

TWO LECTURE TOURS DAILY OFFERED IN AUGUST

During August, lecture tours of Museum exhibits will be offered in both the mornings and the afternoons of weekdays, Mondays through Fridays inclusive; on Saturdays and Sundays, tours will be omitted.

Except on Thursdays, the morning tours will be devoted to the exhibits in one specific department. The afternoon tours (and Thursday morning) will be comprehensive in scope, touching on outstanding exhibits in all departments. Following is the schedule that will be followed weekly:

Mondays: 11 A.M.—The World of Animals
2 P.M.—General Tour

Tuesdays: 11 A.M.—Places and People
2 P.M.—General Tour

Wednesdays: 11 A.M.—The World of Plants
2 P.M.—General Tour

Thursdays: 11 A.M. and 2 P.M.—General Tour

Fridays: 11 A.M.—Records from the Rocks
2 P.M.—General Tour

CHIEF GEOLOGIST RETURNS FROM VOLCANO STUDY

Dr. Sharat K. Roy, Chief Curator of Geology, returned in July from Central America where he was engaged in field studies on active volcanoes for the past three months. This was in continuation of the studies he began some five years ago.

In El Salvador, Izalco offered him a rare opportunity to observe how a volcano shatters and rebuilds itself. On February 28, following a glowing avalanche that rolled down the northwest flank of Izalco, the volcano, with a thunderous roar that shook the countryside and could be heard for many miles about, blew its top off and split its side, belching forth incandescent lava, steam, and other gases. As late as two weeks ago, Izalco was erupting every few minutes, but it appeared to be on the mend. Already a cinder cone has sprung up over the old crater. As in all volcanoes, Izalco's wounds will heal, but the scars will remain, Dr. Roy says.

In Nicaragua, the volcanoes Momotombo and Cerro Negro were of special interest to Dr. Roy, for both are active and both are growing.

Staff Illustrator Appointed

E. John Piffner, who has been appointed Staff Illustrator of the Museum, is a graduate of Wisconsin State College, Milwaukee, and of the Chouinard Art Institute of Los Angeles. He studied also at the Ringling School of Art in Sarasota,

Florida. He has taught art at high schools in Wisconsin, served as a muralist for various organizations, and has illustrated a number of books for various publishers. His duties will consist of the varied types of art work required by the departments, divisions, and administration of the Museum and may range from large mural paintings in oil to minutely detailed illustrations for scientific publications.

STAFF NOTES

Dr. Fritz Haas, Curator of Lower Invertebrates, attended the annual meeting of the West Coast Branch of the American Malacological Union last month at Leland Stanford University, California. . . . **Philip Hershkovitz**, Associate Curator of Mammals, was the Museum's representative at the meetings of the American Society of Mammalogists, where he presented a paper on zoogeographic subdivisions of neotropical regions. . . . **Miss Margaret G. Bradbury**, Artist in the Department of Zoology, has resigned to accept a fellowship at Leland Stanford University, where she will teach art and at the same time engage in advanced ichthyological studies. . . . **Dr. Julian A. Steyermark**, Curator of the Phanerogamic Herbarium, spoke on wild flowers before the Skokie Garden Club. . . . **Miss Marion K. Hoffman**, Museum Bookkeeper since 1952, has been promoted to Assistant Auditor. . . . **Miss Lillian A. Ross**, Associate Editor of Scientific Publications, spoke on spiders before the Barrington Natural History Society. Miss Ross, who is also Associate in Insects, recently returned from Europe where she studied spider collections at the British Museum (Natural History) in London, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris, and Senckenberg Museum in Frankfurt, Germany.

NEW MEMBERS

(June 16 to July 15)

Associate Members

George L. Clements, John L. Dole, Mrs. G. Corson Ellis, Mrs. Katherine C. Finnegan, Clarence E. Freeto, R. B. Whitaker

Non-Resident Associate Member

Miss Velma D. Whipple

Annual Members

Kurt J. Ackermann, Miss Edith P. Baxter, James D. Beckett, D. C. Bell, Samuel W. Block, Albert G. Buhring, Charles J. Burg, Frederick S. Crane, Jr., Theodore L. Dahlberg, George De Marke, Joseph P. Demme, Charles W. Desgrey, J. Russell Duncan, William E. Durham, Frank M. Eckert, David C. Eisendrath, Dr. Casper M. Epstein, Harvey Epstein, Dr. Benum W. Fox, Walter R. Frank, S. L. Goodfriend, Mrs. Leroy F. Harza, Paul H. Heineke, Ben W. Heineman, Dr. J. Henry Heinen, Jr., Harry Jaffe, Ray Prescott Johnson,

GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM DURING PAST MONTH

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

Department of Anthropology:

From: Dr. Andrew G. Bustin, Joliet, Ill.—funeral urn, Mexico, and bronze censor, China; Dr. Mathew Taubenhau, Chicago—2 pre-Columbian pottery vessels, Panama; Robert Trier, Chicago—34 specimens of stone, bone, and wood, New Zealand

Department of Botany:

From: Federal Ministry of Agriculture, southern Rhodesia—9 seeds (Leguminosae); Joliet Township High School, Joliet, Ill.—319 miscellaneous phanerogams; Dr. Earl E. Sherff, Chicago—2 African plants, Hawaiian plant; U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.—isotype of a subspecies of *Ilex*, Florida

Department of Geology:

From: Dr. G. Arthur Cooper, Washington, D.C.—fossil-bearing limestone, Glass Mountains, Texas; Clarence Johnsen, Chicago—70 ore specimens, Arizona; Loyola University, Chicago—fossil elasmobranch teeth, New Mexico; Nancy Robertson, Chicago—collection of fossil invertebrates, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois

Dr. Ruth Marshall Dies

Dr. Ruth Marshall, Research Associate in Arachnids, Department of Zoology, died May 12 at the age of 86. Dr. Marshall did much of the basic work on description and classification of North American water mites and was one of the relatively few women ever to acquire an international reputation as a systematic zoologist. She received her Ph.D. degree in zoology at the University of Nebraska in 1907 and served as chairman of the department of biology of Rockford College for twenty years. Retiring in 1935, she continued her studies of the water mites until 1944, when she published her fortieth and last research paper. In 1915 she deposited her scientific library and her collection in Chicago Natural History Museum. Her water-mite collection, which is the most important in the western hemisphere, contains the types of about 85 per cent of the species described from North America. The Board of Trustees, in recognition of her generosity and scientific accomplishments, elected Dr. Marshall a Contributor to the Museum.

Dr. A. T. Kenyon, James E. Lowden, S. J. Landau, Bernard W. Levin, Bernard M. Levine, Edmund W. Lowe, Dr. David Bremner Maher, John A. McGreevy, Charles L. Mugg, Dr. Peter S. Y. Neskow, Adolf Nilsson, Richard Orlikoff, Nathan G. Osborne, P. E. Petty, R. L. Redcliffe, George Rich III, Paul F. Rohloff, Dr. Herbert D. Trace, T. J. Tracy, C. A. Wood, Miss Margaret J. Wright



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