Schmidt—54 small mammal skins with 53 skulls, Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin; from Booth Fisheries Corporation—7 specimens of rosefish, New England coast; from Henry Dybas—80 beetles, bugs, grasshoppers, and crickets, Indiana Illinois, and Wisconsin; from Miss Adeline Rose Krause—a hornless cow skull; from R. Castang—a chimpanzee; from Dr. A. E. Borell—7 lizards and 5 snakes, Texas; from United States National Park Service—184 frogs, lizards, snakes, and turtles, Texas; from Dr. J. C. Cross—a Texas indigo snake; from Lincoln Park Zoo—a South American snake; from Dr. Henry Field—86 grasshoppers, roaches, mantids, and katydids, Iraq; from Edward J. Brundage—6 crustaceans and 449 insects and allies, United States, Panama, and Colombia; from Bertil Hartelius—335 insects, Arkansas and Texas.

### NEW MEMBERS

The following persons were elected to membership in Field Museum during the period from November 16 to December 15:

#### Associate Members

Robert C. Borwell, Robert William Elich, Oscar Fineman, Mrs. Gerhard Foreman, Edmund C. Henschel, Joseph F. Hejna, Miss Laura E. Jackson, Edward B. McGuinn, Mrs. Margaret Yorkey.

#### Annual Members

Miss Evelyn T. Bennett, Mrs. Henry W. Boyd, Miss Helen M. Bunton, Harry L. Cavanagh, William Gerard Chapman, Mrs. W. A. Douglass, Adam Gabriel, G. McStay Jackson, A. J. Johnston, D. C. Jones, Miss Mary Juhn, C. H. Krause, Marshal D. Molay, M.D., Andrew P. Olsen, Bert Ray, James R. Webster.

A collection of albino birds and mammals is on view in an alcove adjoining Hall 21.





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