

SUNDAY LECTURE TOURS IN MAY FEATURE HOFFMAN SCULPTURES

On Sunday afternoons during May, Mr. Paul G. Dallwig, the Layman Lecturer, will present his final series of lecture-tours for the current season. From June to the end of September, Sunday tours will be discontinued, but will be resumed beginning October 2, when a new series will be announced.

For May, Mr. Dallwig's subject will be "Parade of the Races," covering the Races of Mankind sculptures by Miss Malvina Hoffman in Chauncey Keep Memorial Hall. This subject, presented during several previous months, is being repeated in response to many requests from persons who were unable to obtain reservations on previous occasions.

It is necessary to register for the Sunday tours and receive an identification ticket, as the number that can be accommodated is limited. Reservations may be made in advance by mail or 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. Parties are restricted to adults.

The lectures are given each Sunday, and begin promptly at 2 P.M. They end at 4:15, and are broken midway by an intermission for relaxation, during which members of the party may obtain refreshments and smoke in the Cafeteria where special tables are reserved for the group.

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, without inconvenience to themselves and others.

Staff Notes

Mr. Colin Campbell Sanborn, Curator of Mammals, has been appointed a Fellow of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation for the year 1938. Under the fellowship Mr. Sanborn will study material in the British Museum and other European museums in order to complete the first part of work on a catalogue of the world's bats. Later Mr. Sanborn will spend some time in Central America studying the habits of bats and collecting specimens for future examination.

Mr. Paul C. Standley, Curator of the Herbarium, attended the recent dedication of the Fairchild Tropical Garden at Coral Gables, Florida. This garden, adjacent to the well known Matheson Hammock, in which is preserved an area of natural Florida vegetation, is to be developed as a botanical garden, and, because of the favorable climate, should be highly successful. It is named for Dr. David G. Fairchild, formerly of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Distinguished Visitors

Recent distinguished visitors to Field Museum included Dr. John Beattie, Conservator, Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons, London; Dr. Barnum Brown, Curator of Fossil Reptiles at the American Museum of Natural History, New York; Miss Malvina Hoffman, noted New York sculptor and creator of the Races of Mankind bronzes in Field Museum; Dr. W. R. B. Oliver, Director of the Dominion Museum, Wellington, New Zealand; Mrs. Eric Scott, Education Department, Tasmania; Mr. E. O. G. Scott, Assistant Curator, Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston, Tasmania; Mr. Thomas R. Adam, of

the American Association for Adult Education, New York, and Dr. Franz Weidenreich, Honorary Director of the Cenozoic Research Laboratory, Geological Survey of China, Peiping. Mr. Adam is connected with the Department of Political Science, Occidental College, Los Angeles, California, and is the author of *Civic Value of Museums* published by the American Association of Museums. Dr. Weidenreich, who is a visiting professor of Peiping Union Medical College, is noted for his anatomical researches on *Sinanthropus* (the "Peking Man").

THINGS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

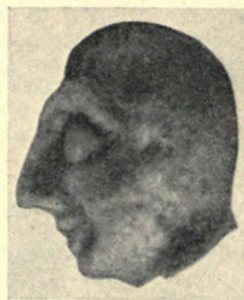
A Miniature Sumerian Head

Portraits of the rulers of ancient Mesopotamia, now the kingdom of Iraq, have rarely come to light. At the excavations



Front View of Tiny Sumerian Head

Magnified about 7 times actual size of object.



Profile

Such portraits of ancient Kish inhabitants are extremely rare.

conducted on the site of Kish by the Field Museum-Oxford University Joint Expedition (1922-1933), there was found a tiny lapis lazuli head, only four millimeters in height, or about the size of a small bead. Upon close examination it was discovered to be a portrait sculpture showing clearly the round head, large eyebrows, and aquiline nose characteristic of Sumerian art. It is probably a contemporary portrait of a prominent citizen who lived some 4,500 years ago at Kish, which according to legend was "the first city founded after the Flood."

This rare masterpiece, now on exhibition in Case 11 on the east side of Stanley Field Hall, shows the remarkable artistic attainments of the Sumerian craftsmen. The head was found by one of the youngest workmen, a seven-year-old Arab boy, who received the customary *bakhshish* of a small local coin. In addition to the older basket-boys, who removed the earth from the lowest levels, four sharp-eyed lads were employed to search for archaeological specimens on the dump. Thus, even the smallest beads were recovered.—H. F.

Museum Hours Extended for Summer Period

Summer visiting hours, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. daily, including Sundays and holidays, will go into effect at Field Museum on May 1. These hours will be observed throughout the period up to and including September 5 (Labor Day).

Stages in the manufacture of lead pencils are illustrated by an exhibit in the graphite collection in Hall 36.

MAY 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 May:

Week beginning May 2: Monday—Asiatic Animal Life; Tuesday—Plants and Their Habitats; Wednesday—In the Land of the Great Pyramids; Thursday—General Tour; Friday—The Story of Coal.

Week beginning May 9: Monday—Animal Life of the Chicago Area; Tuesday—The Shepherd Indians and Their Neighbors; Wednesday—Trees and Their Uses; Thursday—General Tour; Friday—Races of Mankind.

Week beginning May 16: Monday—Earth Forces and Their Work; Tuesday—Fishes; Wednesday—The Dinosaurs and Other Reptiles; Thursday—General Tour; Friday—Jades of Many Lands.

Week beginning May 23: Monday—Melanesia; Tuesday—Akeley Animal Groups; Wednesday—Life in the Far North; Thursday—General Tour; Friday—Plants Native to the Americas.

Monday, May 30—Memorial Day holiday, no tour; Tuesday—Rocks and Minerals.

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 Miss Edith K. Hammill—a clay pot, New Mexico(?); from Homer E. Sargent—6 American Indian and Algerian blankets; from Escuela Nacional de Agricultura—100 plants, Guatemala; from Museo Nacional—53 plants, Costa Rica; from Richard Stillinger—85 plants, Idaho; from Professor Orland E. White—70 plants, Mexico; from University of Texas—228 plants, Mexico; from Professor L. A. Kenoyer—102 plants, Mexico; from Harvey Sconce—3 planks of Mexican woods; from Dr. Earl E. Sherff—62 plants, Hawaii; from Tokumatsu Ito—15 specimens of oil shale and coal, Manchukuo; from E. M. Brigham—7 blue agates, and two concretions, Michigan and New Mexico; from C. H. McPherson—skeleton of badger, Illinois; from C. A. Quinn—one land gastropod, Colorado; from Mrs. M. Don Clawson—24 bird skins, Iraq; from Dominion Museum—plant accessories and photographs for kiwi group, New Zealand; from Mrs. Hermon Dunlap Smith—50 birds, Kilimanjaro and Mero; from Robert L. Fleming—7 birds, India; from Hermano Niceforo Maria—13 snakes, Colombia; from Dr. James M. Nisbett—4 reptiles, Arkansas; from G. S. Deming—25 snakes, Illinois; from W. H. Foster—20 wasps, Texas; from E. Fred Bromund—12 insects, Michigan; from Dr. J. C. Cross—3 reptiles, Texas; from C. M. Barber—13 reptiles, Arkansas; from Boardman Conover—5 birds, Iceland and Alaska; from Dr. Henry Field—320 fishes, Scotland and Florida; from Dr. W. P. Kennedy—2 fishes, Iraq; from John G. Shedd Aquarium—an albino axolotl and 11 fishes; from J. T. Crowell and Sharat K. Roy—113 marine invertebrates, Maine; from Knox College, Wheat Flour Institute, Paul C. Standley, Karl P. Schmidt, and Dr. A. B. Lewis—valuable books for the Library.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Associate Members

Dr. Philip Fox

Annual Members

Kenneth E. Armstrong, Albert Arndt, Mrs. Warren W. Brown, R. Edward Davis, Mrs. August Gatzert, Robert B. Harbison, Dr. Edwin M. Harrison, C. C. Hasely, H. M. Hood, Alan H. Horwich, Newton Jenkins, K. V. Janovsky Johns, W. A. Keplinger, Joseph M. King, Leo Kraemer, W. H. Kurth, Miss Grace M. Merchant, Mrs. M. G. Paulus, Mrs. J. A. O. Preus, Frederic A. Pullman, Mrs. F. A. Ross, J. F. Stiles, Jr., William F. Weber.

Amber in Coal

Some coal specimens from the Fushun mine near Mukden, Manchukuo, recently added to the exhibits in Hall 36, are of unusual interest. The coal is impregnated with numerous small specks of amber.



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