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

### STAFF NOTES

Dr. Paul S. Martin, Chief Curator of Anthropology, and two of his associates, Mr. George I. Quimby, Curator of Exhibits, and Mr. Donald Collier, Curator of South American Ethnology and Archaeology, attended the meetings last month of the Central Section of the American Anthropological Association held at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Mr. Quimby presented a paper on the Death Cult among the prehistoric Indians of the Southeastern United States, and Mr. Collier presented one on the Indians of South America. . . . Mr. Colin C. Sanborn, Curator of Mammals, visited museums in Cambridge, Mass., New York, Washington, D.C., and Pittsburgh last month to make comparative studies of South American mammal specimens. . . . Mr. Karl P. Schmidt, Chief Curator of Zoology, attended a meeting of a subcommittee of the Pacific Science Board last month in Washington, D.C., to discuss current active projects for research in the Pacific. The Museum shares in the major project for an anthropological survey of the Pacific islands under American control through the work of Dr. Alexander Spoehr, Curator of Oceanic Ethnology, currently on an expedition in the area. . . . Dr. Rainer Zangerl, Curator of Fossil

Reptiles, left May 1 on a field trip to the Eocene deposits in Wyoming. . . . The resignation of Dr. C. Martin Wilbur as Curator of Chinese Archaeology and Ethnology as of May 31, is announced. Dr. Wilbur joined the staff of the Museum on October 1, 1936. He has been on leave of absence since April 7, 1943, for service with the Office of Strategic Services of the War Department, and later with the State Department. On completion of his present assignment in government service, Dr. Wilbur will join the faculty of Columbia University, New York.

### Reptile Study in Southwest

During the last week of June, Mr. Clifford H. Pope, Curator of Amphibians and Reptiles, will leave for western New Mexico where for about two months he will make a survey of the reptile and amphibian life of the southern border of the high plateau that covers most of New Mexico and much of Arizona. Special attention will be paid to the altitudinal distribution of lizards on the plateau and in mountains lying to the east and west.

### GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM

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

#### Department of Anthropology:

From: Dr. Harold S. Bayless, Chicago—the robe of a Maori chief, Hawkes Bay tribe, New Zealand.

#### Department of Geology:

From: Kent Jones, Joplin, Mo.—2 fossil pelecypods, Texas; Glen L. Evans, Austin, Texas—a fossil gastropod, Texas; Michael Chappers, Chicago—a specimen of brown fluorite and a Pleistocene conglomerate, Ohio; Charles E. Mohr, Director, Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia—10 photographs of exhibits in the Hall of Earth History at the academy; Eugene S. Richardson, Jr., Winnetka, Ill.—169 specimens of invertebrate fossils, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

#### Department of Zoology:

From: Boardman Conover, Chicago—a reproduction of a Labrador duck; Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield, Ill.—a Mandarin duck, China; Dr. Henry Field, Cuernavaca, Mexico—51 specimens of shells, Mexico; Ross Allen, Silver Springs, Fla.—401 specimens of reptiles and amphibians, Florida and Gulf States; N. L. H. Krauss, Honolulu, Hawaii—a snake, Hawaii.

#### Library:

From: Commissioner for Archaeology and Anthropology, Khartoum, Egyptian Sudan; Col. Clifford C. Gregg, Valparaiso, Ind.; Dr. Carl L. Hubbs, LaJolla, Calif.; Dr. Henry Field, Cuernavaca, Mexico; Eugene S. Richardson, Jr., Winnetka, Ill.; Carl Colby, Loyal, Wis.; P. Coremans, Brussels, Belgium; and Boardman Conover, Dr. Theodor Just, Rupert L. Wenzel, and Anthony Mazur, of Chicago.

### Philippine Expedition Progress

Reports of successful work by the Museum's Philippine Zoological Expedition, which is staffed in part by collectors from the former Philippine Bureau of Science, continue to arrive from the field, as well as notable collections. The expedition, under the direction of Captain Harry Hoogstraal, is continuing work on the interesting island of Palawan. This long narrow island lies between Borneo and the Philippines, and its animal life, almost entirely unlike that of other Philippine islands, is closely related to that of Borneo.

Active studies of the Philippine collections received from Mindanao, the largest of the southern Philippine islands, are under way. The use of Filipino members on the expedition constitutes co-operation with the new Philippine National Museum.

### Collection From Trinidad

An important addition to the South American collections of the Museum has resulted from the collections made in Trinidad, British West Indies, by Staff Taxidermist Frank C. Wonder, whose return from a four-month expedition to that island was reported in the last issue of the BULLETIN. Since that report, Mr. Wonder's collections have arrived safely at the Museum. Mr. Wonder concentrated on collecting mammals, reptiles, and amphibians, but he also assembled representative birds.

Trinidad is the type locality of many species of animals, and fresh specimens from the island accordingly are essential to the understanding of the distribution of South American species. Mr. Wonder was aided by Dr. E. M. Chenery and Mr. J. C. Cater of the Forestry Department of Trinidad.

### NEW MEMBERS

The following persons became Members of the Museum during the period from April 16 to May 15:

#### Associate Members

A. Forrest Steepleton, Mrs. Robert Tarrant.

#### Sustaining Members

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#### Annual Members

H. B. Barber, Lawrence H. Barrett, George L. Barrowclough, Miss Helen Boyd, Edward J. Burnell, Lynton W. Caldwell, G. Murray Campbell, Horace M. Carleton, Dr. Sam S. Chrisos, Stuart O. Fiedler, Mrs. D. C. Franche, III, Carl R. Gray, Jr., Kenneth M. Henderson, J. L. Holloway, Fred Jacky, Ray Kaspar, I. C. Keller, Miss Clara R. Lacey, Arthur G. Leonard, Jr., John D. Leonard, Dr. Aquil Mastri, Claude R. Miller, Myron T. Monsen, Robert R. Owen, Paul M. Plunkett, Mrs. S. Austin Pope, John V. Sandberg, Warren H. Sapp, Jr., Ralph W. Schalla, T. P. Stathas, Donald J. Walsh.





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