

GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM

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

Department of Anthropology:

From the Estate of Murray B. Augur, Chicago—38 specimens of Plains Indian ethnological material, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Arizona.

Department of Botany:

From E. J. Stanton and Son, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.—a plank of mahogany, Guatemala; from Dr. Stillman Wright, Logan, Utah—113 specimens of algae, Utah and Montana; from William A. Daily, Indianapolis, Ind.—27 specimens of algae, Indiana; from L. Lind Petersen, Escuintla, Guatemala—a mahogany board, Pacific coast of Guatemala; from Museo Nacional, Costa Rica—136 herbarium specimens, San José, Costa Rica; from Dr. Earl E. Sherff, Chicago—90 herbarium specimens, Hawaii; from Don Mariano Pacheco H., Guatemala City, Guatemala—a specimen of black wheat, Guatemala; from Professor A. O. Garrett, Salt Lake City, Utah—140 herbarium specimens, Utah.

Department of Geology:

From Henry Elsinga, Lead Hill, Ark.—5 geological specimens, Arkansas; from Structural Slate Company, Pan Argyl, Pa.—2 specimens of fabricated slate, Pennsylvania; from W. A. Blomstran, Lyon Mountain, N. Y.—a specimen of bisolite, New York; from T. E. Courthope, Retsof, N. Y.—a specimen of halite; from Peter Zodac, Peekskill, N. Y.—a mineral specimen, Pennsylvania; from Frank C. Hooper, North Creek, N. Y.—2 specimens of serendibite, New York; from T. F. Myners, Mineville, N. Y.—2 specimens of martite, New York; from Katherine S. Kniskern, Baltimore, Md.—4 mineral specimens, New York; from R. D. Butler, Bethlehem, Pa.—2 mineral specimens, Pennsylvania; from Nolan R. Best, Chicago—a box of thermoluminescent adularia sand, North Carolina; from Mrs. John Colvin, Chicago—a specimen of jasper and hematite, Wisconsin; from Loren P. Woods, Chicago—a specimen of goethite, Missouri; from R. J. Adams, Chicago—4 specimens of chalk, Kansas; from Dr. Henry Field, Chicago—3 minerals, Iraq; from Frank De Forest, Evergreen Park, Ill.—a dolphin skull, Florida.

Department of Zoology:

From H. E. Woodcock, Chicago—21 specimens of moths and butterflies, India, Europe, and New Mexico; from Bass Biological Laboratory, Englewood, Fla.—98 fish specimens, Florida; from Bob Allen and Jim Vonderheydt, Oak Park, Ill.—33 frogs and toads, Wisconsin; from Dr. Delzie Demaree, Monticello, Ark.—3 snakes, Arkansas; from Mrs. George Artamonoff, Chicago—a snake, Guatemala; from Professor C. L. Baker, Memphis, Tenn.—39 fish specimens, Tennessee; from Dr. H. H. Nelson, Chicago—63 bats, Egypt; from Dr. Julian A. Steyermark, Chicago—4 snakes and a frog, Missouri; from Loren P. Woods, Chicago—a snake, Indiana, and 2,000 fish specimens, Missouri; from H. C. Hanson, Decorah, Iowa—21 mammals, Iowa; from F. N. Bard, Highland Park, Ill.—a grizzly bear skull,

British Columbia; from Mrs. Robb White, Thomasville, Ga.—a black snake, Georgia; from Phyllis Laybourne, Homewood, Ill.—two snakes, Michigan; from Ray Niles, Lake Geneva, Wis.—a large trout skull, Wisconsin; from Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield, Ill.—18 specimens of mammals, birds, and reptiles; from Miss N. B. Mason, Davenport, Iowa—a great plains garter snake, Iowa; from Dr. Henry Field, Chicago—24 bats, Iraq.

The Library:

Valuable books from Dr. Albert B. Lewis and Dr. Henry Field, of Chicago.

PRINCIPAL WHEAT VARIETIES

More than one hundred varieties of wheat are grown in the United States. An exhibit in Hall 25 (Economic Botany) shows wild grasses related to the wheats, the primitive forms of cultivated wheat—spelt, einkorn and emmer—together with a display of the principal varieties of soft and hard wheats of the most important kinds: common wheats, durum, and club wheats. The term "club wheat" refers to the shape of the heads. The common wheats are soft varieties, used in breadmaking, either alone or mixed with flour of hard wheat. Of the latter, durum is the most widely known and is grown in the northwestern States. It gives a flour of the high gluten content required for the making of spaghetti and macaroni.

Displayed with these grain samples are specimens of wheat from ancient times. Some grains from the city of Jemdet Nasr, excavated in Iraq by the Field Museum-Oxford University Joint Expedition to Mesopotamia, are estimated to be 5,500 years old, and probably the most ancient in existence. They are charred as a result of a fire which destroyed Jemdet Nasr. Of similar interest are grains of wheat ("emmer") found in two Middle Kingdom (1900 B.C.) graves in Egypt. The graves were near the pyramid temple of King Ne-User-Re who reigned about 2600 B.C. at Abusir near Cairo.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Corresponding Members

Professor Henri Humbert

Contributors

Michael Lerner

Associate Members

Mrs. Ruthven Deane, John Fredric Kurfess, Charles Herbert Smith, Mrs. Theodore Stone, Mrs. Charles Ware.

Annual Members

Harry E. Abrahams, Alfred W. Bays, William L. Blundell, Mrs. Louise T. Bovington, Sydney P. Brown, Harry F. Brewer, George C. Buik, B. H. Bunn, Lester H. Forbes, Dr. Stanton A. Friedberg, Dr. Eleanor I. Leslie, Rev. F. J. Magner, Harold B. Myers, Sumner S. Sollitt, Mrs. Lewis J. Solomon, John H. Southman.

GUIDE-LECTURE TOURS

During July and August conducted tours of the exhibits, under the guidance of staff lecturers, will be given on a special schedule, as follows:

Mondays: 11 A.M., Plant Life Exhibits; 3 P.M., General Tour of Exhibition Halls.

Tuesdays: 11 A.M., Halls of Primitive and Civilized Peoples; 3 P.M., General Tour of Exhibition Halls.

Wednesdays: 11 A.M., Animal Groups; 3 P.M., General Tour of Exhibition Halls.

Thursdays: 11 A.M. and 3 P.M., General Tours of Exhibition Halls.

Fridays: 11 A.M., Minerals and Prehistoric Life; 3 P.M., General Tour of Exhibition Halls.

There are no tours given on Saturdays, Sundays, or on July Fourth.

Persons wishing to participate in the tours should apply at the North Entrance. The tours are free, and no gratuities are to be proffered. Guide-lecturer's services for special tours by parties of ten or more are available free of charge by arrangement with the Director a week in advance.

800 Books Added to Library

An addition of some 800 volumes has accrued to the Library of Field Museum as a result of the bequest to the Museum of the late Mrs. Carrie Ryerson. The books are largely botanical and zoological in subject matter, but include also works on travel and more general subjects.

MEMBERSHIP IN FIELD MUSEUM

Field Museum has several classes of Members. Annual Members contribute \$10 annually. Associate Members pay \$100 and are exempt from dues. Sustaining Members contribute \$25 annually for six consecutive years, after which they become Associate Members and are exempt from all further dues. Life Members give \$500 and are exempt from dues. Non-Resident Life Members pay \$100, and Non-Resident Associate Members \$50; both of these classes are also exempt from dues. The Non-Resident memberships are available only to persons residing fifty miles or more from Chicago. Those who give or devise to the Museum \$1,000 to \$100,000 are designated as Contributors, and those who give or devise \$100,000 or more become Benefactors. Other memberships are Honorary, Patron, Corresponding and Corporate, 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.



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