# EXPEDITION TO SEEK WYOMING FOSSILS

Fossil mammals of the middle of the Eocene epoch (about 50 million to 45 million years ago) will again be sought by a Museum expedition during August and September in both the upper and lower formations of the remote Washakie Basin in Wyoming. Members of the expedition will be William D. Turnbull, Assistant Curator of Fossil Mammals, and Orville L. Gilpin, Chief Preparator of Fossils, who worked together in the same general region last year.

The isolated area, at an altitude of 7,000 to 8,500 feet, in the Rockies, is one in which little fossil-hunting had been done previously, and last year's collecting was highly successful. Although the objective is to collect the remains of mammalian creatures, well-preserved fossils of reptiles, fishes, and other kinds of animals will be gathered wherever found. In addition, the stratigraphy of the region will be studied.

The ultimate goals of this project are twofold: to acquire a representation of these two Eocene faunas adequate for detailed descriptions and to provide specimens of fossil mammals of a geologic age that has been scantily represented in the Museum's exhibition and study collections.

#### NEW MEMBERS

The following new Members were elected in the period from June 17 to July 12:

Associate Member Mrs. John A. Renn

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## JUNIOR MISS POSES ON MUSEUM STEPS



Miss Catharine Clyborne, age one year, a resident of Lemont, Illinois, was captured by the camera recently while she was descending the north steps of Chicago Natural History Museum. Miss Clyborne has been an enthusiastic visitor to the Museum frequently ever since she was 11 days old. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry V. Clyborne, both of whom are enrolled as Museum Contributors in recognition of their many notable gifts to the institution over a period of some years.

### VOLCANOLOGIST RETURNS FROM LATIN LANDS

After three months of exploring volcanoes in Central America, Dr. Sharat K. Roy, Chief Curator of Geology, has returned to his Museum post. The expedition, one of a series conducted by him for several years, took him to Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. His collecting of specimens and studies of these furnaces of the earth have as their final objective a definitive publication on volcanic phenomena. He has been invited to make his contribution on the study of these volcanoes to the Geophysical Year.

Dr. Roy narrowly escaped walking into the crater of Volcan Turialba in Costa Rica during a heavy fog. On another occasion his foot was burned on the seething fumarole of a volcano in El Salvador. He will tell the story of his expedition in an illustrated article scheduled for the September BULLETIN.

# TWO LECTURE-TOURS DAILY THIS MONTH

During August, guide-lecture tours of Museum exhibits will be offered in both mornings and afternoons, Mondays through Fridays. There will be no tours on Saturdays and Sundays, but the Museum will be open during the regular visiting hours, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Except on Thursdays, the morning tours will be devoted to the exhibits in one department of the Museum. All afternoon tours (and also the tour on Thursday morning) will be comprehensive in scope, including outstanding exhibits in all departments. Tours are conducted by lecturers of the Raymond Foundation staff. Below is the schedule that will be followed weekly in July and August:

Mondays: 11 A.M.—People and Places 2 P.M.—Highlights of the Exhibits

Tuesdays: 11 A.M.—The World of Plants 2 P.M.—Highlights of the Exhibits

Wednesdays: 11 A.M.— The Earth's Story 2 P.M.—Highlights of the Exhibits

Thursdays: 11 A.M. and 2 P.M.—Highlights of the Exhibits

Fridays: 11 A.M.—The Animal Kingdom 2 P.M.—Highlights of the Exhibits

#### Archaeology Lesson

To become an archaeologist in "one easy lesson" is an ambition not possible of ful-fillment, but in one section of James Nelson and Anna Louise Raymond Hall (Hall 4) there are exhibits which demonstrate the rudiments of how "diggers" obtain knowledge of extinct cultures through excavation, classification, analysis, and interpretation.



1957. "Volcanologist Returns From Latin Lands." *Bulletin* 28(8), 8–8.

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