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NORTHWESTERN U HONORS PRESIDENT STANLEY FIELD

At its commencement exercises held June 15, Northwestern University conferred on Stanley Field, President of the Museum, an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. The honor was in recognition of Mr. Field's many

years of service to civic institutions of Chicago, particularly this Museum, but also to the Chicago Zoological Society (Brookfield Zoo), and the John G. Shedd Aquarium. He has not only been President of the Museum for more than 50 years, but has been President of the Aquarium since its founding. He is



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one of the guiding spirits of the Zoo, having served many years as chairman of its Building and Grounds Committee and its Executive Committee.

This is the second time an LL.D. degree has been conferred on Mr. Field. In December, 1930, this honor was bestowed by the University of Chicago. In the nearly 30 additional years that have intervened he has been tireless in his activities, and it is most appropriate that the Chicago area's two leading universities should have conferred upon him their highest commendation.

Books

A CENTURY OF BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH—Bulletin, Illinois Natural History Survey. Vol. 27, Article 2, pages 85-234, 25 figures.

The Illinois Natural History Survey from its beginning has been a unique organization covering fields of research and investigation that in most other states are the concern of several separate commissions. Its founders, Benjamin Walsh, William LeBaron, Cyrus Thomas, and its chief for 60 years, Stephen Forbes, were the men who built the institution, set its high standards and indicated the fields of investigation in which the survey has made its principal contributions.

This stock-taking publication begins with a history of the founding and development of the Survey by Dr. Harlow B. Mills, the present chief. The remaining eight chapters by other staff members cover various aspects of the work of the present organization as follows: Economic Entomology—Decker; Faunistic Surveys (since 1923 principally insects)—Ross; Applied Botany and Plant Pathology—Carter; Aquatic Biology—Bennett; Wildlife Research—Scott; Publications and Public Relations—Ayars; Library—Warrick; and Former Technical Employees—East. Each of the chapters follows a similar outline with a chronological account of the section organization, development of its major research programs and a discussion of future needs in this field. "Throughout its century of existence this organization has attempted to meet the needs of the economy of Illinois with an eye to the state's future requirements" (Ross).

LOREN P. WOODS
Curator of Fishes

Assistant Curator Named in Mammal Division

Dr. Karl Koopman has been appointed Assistant Curator of Mammals, and has begun his duties. Born in Honolulu, Dr. Koopman has lived on the mainland since he was two years old. He received his undergraduate and postgraduate training as a zoologist at Columbia University, and in 1949 was awarded the University's Newberry Prize for excellence in vertebrate zoology.

Dr. Koopman taught biology in Queens College, Flushing, New York, from 1952 to 1958, and was assistant curator of mammals at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia before coming here.

A new sparkle has been added to the exhibits pertaining to the peoples of the Malay Peninsula and Indonesia by rearrangements and reinstallations recently made in Hall G.

THIS MONTH'S COVER

With its new exterior silhouette-lighting, the Museum building has become a jewel-like spectacle each evening for thousands of motorists on the Lake Shore Drive, and for thousands of other persons in Grant Park for the summer concerts and other attractions.

NEW MEMBERS OF MUSEUM

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