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LEOPOLD E. BLOCK, 1869-1952

Chicago Natural History Museum suffered a distinct loss in the death on November 11 of Leopold E. Block, a member of its Board of Trustees. Mr. Block was 83 years old. He was one of the founders of Inland Steel Company, and in its early days was vice-president and treasurer. From 1919 to 1940 he was chairman of the company's board of directors, from 1940 to the end of 1951 he was chairman of its finance committee, and in January of this year he became honorary chairman of the board. Other business connections included directorships of the First National Bank of Chicago and the Commonwealth Edison Company. He was honorary vice-president of the American Iron and Steel Institute, which he had served for many years as a director.

Mr. Block was elected a Trustee of the Museum in December, 1936. Since that

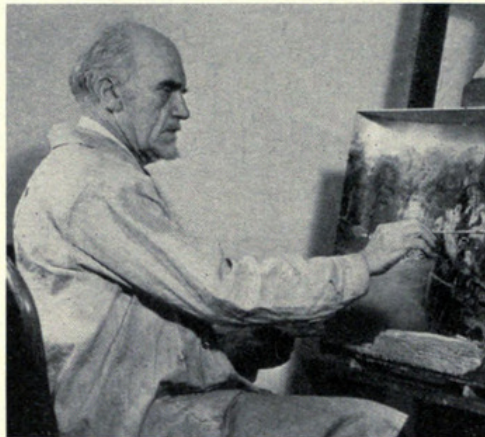


Leopold E. Block

time his counsel had been a valuable asset to the administration of the institution, especially in his capacity as member of the important finance committee. He was both a Corporate Member and a Life Member of the Museum.

JOHN CONRAD HANSEN, 1869-1952

If it can ever be said of a man that his life began at 70, then this can be said of John Conrad Hansen, who died on November 12 at the age of 83. In the fall of 1938, when he was 69, Mr. Hansen had completed a lifetime's work, begun when he was 13, as an



John Conrad Hansen

outstanding lithographer and engraver. But, losing no time, this tenacious though frail man started a new and distinguished career as staff artist and illustrator in the Department of Geology of the Museum.

Mr. Hansen combined meticulous craftsmanship with an ability to observe minute detail and, though he had no background in scientific work, became an accomplished illustrator of scientific objects, particularly bones. His specialty was pen-and-ink drawings, which betray the elegant technique of the master engraver. A great many of his excellent illustrations have been published in scientific literature, and more remain to appear in future publications. In his later years, Mr. Hansen's eyesight began to fail and he preferred painting to the more exacting pen-and-ink drawing. Many of his paintings are included in exhibits in Frederick J. V. Skiff Hall and Ernest R. Graham Hall (Halls 37 and 38).

Mr. Hansen was born on August 4, 1869, in Trondheim, Norway, and came to this country with his widowed mother, a brother, and three sisters when he was 12. The family settled in Minneapolis, where John Conrad began his apprenticeship.

He was extremely conscientious in his work and loyal to his employers, giving little heed to himself. This is, in part at least, the reason why he never married and why he worked until a month before his death.

RAINER ZANGERL
Curator of Fossil Reptiles

THIS MONTH'S COVER

The scene showing white-tailed deer in their winter phase is one of the "Four Seasons" groups in Richard T. Crane, Jr., Hall. These are among the earliest and best-known habitat groups prepared by the late Carl E. Akeley. During the short autumn deer-hunting season in many states thousands of bucks are shot each year. Deer were an important game animal to the American Indians. They have held their own remarkably well, even against the most intensive hunting. They have been re-introduced in places from which they had been driven out, and, where carefully protected by law, their numbers have increased. With our national and state parks and other refuges, our game laws, and the continuation of intelligent conservation practices, the white-tailed deer should always be with us.

SPECIAL KOREAN EXHIBIT

Because of interest in Korea stimulated by current events, an exhibit of ethnological material from that country will be placed in Stanley Field Hall on December 15. This exhibit, comprising two cases, will remain on exhibition through January 31. The material shown is varied. It includes clothing, embroideries, household goods, musical instruments, charms, and jade ornaments.

NEW MEMBERS

The following persons became Museum Members from October 14 to November 13:

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Richard H. Dix, L. B. Kidwell, Miss Erna Schwandt, Gustavus F. Swift, Jr.

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