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JAPANESE BIRD GROUP NEARS COMPLETION

The Japanese bird group, final habitat group in the Birds of the World Hall, is scheduled for completion this year, the Exhibition Department reports. The location of the new exhibit, just to the right of the entrance to the staff cafeteria, has been screened off in recent months while artist Matthew Kalmenoff has been at work on the background painting.

The group was collected in the Misaka Mountains of Japan in the fall of 1958 by George E. Petersen of Exhibition. Its vantage point is Mt. Eboshidake, looking southeast to Mt. Fuji which rises 12,397 feet. Four of the five lakes of the Fuji area can be seen in the panorama: on the right is Motosu-ko, to the left are Shoji and Sai-ko, and in the far distance is Kawshuchi-ko. In order to paint this panoramic view on the horseshoe-shaped back wall, Mr. Kalmenoff used stereo photographs taken at the site by Mr. Petersen.

Before selecting the exact location to be reproduced in the exhibit, Mr. Petersen climbed many mountains in the area and viewed Fuji from all sides. The Mt. Eboshidake view proved to be the most spectacular and offered the most interesting and representative foreground.

The birds to be included in the exhibit will come from the Bird Department's study collection, according to Dr. Dean Amadon, Department Chairman. In the center will be several beautiful Japanese copper pheasants. Nearby, a group of smaller birds -- chickadees,

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CREDIT UNION STARTS 25TH YEAR

The AMNH Employees' Federal Credit Union began its 25th year of service last month by announcing a 4¼% dividend for its 469 shareholders. At the organization's annual meeting on January 22, members learned that Credit Union assets stood at $151,000 at the end of 1959. Retiring-President Dorothy Bronson reported that the unit is in excellent financial health, and has been commended by the auditors for its well-kept records and absence of delinquent loans.

Mrs. Bronson also noted that, according to the revised By-Laws adopted by the organization's Board of Directors, dividends may henceforth be declared semi-annually. In conclusion, she said, "The cooperation we receive from the Museum Administration by providing office space, lighting, heat, free telephone service, a payroll deduction plan, cashing services and a belief in the value of an employee's credit union makes our Credit Union of great service to you. We are glad of your interest and support. We are here to serve you."

Because of the increased volume of Credit Union business during the past year, the membership voted to increase the Treasurer's monthly stipend from $80 to $100.

CU officers for the coming year are: President - John Saunders; Vice President - Rita Ross; Secretary - Constance Sherman; and Treasurer - Harry Lange. Members of the Board of Directors, in addition to these officers, are Dorothy Bronson, Anna Montgomery, and Philip Miller. The Credit Committee consists of Robert Adlington (Chairman), Rudolph

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Jaques painted the background and the birds and plants were mounted by Raymond B. Potter. The group was a gift of Dr. Evan M. Evans, the noted cardiologist. In the ensuing years, groups were collected and installed to show the bird life of other major faunal areas of the world, including the high Andes, the Canadian tundra, southern England, the African plains, and Australia. The Japanese group, the twelfth and last exhibit in the series, is a gift of Mr. & Mrs. Robert D. Sterling.

GERTSCH HEADS INSECT DEPARTMENT

Dr. Willis J. Gertsch has been appointed Acting Chairman of the Department of Insects and Spiders, replacing Dr. Mont A. Cazier who has returned to Arizona to assume the full-time Resident Directorship of the Southwestern Research Station at Portal. Dr. Gertsch, who has been with the Museum since 1932, is a leading authority on spiders and other arachnids. On expeditions in the United States, Mexico, and the Panama Canal Zone, he has collected many thousands of specimens. Altogether he has described over 700 new species. His popular writings have done much to dispel mistaken notions about the venomous nature of spiders, scorpions, and tarantulas.

APPRECIATION FROM GREATER N.Y. FUND

The Greater New York Fund, representing 425 hospitals and health, welfare, and youth agencies, has expressed special thanks to Museum employees for their participation in the 1959 campaign. John Saunders, Chairman of the Fund drive here, reports that $719 was collected -- the largest amount ever contributed by AMNH employees.

TRADING POST

FOR SALE Green Lawson divan in good condition. Slip cover included. $10. Abe Kaplan, Ext. 460.

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Employees who are not members of the Credit Union are urged to join and take advantage of its special conveniences: painless payroll deductions and transaction of business right in the Museum at lunch hours. The Credit Union office (Room B-49 in the Roosevelt basement) is open every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday (except pay days) from 12 noon to 1 P.M.

DR. RICE RETIRES

The Planetarium bids a fond farewell to Dr. Hugh S. Rice, Research Consultant in Astronomy, who retired last month after 38 years with the Museum and Planetarium. Dr. Rice began his association with AMNH as staff photographer in 1922. Later, he headed the Photography Division where many of his pictures remain on file today and are in constant use. In 1935 he joined the staff of the newly-established Planetarium where, over the years, his meticulous accuracy in all matters astronomical has been of incalculable service to the sky-watching public. His "Star Finder" is a great boon to beginners in astronomy, as is "The New Handbook of the Heavens" on which he collaborated. His many friends throughout the Museum and Planetarium miss him and hope that he will come back to see them often.

QUESTIONS OF LANGUAGE

Larry Pintner -- who, as Chief of Office Services, handles some of the Museum's funniest correspondence -- received a letter the other day requesting "liturgy on fishing for fun and equipment used to catch them." ...A 7-year-old visitor to the Natural Science Center wanted to know if the skunk had been "defumigated"....Kay Kennedy (Pub. Rel.) answered a query from a fourth grader who wondered why we call ourselves a MVSEVM on the 77th Street facade. The explanation: Classic Roman lettering was in fashion in the 19th Century when the building was designed.

When you need an electrician, plumber, painter, carpenter, mason, mechanic -- please don't call the shops. Call Emil Kremer's office.

HEARD IN PASSING

Consolidated Edison, while laying a new duct for electrical service on Wards Island recently, uncovered a harpoon and a number of bones. The harpoon was recognizable, but speculation about the bones ran the gamut from Moby Dick's skeleton, to Neanderthal Man, to an escaped convict who did'nt make it across the East River. The specimens were turned over to our Department of Mammals for identification. Regretfully, the mammalogists had to inform the "archaeologists" from Con Edison that the bones belong to our good friends the cow, the sheep, and the sea turtle.

Eugene Eisenmann (Birds) is doing field work in Panama this month. While there he hopes to work with Dr. Alexander Wetmore of the Smithsonian Institution.

Joan Gordan (Veg. Studies), who has been on a leave of absence for several months because of illness, dropped in at the "Grapevine" office to say hello the other day. Those who are familiar with her past work on bibliographies and indexes for scientific publications will be happy to know that she is now available to undertake assignments of this nature on a part-time basis. If you need the services of an excellent bibliographer, you can reach Mrs. Gordan at TRafalgar 3-5853, or drop a note to her at the Vegetation Studies office.

Newest AMNH resident of Tenafly, N.J. is Katharine Beneker (Exhib.) who moved into her newly-purchased abode -- a barn-red shingled house with two-car garage -- on January 29.

Harry Tappen (Bldg. Serv.) and Al Hansen (Paint Shop) were the purveyors of some heart-warming international relations while working on the Planetarium renovations last month. One of the Zeiss technicians from Germany, who was here to install the new projector, was climbing arduously over and around the instrument one morning when his wallet slipped, unnoticed, from his pocket. It contained among other things, $250 in hard-earned cash. The young man, who spoke almost no English, spent an anxious time assuming he would never recover his money. He was thrilled when the wallet was returned to him, contents intact. His favorite English expression is now "THANK YOU" -- addressed to Messrs. Tappen and Hansen, whose reply is "bitte schön, es macht nichts."

Dr. Harry L. Shapiro (Anthro.) and Ruth Norton (Pub. Rel.) attended the Seminar for Science Writers held at Gould House, Ardsley, New York early this month. Dr. Shapiro addressed the group of 24 newspaper men and women, who came from all over the country, on the subject "Social Change In Modern Culture." His comments evoked great interest from the press group, Miss Norton reports. After the formal session, Dr. Shapiro and Miss Norton joined the writers at dinner for a useful exchange of ideas and views on the reporting of scientific developments in the popular press. The Seminar, conducted by New York University, was sponsored by a National Science Foundation grant as part of the program to create better public understanding of science.

Leonard J. Brass (Mammals) returned late in January after nine months in New Guinea where he headed the Sixth Archbold Expedition to that area. He spent ten days here before traveling south to his regular base of operations, the Museum's Archbold Biological Station in Florida. He'll be back at the end of February for the arrival of the expedition's collections. Due to return at about the same time is Hobart M. Van Deusen, mammalogist on the expedition, who has been studying mammal collections in Australian museums for the past several weeks. Preliminary reports indicate that the latest endeavor in the Museum's long-term biological survey of New Guinea has been one of the most successful yet.

Apologies to Sam Kuster (Bldg. Serv.) and his wife Goldie whose wedding anniversary last month was incorrectly reported as their 30th, when in fact it was their 37th.

DR. ZWEIFEL AND THE SAFETY BELT

Dr. Richard G. Zweifel (Amphs. & Reps.) may owe his life to a safety belt. Recovering from a broken nose suffered in an automobile accident last month, he credits his narrow escape from more serious injuries to the fact that he was wearing a safety belt. We wish Dr. Zweifel a speedy recovery (and, at the same time, urge all our colleagues to equip their cars with safety belts.)

EBA ANNUAL REPORT

At the annual meeting last month of the Employees' Benefit Association, Retiring-President Mildred Parmenter Randino reported that EBA membership now stands at 528. The organization's year-end balance was $1,065.50 in death benefit funds and $162.37 in general funds. Mrs. Randino reviewed the EBA's 1959 activities which included two dinner dances and the fifth annual Children's Christmas Party. She also reviewed the developments that led to the transfer of sponsorship of the "Grapevine" from the EBA to the Administration.

Other highlights from the report: The surplus of gifts purchased for the Children's party was donated to a neighborhood church for distribution to underprivileged children. A television set has been given to the EBA by Mrs. Josephine D. Kimball, and is available in the Association's meeting room for all members to use at their discretion. The Administration continued its appropriation of $750 to help finance the social and athletic activities of the EBA.

Mrs. Randino expressed her personal thanks "to the Officers and Directors of the EBA for making my year as President a most enjoyable one." She wished every success to the new Officers: President-Catherine Pessino; Vice President - Katharine Beneker; Treasurer - George Floegel; and Secretary - Marie Praitano. In conclusion the report noted the election to the Board of Directors (for 3-year terms) of Dorothy Fulton, Albert Potenza and Mildred Randino.

LOW COST FLIGHT TO EUROPE

The low cost flight to Europe, for Museum employees and their families, is still on -- tentatively. The round-trip has gone up slightly, to about $260, still a great saving over the regular economy flight at $500. Fence-sitters must make up their minds immediately as the Museums Council will decide this month whether or not to schedule the flight. Tentative dates are: departure - August 10, return - September 17. If you are interested, please call Dr. Stephen Kayser, Curator of the Jewish Museum, who is handling arrangements. Telephone SA 2-2482, and do it now!

TWO UNION LOCALS MERGE

Two AMNH locals of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees have voted to amalgamate into one unit. The decision, made in December and legally consummated last month, brings together Local 1504 (representing supervisors and foremen) and Local 1559 (clerical, technical, and professional personnel).

At their first post-merger meeting on January 25, the members of the combined unit (which is designated Local 1559) elected the following officers: President - Walter Joyce; Vice President - Dorothy Fulton; Secretary - Helen Jones; Treasurer - Mary McKenna. Marie Praitano, Robert Daly, and Louis Monaco were elected trustees of the Local.

KUDOS

"Astronomy For You," a series of 13 half-hour television programs starring James S. Pickering of the Planetarium, received a Sylvania Television Award last month. The program, which appeared on Channel 11 in New York this past fall, was produced in film in the summer of 1958 by the Metropolitan Educational Television Association in cooperation with the Planetarium. Sponsored by the National Educational Television and Radio Center, it has been shown on TV stations throughout the country.

"Experiments In Sky Watching," a book for young amateur astronomers, written by Dr. Franklyn M. Branley with illustrations by Helmut Wimmer (both of the Planetarium), has received the Edison Award for the best children's science book of 1959. The book, published by Thomas Y. Crowell Company, is for boys and girls of 12 through 15 and may be purchased at the Planetarium Book Corner. The Edison Awards for outstanding books are made annually by the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation.

WEDDING BELLS

Vladimir Walters and Lisa Hamilton (both Fish. Dept.) became Dr. & Mrs. on Jan. 30 at the Mill Brook Church, Millbrook, N.J. They'll be back at the Fish Lab after a wedding trip in Florida. Feb. 13th is the happy day for Fred Schulze (Photo Div.) and his bride, Mary Fitzpatrick. They will be married at Our Lady of Grace Church, Hoboken, N.J. and will honeymoon in Canada.

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Dr. Stunkard hides his light under a bushel of clams.

(From time to time the "Grapevine" will report to you on some of the important -- and perhaps lesser-known -- work being done by Museum personnel.)

For the past three summers Dr. Horace W. Stunkard (Fishes & Aquatic Biology) has served at Woods Hole, Mass., as Research Scientist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, studying parasites of soft-shelled clams and their predators. This is an important aspect of research leading eventually, it is hoped, to biological control of green crabs and horseshoe crabs which have virtually wiped out the soft-shelled clam industry in New England. Dr. Stunkard will continue his work at Woods Hole during the coming summer.

FAMILIAR FACES IN NEW PLACES

Walter Koenig, who replaces George Nelson as Chief of the Planning Division, has moved to new quarters in the remodeled conference room on the second floor approach to the power house. The conference room has been divided into three smaller rooms, two of which have been assigned to Paul Grouleff, our new Plant Manager. Messrs. Koenig and Joseph Guerry occupy the last office on the left -- before the hall turns right.

Upstairs in the power house, Alec Williams has replaced Lothar Witteborg as Chief of the Exhibition Division.

Jeanne Lyons, who has just completed her fourth year with the Main Library, moves to Geology and Paleontology as Scientific Assistant as of March 1. She will be sorely missed by her Library colleagues but, happily, her new office will be just down the hall.

DISCOUNT TICKETS

Larry Pintner, Office Services, has a number of discount tickets for Broadway plays, sports events, films, and other types of entertainment. Current programs that Museum employees can take in at discount prices include The Ice Follies of 1960 at Madison Square Garden, hockey games by the New York Rangers, the motion picture "Orpheus Descending," and the Broadway musical "Destry Rides Again." If you're interested in any of these, call Mr. Pintner at ext. 263.

NEWS OF FORMER COLLEAGUES

Seen around the Museum recently was the familiar face of William Schwarting, erstwhile teacher in Public Instruction, who is now in charge of education at the Ft. Worth Children's Museum in Texas. He and his wife Carol (also a former AMNH teacher) are the proud parents of twins. Mr. Schwarting brought us word of Lewis Brown (formerly of Exhibition) who is getting adjusted to Texas and to his work as head of preparation at the Children's Museum.

Mrs. Josephine D. Kimball (formerly Pres. Off.) is currently in town for a month and has dropped in at the Museum several times. Mrs. Kimball and her husband, Richard A. Kimball, who was recently appointed Director of the American Academy in Rome, returned to New York on Academy business after a month of settling in to their new home in Italy. According to a feature story in Rome's English-language daily paper, the Kimballs settled in with dispatch. A few hours after their arrival in Rome by jet, they were entertaining the entire contingent of Academy Fellows at a reception. Small world post script: the feature story was written by Dorothy Sandler, who forwarded it to her brother-in-law Dr. Harry L. Shapiro (Anthro.), who forwarded it to the "Grapevine".

Fred Mason, former Assistant Chief of Exhibition, has been appointed Director of the Massachusetts Audubon Society's Wachusett Meadows Sanctuary in Princeton, Mass.

Tony Cartossa, who was with Building Services for many years, visited us the other day. He heads for Florida soon to spend several months soaking up the sun in the Miami area. We look forward to seeing him later on at EBA gatherings which he hopes to attend.

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK!

We are sorry to say so long to two stalwart members of Building Services: George Van Nest retired on January 15 after 24 years with the Museum, and John Lambert will have completed three decades of service when he retires on February 29. Both men have seen us through many ups and downs, Mr. Van Nest on the Roosevelt elevators and Mr. Lambert on the elevator in the School Service Building.

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AMNHers WEATHER THE BIG SNOW

It is suggested that you save this issue of the "Grapevine" until some sweltering afternoon next July -- then get it out and enjoy the blizzard of March 3-4.

When the air finally cleared Friday morning, the Museum's steps and driveways were buried under about 15 inches of snow, with drifts considerably higher, and a good proportion of our loyal colleagues had battled their way in to work. Visitors were not quite as brave, however; the 878 who showed up that day at the Museum and the 167 at the Planetarium constituted just about the smallest attendance in memory. The preceding night, exactly one person arrived to see the sky show at the Planetarium. But true to tradition, the show went on. (Fortunately, a group of City College students, present for a special lecture at 7 p.m., remained to see the regular sky presentation.)

A scheduled dinner program Thursday night in the Museum for members of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute went off without a hitch -- thanks to the efforts of Anne Montgomery (who came in with a raging fever to direct the arrangements), the Globe Canteen (which was prepared to serve 250 expected guests, of whom 138 made it) and Harry Tappan and Ed Teller (who moved a mountain of snow to make the 77th Street entrance accessible.) Mr. Tappan was at the wheel of the Museum's handy snow plow when it bogged down in the deep drifts, but Mr. Teller came to the rescue with a good old-fashioned shovel and dug the mechanized operation out.

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DIRECTOR EMERITUS ANDREWS DIES

Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, Director of this Museum from 1935 to 1941 and a member of our staff for 35 years, died of a heart attack in Carmel, Calif., on Friday, March 11. He was 76 years old.

Dr. Andrews, a native of Beloit, Wis., came to New York at the age of 22 with $30 in his pocket and took a job as a cleaner at the Museum. In the succeeding years he worked his way up in the scientific staff and became world-famous as an explorer, naturalist, and prolific writer. As leader of the Museum's Central Asiatic Expeditions, he headed the famous Gobi Desert Expedition of 1922 -- made up of forty men, eight automobiles, and 150 camels -- which uncovered the first dinosaur fossils ever found in that region.

In his letter of resignation as Museum Director in 1941, he wrote, "I shall hope to maintain close relations with the Museum and continue to serve it in other ways as long as I live....I have had the finest possible support and the most cordial relations with the Board of Trustees and the Scientific and Administrative Staffs, many of whom have become my most valued personal friends."

On its editorial page last Sunday, The New York Times said, "Roy Chapman Andrews was one of those supremely fortunate men who know exactly what they want to do in the world. He wanted to be a naturalist and he was one -- one of the best and one of the last whose range of knowledge spanned the earth....Now, at the age of 76, he has gone exploring in vaster regions than he knew before. It is hard to think of his indomitable spirit as ceasing to exist."

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Meanwhile, the homeward trek of employees was continuing at a snail's pace late into the evening and, in some cases, had slowed to a halt. Ann Miller, sitting on a bus that advanced half a mile in six hours, happened to be carrying a loaf of bread from which she passed out slices to starving fellow passengers. Her total time en route, normally 45 minutes, ran a little over eight hours. Ruth Delaney made it in six hours. After a thorough tour of the West 40th Street area in an unheated bus that tried every approach to the Lincoln Tunnel and failed, she switched to another unheated bus and went by way of the Holland Tunnel -- a route that included her first tour of Greenwich Village. "Village Voice," please copy: Mrs. D. is much impressed with the Village, but would have preferred to see it under more favorable circumstances.

For others, who live in the Museum neighborhood, the counter-part of the long journey was the long wait. Rachel Nichols was relieved to hear from her husband by phone shortly after lunch that he was starting home from his office 18 miles out in New Jersey. He arrived at the Nichols residence on West 65th Street some eleven hours later.

Friday, March 4th was to have been moving day for the James A. Oliver family. With all their worldly possessions packed for the movers, they lived for three days out of packing boxes before they were able to shovel their way out of their house in Bronxville and into their new home in Tenafly.

Bus and subway breakdowns caused a widespread revival of an old and honorable sport -- hiking. Among those who hoofed it a couple of miles or more to get to or from the Museum were Elwood Logan, Richard Pankanin, and James S. Pickering.

Employees whose cars were parked in the Museum yard were in for trouble. A trailer truck which had come to pick up some exhibit cases got stuck in the delivery

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entrance driveway and blocked the egress for large cars. Among the smaller cars that were able to squeeze past was Rudy Schrammel's. (Brand name withheld to avoid possible antagonism of U.S. auto manufacturers.) Mr. S. not only sailed up the incline to Columbus Avenue, but packed six stranded hitch-hikers into his midget vehicle on the way home to Mt. Vernon. Harold Silverman was less lucky. His small foreign car was so small that he had some difficulty in locating it under a snow bank. Once uncovered, it required the weight of a good part of the Animal Behavior Department, sitting on its rear, to provide sufficient traction to move it.

Museum President Alexander M. White, grounded in Boston, where he had attended a dinner at the home of President Pusey of Harvard, found the automobile trip from Penn Station to his Long Island home almost as long as the train trip from Boston to New York. Joseph M. Chamberlain, grounded in Washington, managed to get here in time to deliver an evening lecture at the Planetarium.

Public transportation delays in outlying areas on Friday morning required considerable ingenuity on the part of our stalwarts who were determined to be on the job. Many, like Joe Nullet and Betty Nullet, who live in Queens, used an old trick: after failing to push their way into a dozen jam-packed Manhattan-bound trains, they boarded an out-bound train, rode to the end of the line, and came back in -- with seats! For automobile commuters it was more a matter of brawn than brain. Isabel Mount and her husband began in the grey dawn to shovel out their 150-foot driveway, but by noon they were forced to give up the prospect of driving into the City.

Several employees, like Cornelius Munic and John Hackett, sustained bumps and bruises from slipping on the ice; others, like Vic Badaracco and Dot Madsen, suffered head colds or sore throats resulting from wet feet. Fortunately, there were no more serious casualties.

The big snow, and accompanying low temperatures, effected at least one innovation in men's fashions. Leo Vroman wore a hat! It was a Navy watch cap, to be sure, but Dr. V. wore it at such a variety of rakish angles that we expect the style will sweep the Museum when the next big blizzard sets in.

PARR PORTRAIT UNVEILED

A portrait painting of Dr. Albert E. Parr, Senior Scientist, commissioned by the employees and trustees of the Museum, was recently completed and was presented to him and Mrs. Parr at a cocktail party on Monday, March 14. The likeness of Dr. Parr, who served as Museum Director for 17 years, was painted by the American portrait artist Willard Cummings. In it, Dr. Parr is seated and wearing academic robes. The painting will hang for several weeks in the Staff Restaurant after which it will grace the Parr home for the enjoyment of family and friends.

MUSEUM-CITY RELATIONS

The Administration has been advised by the Bureau of the Budget that ten positions in the title of Museum Attendant and Senior Museum Attendant have been changed to the title of Museum Technician, and one Museum Assistant to that of Senior Clerk. These changes will be submitted to the Board of Estimate as a resolution for adoption on March 24. The new positions call for upgradings to Grade 8 and 7 respectively.

Checks for retroactive pay were delivered last payday to six Museum employees in the titles of Supervising Clerk, Senior Clerk, and Senior Attendant. This happy action resulted from a readjustment by the Board of Appeals of the original desk audit evaluations concerned.

The Administration reports further that it has been advised of a Determination increasing the hourly rates of the titles of Stationary Engineer, Stationary Fireman and Oiler. The Museum is now awaiting modification of the City Budget in order to prepare payment.

MISS GUNZ RETIRES AFTER 42 YEARS

The many friends of Helen M. Gunz, Assistant Librarian, bade her a fond farewell on February 29th at a party given for her by her colleagues in the Library and attended by some 80 AMNH'ers. Miss Gunz, who was a member of the Library staff for 42 years, held the post of Assistant Librarian from 1935 until her retirement. She is planning to keep her hand in with occasional work at Fairleigh Dickinson College and, happily, she will be coming in to the Museum from her home in Rutherford, N.J., now and then to say hello.

PHOTO DIVISION SHOOTS ECLIPSE

AMNH Photographers Elwood Logan and Alex Rota braved temperatures in the low 20s for five hours early last Sunday, March 13, to photograph the total lunar eclipse from the roof of the Park Crescent Hotel on Riverside Drive at 87th Street. The eclipse-watch party, headed by Joseph M. Chamberlain, Planetarium Chairman, included several press photographers as well as "Natural History" Editor John Purcell and his wife; Public Relations Manager Ruth Norton, and your "Grapevine" editor. Cloudless skies permitted excellent visibility as the full moon, passing through the shadow of the earth, assumed the strange copper color that can be seen only during a lunar eclipse. The photographic record obtained by Messrs. Logan and Rota was, as usual, outstanding.

It is with sorrow that we report the death of Mrs. Ella B. Ransom on February 13, 1960. Mrs. Ransom served the Museum with deep loyalty and dedication for eighteen years as secretary and executive assistant to President Emeritus F. Trubee Davison. At the time of her death she was serving as personal secretary to Mr. Davison at his home on Long Island. Mrs. Ransom's warm and sympathetic personality and her enthusiasm for the Museum will long be remembered by her many friends here.

EMPLOYEES IN MUSEUM COURSES

Employees of the Museum may audit most evening courses free in classes that are not fully subscribed. It is requested, however, that persons interested call Bruce Hunter, ext. 445, in advance, to be sure that courses are still open.

In the workshop course "Japanese Flower Arrangement," starting March 17, there may still be a place when you get this "Grapevine". This series of four Thursday evening sessions cannot be offered free because of the flower costs involved. However, Museum employees may take it for $10 instead of the usual $20, should there be any openings left.

HEARD IN PASSING

Paul Goodhouse gets the hot foot: The other night our Electrical Chief was awakened to find his bed on fire. No, he hadn't been smoking; it was a short in his electric blanket.

John Cook (Gen. Account.) who underwent a difficult and successful operation for cataracts early this month is making a good recovery, his wife Alma Cook (Burs. Off.) reports. We are thinking of him and hoping he'll be back with us very soon. Also sorely missed these days are Charles O'Brien (Birds) who is convalescing after an operation, and John Killalea (Bldg. Serv.) who has been ill for several weeks.

It's good to have Erica Prud'homme (Exhib.) back with us again. During her year's absence, she and her husband were living in Holland, Germany, and Switzerland. Jerry Lanes (Nat. Hist.) is looking tanned and fit after a brief vacation in St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

More additions to the Museum's Jersey clan: Director James A. Oliver and his family have moved back to Tenafly for the third time (see Snow Story, page 1), and Terry Curtin McKnight (Amphibs. & Reps.) and her husband have traded Manhattan for Ft. Lee.

Family Affairs: Congratulations to Peter Kanyuk (Pow. House) and his wife who became the proud parents of a baby girl on February 2nd. Carol Lutz (Birds) will be leaving us at the end of this month to be married in Philadelphia to Ralph Flood, and English Literature instructor at the University of Pennsylvania. Cecile Cwelich (Geo. & Paleo.) became engaged recently to S/Sgt. Willard L. Wood of the Air Force who is presently stationed in Florida. They will be married in the fall.

NEW FACES

George H. Goodwin, Jr., the new Librarian who will work in collaboration with Hazel Gay, Chief Librarian, comes to us from the State University College of Education in New Paltz, N.Y. and was associated with the Smithsonian Institution Library for six years. His varied experience in his profession will make him a valuable asset here.

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Cynthia Stephens, who has joined the Planetarium staff as Scientific Assistant, was formerly with the Mt. Wilson and Palomar Observatories where, as Research Assistant, she worked with some of the country's foremost astronomers. A Phi Beta Kappa from Wellesley with honors in astronomy, she also did research at Strawbridge Observatory, Haverford College.

Robert J. C. Maul, a new member of Geology and Paleontology was formerly an interior designer; and Marilyn Freilicher who has joined the Vegetation Studies office is, at 23, a retired school teacher.

Additional recent arrivals at the Museum include Grace Lieder, Animal Behavior; Gladys Hartland, Controller's Office; Pachin Wandres, Insects and Spiders; Nolan Willence, Planning; Robert Hill and Robert Batalitzky, both Building Services; Florence Klodin, Natural History Magazine; Barbara Botteri, Planetarium; Janet Cooper, Membership; Robert E. Andreone and William P. Hogan, Frick Laboratory; John J. Lee, Micropaleontology; and in the Electrical Shop, James J. Doyle, Peter Maresca, and Conrad Mauer. Also back in the Electrical Shop -- to help with the sped-up program of bringing light to darkened exhibits -- are two familiar faces, William Shaw and Joseph "Stitch" Krosche who has been with us off and on for many years.

RETIREMENT TEAS

The recently instituted program of afternoon teas, given by the Museum in honor of retiring employees, has been received with great enthusiasm. Eighty-five people attended the tea in the Sportsmen's Library, February 25th, honoring John J. Lambert and George Van Nest, and several photos taken on that occasion are now displayed on the cafeteria bulletin board.

While all of us would probably like to attend every tea, such a mass evacuation of Museum posts would obviously be impractical. Therefore, the Committee in Charge of Retirement Teas, of which Larry Pintner is Chairman, will request the retiring employee's department head to prepare the guest list.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Radio messages from the Navy Icebreaker Glacier, on which Dr. Robert Cushman Murphy (Birds) is now sailing through Antarctic waters, report that the ship has explored part of the Amundsen Sea where no vessel has ever traveled before. Back home in the Bird Department, a visitor from Copenhagen, Dr. Hans Johansen, is with us for three months of research. He is an expert on birds of the Arctic and Siberia.

Marion Carr (Jr. Nat. Hist.) goes to Washington at the end of this month to take part in the White House Conference on Children and Youth. It is a measure of her magazine's high prestige that Mrs. Carr was invited to participate in the work panel that will discuss books, magazines, and newspapers and their effect on children and youth.

Dr. Donald Squires (Geo. & Paleo.) has returned from a year of field work in New Zealand during which he made extensive studies of coral reefs. Dr. Willis Gertsch and Rudolph Schrammel (both Insects) leave this week for a two-month field trip in the southwest. They will collect spiders in Texas and southern California and will also stop at the Southwestern Research Station in Arizona. Charles M. Bogert and Dr. John Moore (both Amphs. & Reps.) left last week for Mexico where Mr. Bogert will record frog voices near the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. They will be back at the end of the month. For Dr. Moore, the field trip is the first of a series on which he will collect frogs for embryological studies.

Dr. Horace Stunkard (Fishes) has returned from three weeks at the Lerner Marine Laboratory in the Bahamas where he was seeking, successfully, parasites from the kidney of the octopus. Mrs. Stunkard accompanied him on his field trip.

CIRCUS DISCOUNT TIX

Discount tickets for Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus, coming to Madison Square Garden at the end of this month, are now available from Larry Pintner, Office Services. They can be used for evening shows only and do not apply for admission of children under 12. With the discount, the regular $6.50 ticket is $4; the regular $4 ticket is $2.90. Those under 12 pay ½ regular price.

UNNATURAL HISTORY NOTES

Ed Teller (Bldg. Serv.) tells us of three small visitors who were looking at the pumpkin in the Warburg Hall. One of them remarked that it was not very big. The oldest, a lad of about 7, exclaimed, "Well, it's grown a lot since I first saw it. When I used to come to this Museum when I was little, that pumpkin was just a teeny weeny thing!"

The following conversation between two visitors as they passed the John Burroughs exhibit was overheard by Kay Beneker (Exhib.)

1st Visitor: Say, who was John Burroughs?

2nd Visitor: John Burroughs? Oh, he wrote "Tarzan And The Apes."

The Administration reports that notice of job vacancies in the Museum will henceforth be posted on Museum bulletin boards in order that all present employees may be aware of the openings and have the opportunity to apply for any which might offer an advancement and for which they might qualify.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE WORKSHOP

Museum people who are parents (or aunts, uncles, guardians, godparents, etc.) will be interested to know that Jacqueline Riseman of the Promotion Department conducts a Children's Theatre Workshop on Saturday mornings at her studio a few blocks from the Museum. Her classes are divided into age groups ranging from 7 to 16. The chief aim is to help youngsters discover the fun of creating characters and imaginative situations. There is also some work in scenic design, costumes, and props. Fees are very reasonable and a personal interview is required for prospective students.

Before Miss Riseman joined the Museum staff, she lived in Boston where she was active in the Boston Children's Theatre doing weekly TV and radio dramas. She has taught dramatics at summer camps and was the founder and director of a little theatre group for Boy and Girl Scouts while she was a student at Wellesley.

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NEWS OF FORMER EMPLOYEES

A note from Alma O'Connor (formerly Bldg. Serv.) tells us that she is enjoying the "Grapevine" with its news of her many friends at the Museum. Mrs. O'Connor is living in Florida where the weather has been unusually cool of late -- but, like a good Floridian, she reports that it is "still very nice, all in all." She has recently moved to 1375 Pasadena Ave., South, Box 603, St.Petersburg 7.

James Fowler (formerly Birds) is teaching Zoology on a year's appointment at Barnard College. He and his wife, formerly Peggy Phillips of the Director's Office, are living in upper Manhattan with their two small sons.

A card to Marguerite Newgarden from the C. Howard Currans reports that they are very happy with their new home in Leesburg, Fla. Dr. Curran, who retired from the Insect Dept. this year, has been painting the new house, working around the garden and (we can be quite sure) stopping to examine whatever Diptera happen to be buzzing nearby.

Betty Emery's many Museum friends were delighted when she dropped in to say hello the other day. Mrs. Emery, who lives in Yonkers, retired two years ago after 27 years of attending to our aches and pains as AMNH nurse.

TRADING POST

Will sell .22 caliber Ruger blue steel 9-shot automatic complete with two clips and leather holster. Fine target or collector's gun. $25.00. Call Bill Burns, Ext. 212.

Apartments: Summer sublets, in the Hunter College vicinity, are needed for teachers who will be attending a teaching institute at Hunter July 1 - Aug. 2. If interested, call Bruce Hunter (no relation to the College, just a friend) at Ext. 445. Meanwhile, if you know of someone looking for a summer sublet on the west side, Mr. Hunter's apartment, one block from the Museum, will be available for July & Aug. Reasonable rent.

If you are interested in learning more about the Children's Theatre Workshop, call Miss Riseman at Ext. 320 during lunch hour, or at home, EN 2-0778.

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CAMERA CLUB TO EXPLORE NEW GUINEA

"Exploring New Guinea" is the general title of a series of three illustrated talks which the Camera Club plans to offer its members and other employees of the Museum. Each talk will feature a different speaker. All meetings are scheduled for Room 426 at 12 noon, with the speaker commencing his talk promptly at 12:15. It is expected that all talks will end by 1 o'clock. Each member of the audience is requested to bring his lunch (including coffee or tea) and to try and consume it by 12:15 so that the talk can begin. Dates are as follows: April 27 - Dr. E. Thomas Gilliard, speaking on "Birds of New Guinea" - illustrated with motion pictures; May 18 - Hobart Van Deusen, discussing "Mammals of New Guinea" - illustrated with Kodachromes. It is hoped that Leonard Brass can be induced to be the third speaker in June, and that he will give an illustrated talk on "Exploring for Plants in New Guinea." More information on this will appear when plans are definite.

The Camera Club also announces that annual dues have been abolished. It is now the policy of the Club that any employee of the Museum who wishes to join can do so without payment of dues. He need only communicate his wish to the President or Secretary of the Club.

Officers of the Club are: President - William Mussig; Vice President - Joseph Sedacca; Secretary - Nancy Gahan; Treasurer - Mary McKenna; Chairman of the Executive Committee - Dorothy Fulton; Chairman of the Program Committee - Dorothy Bliss.

DR. MURPHY BACK FROM ANTARCTICA

Down at the bottom of the world, where the bleak white shore of Antarctica meets the Amundsen Sea, there is a 7300-foot mountain called Mt. Murphy. Named by IGY scientists four years ago in honor of Robert Cushman Murphy, the mountain and its famous namesake met for the first time this year.

Dr. Murphy, Lamont Curator Emeritus of Birds and Research Associate of the Bird Department, returned at the end of March from a two-month tour of duty as zoologist with "Operation Deep Freeze," the U.S. government's antarctic research project. He was one of nine scientists invited by the National Science Foundation to take part in the project. Their ship, the Navy's newest icebreaker Glacier became the first vessel ever to reach the coasts of the Amundsen and Bellingshausen Seas.

Using the ship as a base of operations, Dr. Murphy explored the shore and coastal waters by launch, helicopter, and on foot, making extensive observations of penguins, seals, whales and other animal inhabitants. He was particularly interested in the factors that control the distribution of species in the pack ice and along the Antarctic Convergence.

The expedition, which was to have continued through April, was cut short when the Glacier was sent to the rescue of an Argentinian ship caught in the ice. Unfortunately, from the scientists' point of view, the emergency occurred just as the Glacier reached the most interesting area of its explorations. (And then the Argentinian ship extricated itself before the rescuers arrived).

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The handsome sketch of the Museum's 77th Street facade that graces our cover each month is the work of Phyllis Morse, Graphic Arts.

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Temperatures along the antarctic coast ranged from about 7° to 14° F., Dr. Dr. Murphy reports. Although he was equipped with heavy polar clothing, he was usually able to work in a nylon wind-proof suit. Among the items he was required to take along were "chopper-liner gloves, fishnet drawers, and waffle undershirts." On first looking over the list, he wondered when he was supposed to wear what. (The waffle undershirts turned out to have a weave that resembles a breakfast waffle, and they are so comfortable that he's still wearing them).

As for life aboard the 8600-ton Glacier, Dr. Murphy reports that his accommodations were luxurious, a cabin steward attended to his every wish, he had fresh laundry daily, and the ship's food was superb. Quite a change from the 382-ton whaling brig Daisy on which he made his first expedition to the subantarctic regions forty-eight years ago.

OFF AGAIN, ON AGAIN

That low cost flight to Europe for Museum employees and their families is still a possibility. Although deadlines, now past, were reported in earlier "Grapevines", a new flight plan has been tentatively scheduled and the number of applications is now approaching the figure required for definite scheduling of the flight. Dates would be: departure - August 20, return - September 20; round trip cost - $258. Dr. Stephen Kayser of the Jewish Museum is handling the arrangements for the Museums Council. If you want to sign on, call him at once. SA 2-2482.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Employees who wish to carry over unused annual leave allowance must conform with the rules found on page 12 of the General Regulations. A form for this purpose may be obtained from the Personnel Office.

JOHN KILLELEA

Nearly everyone who comes to this Museum regularly knew John Killelea. As a Senior Attendant, he was frequently on the main doors, and he was a big man in stature and in spirit -- the kind of man one remembers. Although he had been home for several weeks with arthritis, his sudden death from a heart attack last Thursday, March 31, was a great shock to his close friends and colleagues in the Museum. He is survived by his wife, the former Julia Cronin, whom he married in 1919.

Born in County Roscommon, Ireland, he came to this country as a young man and did combat service with the U.S. Army Infantry in France during World War I. He started working at the Museum as a night watchman in 1937. Both on and off the job, his outstanding characteristic was generosity. As one of his colleagues put it, "He would do just about anything for anybody." His fellow employees and the Museum Trustees who came to know him well over the years will miss him very much.

MUSEUM-CITY RELATIONS

The upgrading of ten positions in the titles of Attendant and Senior Attendant to the title of Museum Technician has been approved by the Board of Estimate, and this week the Budget Director approved modification of the 1959-1960 Budget to reflect the upgrading. This action finally achieves the recognition for which the Museum has been pressing since the Career and Salary plan was started, an equal grade for all personnel on City Payrolls in the various scientific departments.

OUR FAR-FLUNG MEMBERS

Membership Secretary William A. Burns just received a letter from one Lt. Robert B. Connolly of the USS SARGO, a nuclear-powered submarine on duty in the Arctic, who writes: "SARGO has just become the third vessel ever to reach the North Pole. I thought you would like to know that the Museum is represented by an Associate Member!"

CREDIT UNION REPORTS

As this "Grapevine" goes to press, the records of our Credit Union have just been audited by an examiner from the Bureau of Federal Credit Unions. As of Feb. 28, 1960, our total assets amounted to $168,752.23; members' shares amounted to $154,930.46; and outstanding loans to members stood at $146,204.33. The Credit Union is still able to hold the low interest rate on loans to 2/3 of 1%, which is lower than that of any commercial lending agency in the N.Y. area.

In January we reported that according to the revised By-Laws adopted by the CU Board of Directors, dividends may henceforth be declared semi-annually. For the present the Board has decided to retain the annual dividend. If, in the future, it is decided that dividends should be paid semi-annually, the membership will be notified.

CU members, please note: The Supervisory Committee will be sending verification forms to some of you this month. Please sign and return them as soon as possible in order that the Committee may be sure that your account record is accurate and up-to-date.

IT'S TERMITE TIME

The season has arrived when anxious householders are rushing to their phones to call John Pallister (Insects) with queries about those curious flying insects that are dropping their wings on floors and shelves. Letters are also arriving daily containing specimens of the insects for identification. This is the time of year, Mr. Pallister explains, when the termites are making love. The males and females, out on their nuptial flights, are usually the only evidence of an infestation in the woodwork. The workers, who avoid daylight, stay busy inside the wood eating out the center. One species of termite is quite common in the New York area, and a colony when once established can do considerable damage to a home. Termites are no respecters of persons and have been known to attack the homes of people who work in natural history museums. If you run across some small wing-dropping creatures in your living room, your best bet is to call the exterminator.

HEARD IN PASSING

Slug 'em, Maggie! Due to a slight misplacement of type in the mimeographed schedule of lectures and meetings held in the Museum on March 30, it appeared that one of our best-natured Senior Instructors had suddenly turned belligerent. The line in question read "2:00 P.M. - Film Program for Adults - Fighting Miss Newgarden." (The descriptive adjective was part of a film title and belonged on the line below.)

Like all of us, Ann Thropus is finding the Museum's new Directory and Telephone Book very useful, and is grateful to Dr. William A. Burns for having compiled it. Although she is a very long-term employee, Miss Thropus has not yet completely learned her way around the building, and there are still a number of employees whom she doesn't know personally. (For the benefit of those who don't know her, Miss T. was occupying a small house on this property when President Grant laid the cornerstone for the first building. Because she refused to move, the Museum was more or less built around her.) With the help of the new Directory, she has (1) learned that the Institute of Intercultural Studies can be reached on extension 485, (2) discovered how to get to Micropaleontology, and (3) finally found out the name of the handsome man who sits in an office she passes every day on her way to lunch.

Elinor White (formerly Exhib. Dept.) was married on March 19 to George G. Montgomery, Jr. A number of her Museum colleagues who attended the wedding report -- to the surprise of no one -- that she was a beautiful bride....Judie Schwartz (Pub. Rel.) was hostess to a group of Museum people who attended the opening March 28 of a show of paintings by her artist husband, Daniel Schwartz. The paintings, all on a sports theme, will be on view at the Davis Galleries, 231 E. 60th St., through April 16. All AMNH'ers are invited to drop in.

Travellers: Connie Sherman (Birds), back from a week in South Carolina, is wearing a touch of southern springtime -- pink camellias....Angelina Messina (Micro.) is sporting a lovely tan after ten days of beachcombing on a small island off the Florida coast.... Gordon Reekie (Exhib.) is about to board a United Fruit Company freighter bound for Panama where he will go through the Canal. He promises to bring all of us bananas.

If Gladys Schroeder (First Aid) doesn't write a book about her tour of Mexico, it will be everybody's loss. Our intrepid nurse spent four weeks south of the border, travelling 12 to 14 hours a day by bus, and visiting Indian villages and ruins from the Gulf coast to the Pacific. A lone traveller, she eschewed the beaten paths and tourist attractions and rarely saw another U.S. citizen. Although she spoke little Spanish, she made friends everywhere, communicating by sign language and pictures. One Indian family with whom she stayed adopted her. But accommodations were not always easy to find. A beautiful and uninhabited beach on the west coast offered only a small hut which she shared over night with a number of chickens, goats, and pigs from a nearby village.

Dr. Herndon Dowling (Amps. and Reps.) returned recently from Trinidad with a bushmaster snake which he will use for research on the conditions under which bushmasters live. The bushmaster is the largest venemous snake in the western hemisphere.

Kenneth Chambers (Pub. Inst.) wishes to thank his many Museum friends for their kindnesses to him during his hospitalization. We hope that by the time you read this he'll be home from the hospital and well along the road to recovery.

Our colleagues at the Museum switchboard are having some trying times these days. Honnie Scharf is on leave for some weeks in order to take a needed and well-earned rest. And as of last weekend, Marge McGoldrick is laid up with bronchial and pleural pneumonia at St. John's Hospital in Long Island City. Marie Praitano was at the board alone the other afternoon when a reporter for this column stopped by to say hello. Miss Praitano, beset by a steady flow of incoming and outgoing calls, was able to return the greeting only with a nod of her head. Helping out at the board part time during this difficult period is John Hackett and Frances Black is temporarily

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replacing Miss Scharf. Considering the increased load of business in recent years, our telephone operators have been doing a heroic job. Under the present circumstances, it behooves all of us to lighten their load whenever possible.

A hearty welcome to Regina Wimmer who arrived, not entirely unexpectedly, on March 11 at the home of Helmut Wimmer (Planet.) and his wife Francie. Regina weighed in at 7½ pounds and is doing nicely.

FAREWELL & GOOD LUCK!

Senior Attendant Edward V. Lyons retired on March 31st after 24 years of service with the Museum. For the past several years he has been keeping a watchful eye on the treasures of the Gem Hall. Richard Pankanin (An. Behav.) also left us last month to take a civilian job with the United States Army. He had been at the Museum for 18 years.

ATTENTION, ALL E.B.A. MEMBERS

The Employees' Benefit Association wishes to bring its files up to date. Kindly fill in the form at the bottom of this page. Cut it out along the lines in order that the form will fit in a 3 x 5 card file. Send it to E.B.A. Secretary Marie Praitano, Office Services. Please do it now!

DEFINITELY NOT GREEN CHEESE

A few days ago Elon Pollick, 8, of Jersey City, paid a visit to the Planetarium with his Boy's Club. So, incidentally, did 750 other young people in various groups. In the normal brouhaha of exodus from a Planetarium performance, Elon lost touch with his group. Using his head, he reported his predicament to the Box Office where Sophie Milkowska was on duty. When it was sadly certain that Elon's group had gone off without him, Sophie got to work. First, she called the boy's mother and announced that Elon was all right, but that the group had gotten lost. Then she put in a call to the headquarters of the Club, which sent an emissary all the way back from Jersey City to reclaim the missing member.

Meanwhile, Elon was living it up. He and Sophie had a light snack and toured the behind-the-scenes regions, and the lad was reluctant to leave when the Club representative turned up to claim him. An exchange of vital statistics disclosed that Elon's father was a baker in Jersey City.

The next day Mr. Pollick came to the Box Office with a large elaborately wrapped package for Sophie and a wealth of paternal gratitude. The package turned out to be a cake designed to represent the surface of the moon -- complete with craters, maria, rills and peaks. On it was a rocket poised for take-off. The sides of the cake were a delicate blue, and the inside was delicious. The entire staff of the Planetarium shared in the grateful beneficence of Elon's father, with Sophie as a beaming hostess.

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DR. LIBBIE HYMAN TO BE HONORED

One of the highest honors in the field of biological research will be awarded to Dr. Libbie Hyman, Department of Fishes and Aquatic Biology, when she flies to England late this month to receive the Gold Medal of the Linnean Society of London. Dr. Hyman, this country's foremost authority on invertebrates, has been engaged for nearly thirty years in the preparation of a monumental treatise titled "The Invertebrates". Five volumes have already been published and she is now working on Volume 6. When completed, the study will be the most comprehensive treatment of its subject ever published.

Dr. Hyman's reputation is such that there is a regular stream of pilgrimages to her office on the Museum's fifth floor, both by professional zoologists from all over the world and by college students who use her textbooks. Five years ago she received the Daniel Giraud Elliot Medal of the National Academy of Sciences. The Linnean Gold Medal, which she receives this month, has been awarded annually since 1888 to a zoologist or botanist who has made outstanding contributions to man's knowledge of the fauna or flora of the world.

MUSEUM DOING NEW RADIO SHOW

A new series of radio programs, produced jointly by AMNH and Station WRCA, went on the air this past Sunday and will continue to be heard each Sunday at 2:05 P.M. on WRCA. Titled "Journey Into Nature", the series will cover topics with which the Museum deals in research, exhibition, and education. In each program, one or more Museum scientists

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PENSION BENEFITS INCREASED

For the second time in three years, a surplus in the AMNH Pension Fund, resulting from the wise investments of the Finance Committee, has made possible a general increase in benefits for all participants in the Pension Plan. In recent months, the employee members of the Pension Board have been conferring with our actuary in an effort to determine the most equitable way of increasing benefits. After much consideration of various formulas for accomplishing this purpose, the actuary advised us that a 10% "dividend" method, in which each employee would share proportionately, would afford the most equitable distribution of the surplus.

The Pension Board's resolution, passed in March and approved by the Board of Trustees at its meeting last month, states that at the close of business on June 30, 1960, the pension credits of all active employees will be increased by 10%, and the pension benefits of all retired employees will be increased by 10%.

Personnel Officer Adrian Ward reports that each active employee will receive individual notification of his total pension credits up to June 30th sometime during the coming summer. Retired employees will first receive the 10% increase in their checks for the month of July, Mr. Ward said.

MUSEUM-CITY RELATIONS

In connection with the first stage of the conversion of the Museum's electrical system from direct current to alternating current, the Board of Estimate last month adopted a resolution approving the expenditure of $17,000 for the purchase of AC electrical equipment and for the conversion of office and shop machines from DC to AC.

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are interviewed by the NBC newscaster and commentator Ken Banghart.

In the first program, Dr. Edwin H. Colbert, Chairman of the Geology and Paleontology Department, discussed the rise and fall of the dinosaurs. This Sunday, May 8, Joseph M. Chamberlain, Planetarium Chairman, will talk about the origin of the earth. Among the programs to follow is one in which Dr. Colin Turnbull, Anthropology, will discuss primitive musical instruments with reference to the exhibit "Lute, Flute and Drum" which opens in the Museum's Corner Gallery on May 10. The husband and wife ethnology team, Dr. Robert Carneiro, Anthropology, and Dr. Gertrude Dole, will describe the life of the Indians of the Montaña with reference to the Museum's exhibit hall on that subject. The sound recordings in the Montaña Hall will be heard on the program, as will recordings prepared for the primitive musical instruments exhibit.

Each program is being taped in advance at the Museum. The series is being aired on public service time, and the "commercials" consist of announcements about the Museum, new exhibits, and the benefits of membership.

REHIBILITATION PROGRAM UNDERWAY

Rehabilitation of the Northwest Coast Indian Hall is the first step in a new program of refurbishing halls not scheduled for major renovations. Katharine Beneker is in charge of the program which Gordon Reekie, Exhibition Manager, describes as "somewhat like painting the Golden Gate Bridge -- it never stops." The South American Indian Hall on the second floor will be the next in line, after which others will be selected in order of need. The purpose is to give a new lease on life to some of the older halls which continue to have great educational value.

The Twenty-Five Year Dinner, taking place just as this issue went to press, will be covered in next month's Grapevine.

CAMERA CLUB SERIES CONTINUES

Mark Wednesday, May 18 on your calendar for the second in the Camera Club's series of fascinating illustrated talks on New Britain and New Guinea. Hobart Van Deusen will describe his adventures last year in New Guinea as a member of the 6th Archbold Expedition to that island. All employees are invited to come and bring their own lunch. Room 426 at 12:00 noon.

Dr. Thomas Gilliard's Camera Club talk last month, at which he showed the extraordinary color motion pictures he took recently in New Britain, was attended by a large and very enthusiastic audience.

NEW OFFICERS FOR PVEO

Members of the AMNH Professional and Vocational Employees Organization met on April 7 and elected the following officers for two-year terms: President - Elwood Logan; Vice President - Marjorie Muhleman; Secretary - Dorothy Bronson; Assistant Secretary - Charlotte Stove; and Treasurer - Walter Sorenson. Elected to the organization's Board of Delegates were Mabel Colahan, Anne Giraud, George Krochak, William Mussig, and James Turner. The members also heard a report by retiring-President Edward McGuire on recent activities of the PVEO Board and Committees, and enjoyed a luncheon of sandwiches and coffee.

FILM RECOMMENDED

Dr. James P. Chapin (Birds) was one of the scientific advisors on a film made three years ago in the eastern Belgian Congo and now showing at the Palace Theater in New York under the title "Masters Of The Congo Jungle". This nature film, which Dr. Chapin considers the finest he has ever seen, was made in Cinemascope with color under the auspices of a foundation established by ex-King Leopold of the Belgians for the express purpose of making a great film about the native peoples and their natural environs in the eastern Belgian Congo. The chief photographer was Hans Sielmann, famous for his bird films.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM OAKHURST

Oakhurst, Calif., is a community of 800 people. A few weeks back, Ed McGuire (Mammals) received a letter from those 800 people which he felt should be shared with all of us. T. Donald Carter supplies the following background:

Among the more colorful guests at the Boone & Crockett Club's Annual Awards Dinner on Mar. 15 was one Bert Palmberg, a trophy-winner (second prize, black bear) from Oakhurst. He came in a buckskin coat and wide-brimmed hat, with his charming wife on his arm, and in the course of conversation Don learned that (1) Mr. P., a plumber by trade, devotes much time and interest to Oakhurst's civic welfare and has served, among other things, as the local Santa Claus for as long as anyone can remember, and (2) the local citizenry had chipped in and paid for the Palmbergs' trip to New York. As the couple had never before visited our city, Ed McGuire served as their their host and got them a hotel room overlooking Central Park (because they wished to stay in the country and close to the Museum at the same time.) That Ed made an excellent host may be judged from the following letter.

Dear Mr. McGuire:

As a community, we are most grateful to you and your associates for the warm and wonderful hospitality you extended to our friends, Bert and Vi Palmberg, on their recent visit to New York. You made their trip a memory to cherish, and a source of many entertaining hours for all of us, as we share their experiences through Bert's colorful reports.

As individuals, we are happy to know that people in New York are as friendly as people in Oakhurst. And we can imagine, knowing our Bert as we do, that you must have enjoyed playing host, as well.

We hope to have the opportunity of welcoming you to our town someday soon. We think you would enjoy our community as much as the Palmbergs enjoyed yours. We know we would be honored and delighted to have you visit us.

With heartfelt gratitude,

The People of Oakhurst

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Museum President Alexander M. White and Mrs. White left from San Francisco by jet on May 6 for a ten-day visit to Japan. Mr. White is one of nineteen American business and financial leaders who have been invited by Japanese financial and industrial organizations to survey that country's business recovery. Following their visit, the Whites will continue westward, stopping in Hong Kong and Bangkok. By the end of the month they will be in Rome where they will stay a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Kimball. Mrs. Kimball, formerly Executive Assistant to Mr. White at the Museum, and her husband have been in Italy since December when Mr. Kimball took over his duties as Director of the American Academy in Rome.

AMNHers who have been following the news of the ten-nation disarmament conference in Geneva in recent months have been particularly interested in the work being done by the chief United States delegate, Fredrick M. Eaton, who is also First Vice President of the Museum. During the current recess of the conference Mr. Eaton will return briefly to the United States before attending the East-West summit talks in Paris, after which he will resume the negotiations in Geneva. An interesting sidelight on disarmament, pointed out by Mr. Eaton in a recent speech, is that the earliest known disarmament talks took place between rival groups of Chinese pirates on the Yangtze River in the ninth century B.C.

Marion Carr (Jr. Nat. Hist.) will take off soon on a trip to the Shenandoah Valley, the Great Smoky Mountains, and Cape Hatteras, to talk with rangers and collect magazine ideas...Lili Ronai (Micropal.) attended the annual meetings of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists last week in Atlantic City.

Among the large Museum contingent bound for Europe are Ethel Smith (Pres. Off.) who leaves this week; Edward Holterman (Pow. Plant.) and his wife, departing May 13; Dr. Herbert Ruckes (Insects) and his wife, leaving on the 18th to take in museums in London, Copenhagen, Brussels, Stockholm, Berlin, Vienna, and Paris; and Dr. and Mrs. Norman Newell (Invert. Paleo.) on the 25th, to visit museums, make collections, and attend the Geological Congress meetings in Copenhagen.

HEARD IN PASSING

Joseph Guerry (Planning) is the creator of two interesting large murals displayed in the new branch of the Hanover Bank that opened last month at Madison Avenue and 47th Street. Designed and executed by Mr. Guerry, the murals are not paintings but are fabricated out of various materials. One represents early Greek coins, the other shows different types of objects that are used for money in primitive societies.

Among the many people who miss Alice Gray (on leave of absence from Insects for the past two years) is a youthful insect collector who writes in regularly for Miss Gray's leaflets and signs herself "Your Fellow Naturalist". Miss Gray, who is completing studies for her doctorate at the University of California, will be back with us this summer...Jennifer Chatfield (Pub. Inst.) finished her course work for her Ph.D. in anthropology at Columbia last month and will be joining us again next week following a vacation in Puerto Rico.

Junior Natural History, India, and the Scarsdale branch of Rotary International seems like an unlikely association, but they are cooperating very closely indeed. Junior furnishes an article and illustrations from its pages each month to a children's magazine called Sunshine, which is published in India and distributed to school children there. The mailing costs are defrayed by the Rotary group.

The thoughts and very best wishes of all her Museum friends are with Louise Pedeberdot (Films) who has been in Memorial Hospital and will, we hope, be at home by the time you read this. A bouquet of flowers sent by a group of her colleagues were so beautiful, it was reported, that they looked like the kind of artificial flowers that look real!

It's good to have Ken Chambers (Pub. Inst.) with us again after his long seige in the hospital. And welcome back to Tom Hogan (Bldg. Serv.) and Marge McGoldrick

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(Off. Serv.), both of whom had sessions in sick bay recently...We're looking forward to the return of Charlie O'Brien (Birds) and Charlie Falkenbach (Frick Lab.), both making excellent recoveries after their operations.

Still missing and sorely missed are Winnie Cullen (Mus. Shop) who is taking it easy for a while in order to overcome acute anemia, and Claire Moynihan (Planet.) who is recuperating from a serious operation at Harkness Pavilion. Hope we'll see them both back on the job soon.

Thomas Smith (Planet.) learned the hard way that the rung of a step ladder was harder than his toe. He was off his foot for a few days, and for a small fee he will exhibit the injured member which is now a classic example of the ultraviolet region of the solar spectrum.

Louis Ferry (Carp. Shop) has learned a lot of things he never knew about human nature, having spent part of his vacation as a census taker for the U. S. Government...Ed Williamson (Nat. Hist. Mag.) is as proud of his new Pontiac station wagon as he would be of a new addition to his family! Speaking of new additions, cheers for two couples who have lately joined the golden circle of grandparents: it's a grandson for Zoltan Batary (Pow. House) and Mrs. B., and President and Mrs. Alexander M. White have a new granddaughter.

Cicely Breslin Aikman (Planet.) is one of a group of artists whose paintings are currently on exhibit at the Peridot Gallery, 820 Madison Avenue. The show is titled "American Still Life Painting Today."

REMINDER TO VACATIONERS

If you want your paycheck for your vacation period before you go away, your application for a salary advance must be in the hands of the Personnel Office two weeks prior to the day you wish to receive your check.

MORE COMINGS AND GOINGS

Welcome back to Rudolph Schrammel (Insects), just returned from six weeks collecting in the southwest and California, and to Dr. William Barr (also Insects) who has been studying specimens in Canada, at Cornell University, and at the Museum of Comparative Zoology in Cambridge.

Summer field work in Vertebrate Paleontology: Dr. Bobb Schaeffer and Walter Sorenson leave for Utah, Colorado, Idaho, and Wyoming on May 20th...Dr. Malcolm McKenna and George Whitaker head for Colorado on the 27th.

Dr. John Evans, Director of the Australian Museum in Sidney, and Mrs. Evans visited us in late April. Dr. Evans conferred with numerous members of our staff on matters of scientific interest and museum operation...Meanwhile, a member of his staff, Dr. Allen Keast, was spending a couple of weeks with the Bird Department while recuperating from a broken leg suffered while he was chasing some very pretty ptarmigan on skis in Colorado.

ROBERT SEIBERT RETIRES

Robert J. Seibert, General Accounting, left us last month to go on terminal leave preceding his retirement next September. Mr. Seibert joined the Museum staff in 1917. Over one hundred of his friends and associates gathered on April 29th to honor him at a tea in the Portrait Room. He and his wife told us of their plans for landscaping, gardening, and interior decorating of their attractive home in Mahwah, N.J. It sounds like a lot of fun and we wish them all good fortune in the years ahead.

NEW FACES

The new face in the Membership Section belongs to Lucille Sprackland. Mrs. Sprackland is the daughter of Victor Badaracco (Bldg. Serv.), by virtue of which fact she is also the sister of Marilyn Badaracco (Guest Serv.). The new secretary to Dr. Emerson and Dr. Bliss in the Fish Dept., is Phyllis Fish, wife of William Fish of

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the Exhibition Department. Other recent arrivals on the staff are Adele M. Rothenberg, Birds; David Schwendemen, Exhibition; Robert Neilson, Ralph Csencsics, and Franklin W. Hoffman, Jr. -- all Building Services; Vita De Vita, Office Services; and Alexander Holub, who is now secretary to Francesca LaMonte in the Fish Department.

NEWS OF FORMER COLLEAGUES

Friends of Margaret Titcomb, formerly Library, were delighted to see her during her visit here from Honolulu where she is Librarian with the Bernice P. Bishop Museum.

Charles J. Lang, formerly chief preparator in the Vertebrate Paleontology Lab, sends greetings to his many Museum friends. He would like to hear from them. His address is 230 Grant Avenue, Farmingdale, Long Island.

Leon Stover and Aalbert Heine, both formerly with Public Instruction, had a Museum reunion in Corpus Christi Texas recently where Mr. Heine is Director of the Children's Museum. Mr. Stover was en route to Mexico for the American Anthropological Association meetings... Another former instructor, Sally Hobbs, is back in this country after a year in Germany. Best wishes to her on her forthcoming marriage.

Dr. Helge Larsen, formerly with Anthropology, has been visiting friends in the Museum during his current visit to this country to attend meetings. He's now with the Danish National Museum in Copenhagen.

TRADING POST

FOR SALE - Electrasteam, electric steam radiator, 8 sections, 110 volts, 950 watts. Peter Kanyuk, ext. 279.

FOR RENT - Pine-panelled, 3-bedroom house on private lake, 2 hours drive from NYC, in beautiful wooded hills. Boating, fishing, deer, beaver, other assorted wildlife. $625 from June 1 until snow flies. Jamie Jordan, ext. 473.

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK

James J. Flood (Bldg. Serv.) retired last month after 28 years of service with the Museum. All who ride the Power House elevator, which he has operated in recent years, will miss his smiling Irish eyes.

Paul Mason Tilden (Nat. Hist. Mag.) has left to become editor of National Parks Magazine in Washington, D. C. Mr. Tilden came to our magazine from Nature when the two magazines merged in January, and he has become such a valuable staff member that our pleasure in his advancement is tempered by sadness at his leaving. However, he will continue to write the "Nature In Rock & Mineral" column for Natural History. It's good to know he'll still be "part of the family."

We're sorry to say so long to Marie Praitano (Off. Serv.) who resigned at the end of April, to Barbara May (Fishes) who left to take a position with Eastern Airlines, and to Adrian Gagesteyn (Fishes) who has moved out to the Aquarium.

Renate Oehler (Geo. and Paleo.), who was recently married to William Corkutt, resigns this month. She and her husband will take a trip to Germany, after which they will live in San Francisco... Jeannette Reinhardt (Insects) went to work at N.Y.U. last month, both as a student and as a secretary in the Biology Department.

TWO REQUESTS TO HOARDERS

If you receive more inter-office mail than you send, please don't store away the inter-office envelopes. Return those that you don't need to the Office Services Division so that other people can use them....Also, if you are hoarding trays, dishes, or silverware from the cafeteria in your office, lab, or elsewhere, please return them, tout de suite! Thanks.

Among the business establishments in the Museum neighborhood that give discounts to AMNH personnel are La Rochelle Drug Store, Columbus Avenue at 76th Street, and Midway Electric Company on 83rd Street between Columbus and Amsterdam.

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LIBRARY IN TRANSIT

Anyone who has ever moved from one house or apartment to another has had the problem of packing and transporting several dozen or several hundred books. But until a couple of weeks ago, few of us had ever been involved in the relocation of nearly two hundred thousand volumes. Of course, except for Hazel Gay and her intrepid staff, most of us are not directly involved in this prodigious undertaking. However, the passer-by who is not enjoying the role of sidewalk superintendent on the fourth or fifth floor these days is rare indeed.

The moving operation is being handled by twenty-three men from Fisher & Brother, a concern which describes itself as "the world's largest long distance movers." In our case, the distance is from the fifth floor to the fourth floor by way of the 77th Street elevators. The stacks are being moved section by section, each shelf fitting into one box which is labeled for its proper destination in the new stacks. An ingenious conveyer belt system carries the boxes directly from the old stacks into the corridor through openings in the wall where panels have been removed.

The new Library occupies the fourth floors of the Museum's oldest and newest buildings. The offices and reading room will be located in the space that was once the Petrology Hall, while most of the stacks will be housed in the adjacent new building. The area has been handsomely designed and painted in restful colors. It is expected that the new Library will open for business sometime in July.

QUARTER CENTURY CLUB DINNER

Time plays funny tricks. Sometimes it goes so slowly you think five o'clock will never come and sometimes it goes so fast there isn't time to think. For Raymond A. Fuller (Bldg. Main.), E. Thomas Gilliard (Birds), Stephen W. Knapp (Bldg. Serv.), Bailey Lewis (Print Shop), and William H. Sherman (Acct. Off.) the past twenty-five years has been a little of both, but mostly the time has passed faster than any of them realized. On May 3rd, these five men became members of the Quarter Century Club and, as such, were honored at the 11th annual dinner for their loyalty and devotion to an institution whose world-wide reputation each one of them helped to make. Dr. Gilliard, speaking in behalf of the new members, spoke of the esteem in which the American Museum of Natural History is held throughout the world, and of how this has been built up by the help and understanding of all the people who have ever worked here -- whether a director helping a young scientist to get started, a scientist helping another scientist with information, or an attendant helping a visitor to find his way.

Mr. C. DeWolf Gibson, affable Vice President of the Board of Trustees and stand-in for President White, greeted 89 of the 168 members, all but one of whom sat down to a roast beef dinner in the Whitney Hall of Pacific Birds. (Dr. Chester Reeds, who at the youthful age of 77 rose early on the morning of May 3rd, set out 900 strawberry plants, and then drove over a hundred miles to reach the Museum, had to forego the roast beef and speeches because of excitement and temporary exhaustion.)

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At present there are 79 pensioners in the Quarter Century Club but only 23 were present this year. Grapevine reporter Kay Beneker, talked with several of them and brings you news of the following:

Harry Ramshaw is working these days on the "Sea Owl," the research vessel of the Department of Micropaleontology. Last year London-born Harry took his American-born wife to England to meet the relatives. It was his first trip "home" since 1904, and a fine time it was.

Oscar Shine will celebrate his fortieth wedding anniversary by taking Mrs. Shine to Italy, Israel, Spain, France and the Scandinavian countries. Oscar has been in the baby carriage business ever since he retired, but is stepping down in favor of his two sons-in-law. (All Museum employees in the market for a baby carriage at a discount, please note the address: 120 New Main Street, Yonkers).

Chris Olsen, whom we see around the Museum from time to time, says he spends his time eating, sleeping, and reading the Grapevine through and through, but we know that he is also busy making giant insect models for sister institutions.

Alcide Roche looked younger than ever. We decided it must be because he spends his days running up and down stairs. He has a studio in the attic where he makes and fires inlaid ceramics, and a workshop in the basement where he....well, we aren't sure just what he does there. He has a brook in his backyard which he keeps stocked with trout for the neighborhood children to catch.

Robert McMorran looked so deeply tanned that we were sure he had spent months on some silver strand, but he informed us that he had been traveling by car from Florida to Canada with a stop-over in Binghamton (N.Y.) to see his four grandchildren.

Henry Ruof has been busy working on his home in East Durham, N.Y. - just finished

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the attic. Henry welcomes all Museum employees who happen to be driving through that section of the state during the summer.

Jacob Stephens has been in the hospital but is fine now and looking forward to a trip to Maine with Mrs. Stephens.

Tony Cartossa spent six weeks at Miami Beach, mostly at the dog track where he found that six was a real hot number.

Harry Farrar was as full of youthful good spirits as ever. In fact, all evening he claimed to be not a day over 54 - and he looked it.

Helen Gunz of the beautiful smile has been working in the library at Fairleigh Dickinson College ever since she left the Museum, and finds working with young people exhilarating.

May Sheehan, looking lovely in a blue dress and hat, has given up binding books and is enjoying her home and her seven grandchildren.

Ida Grobe finds the days too short for all the pleasant things that New York has to offer. In addition, she reads four newspapers a day and serves as an informal clipping bureau for her friends.

Elizabeth Emery was so busy saying hello to all her old friends (she knew everyone present) that we couldn't get within ten feet of her to find out how she is filling her days. By the looks of her, retirement is a ball.

Dorothy Shuttlesworth has just finished her horse book and is working on another - this time about dogs. We can't keep track of her output but we think it will be her fifth publication.

To all of those who did not attend this year's dinner; you were sorely missed and it is hoped that next year will find the full membership in the Quarter Century Club present.

Our deepest sympathy to Dominick Caggana of the Print Shop on the loss of his wife, Charlotte, on May 22nd.

MUSEUM-CITY RELATIONS

The budget modification of May 16th effected the following changes in the Building Services Department: Donald Buckley moved over to Building Construction and Maintenance as a Sheet Metal Worker's Helper; Elizabeth C. Nullet, John J. Ryan, and Robert J. Blake were promoted from posts of Museum Attendant to Senior Museum Attendant. Congratulations to all!

HENRY HUNTERTPFUND RETIRING

Henry Huntertpfund, who joined the Museum staff in April, 1914, and now holds top seniority in the Building Services Department, will go on terminal leave at the end of June. Mr. Huntertpfund, a Senior Attendant, has been home on sick leave since last November, but prior to that time he held one of the best attendance records ever achieved by an AMNH employee. In addition, during his 46 years of service, he never once arrived late on the job.

During World War I, Mr. Huntertpfund took military leave to serve in the U. S. Army Infantry. At the Museum, he has worked in all exhibit halls, on the elevators, and at the doors. In recent years his cheerful smile has greeted early-arriving fellow employees at the Roosevelt 1st floor entrance. "He is one of the most dependable men we have ever had," according to Philip C. Miller, Custodian, who adds, "I, for one, will miss him." And so will many others.

"PLANNING FOR WHAT?"

Walter Koenig, head of our Architectural Planning Division, tells us that when he had a long distance call coming in some weeks ago and the caller asked for "Planning", the operator asked right back, "Planning for what?" To help answer that question for all who may be a little hazy on the subject, Mr. Koenig provides the following information: The Museum has a long-term program of physical (structural) improvements to its buildings and equipment, both for maintainence reasons and for the development of future exhibition space. The Planning Division, which is in the Department of the Plant Manager, is producing designs and contract details for this work. Three of its major current jobs -- they have been

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causing considerable debris and plaster dust around the building lately -- are the Hall of the Biology of Man (1st floor, west of 77th Street entrance), the new Library (see LIBRARY IN TRANSIT); and the Hall of North American Birds (3rd floor, above the Hall of Oil Geology.)

The main responsibility of the Planning Division, as Mr. Koenig sees it, is to furnish designs that provide for new construction and at the same time respect the dignity that deserves preservation in the existing buildings. Some of the projects now on the planning boards are designs for the new Hall of Eastern Woodlands and Plains Indians, the mammal exhibit corridor and the lounge outside the auditorium on the 1st floor, and various offices, laboratories, and storage areas. One question Mr. Koenig cannot answer: "How long does it take after the completion of plans to get contractors to do the actual work?" Nobody really knows.

LIFE INSURANCE FOR CU MEMBERS

Membership in the AMNH Employees' Federal Credit Union entitles you to purchase life insurance for yourself and members of your immediate family at a great savings over the usual cost of similar policies. Here's how it works: The Credit Union National Association, of which our CU is a member, operates the CUNA Mutual Insurance Society. Members of our CU may apply directly to the Society for such policies as ordinary life, ordinary endowment, term, family security, and mortgage reduction. Premiums are considerably lower than those of regular insurance companies as there are no middle men or agency fees involved. Further information is available from the AMNH Credit Union office (Room B-49, Roosevelt Basement) which is open every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, except paydays, from 12 noon to 1 P.M.

TIME WAS.....

For some reason it seems unlikely that in 1960 a couple of eminent world statesmen would be taking a walk in the woods to look at birds. Shooting quail, perhaps, playing golf or traversing a battlefield, yes -- but bird watching... well, times have changed.

Fifty years ago this June 10th, Theodore Roosevelt and Sir Edward Grey took their now-famous bird walk in the New Forest at Hampshire, England. Col. Roosevelt had just completed his second term as President, and Sir Edward was Secretary of Foreign Affairs for Great Britain. The location of their walk is reproduced in an exhibit in the Birds of the World Hall at this Museum.

To commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the event, a bird walk is being conducted at the original site in England on Friday, June 10th. On the same day, Dr. Robert Cushman Murphy will lead a bird walk at the Roosevelt homestead, Sagamore Hill, in Oyster Bay, L.I. The latter will retrace the path Col. Roosevelt took on another walk, shortly after his return from England, during which he made notes on many interesting comparisons and contrasts with the bird life of the English countryside. Museum employees are invited to take part in the Sagamore Hill walk which starts from the terrace of the main house at 10 A.M.

DR. RAMSEY CONVALESCING

The many friends of Dr. Grace Ramsey, Curator Emeritus of School Relations, will be sorry to hear that she is in the Danbury (Conn.) Hospital with multiple injuries resulting from an automobile accident on May 2nd. She had planned to attend the Quarter Century Club dinner on May 3rd and was greatly missed when she did not appear. The latest report is that she is convalescing comfortably and sends thanks to her Museum friends for their expressions of concern and sympathy.

CAMERA CLUB

According to Mr. William Mussig, president of the Camera Club, the officers and board of the Club have decided not to renew the group camera insurance policy when it expires on July 3, 1960. It is suggested that Museum employees who have taken advantage of the group policy arrange coverage elsewhere before the expiration date.

The Club's May meeting, at which Hobart Van Deusen was scheduled to show color

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slides from his recent New Guinea expedition, had to be postponed because of a projector breakdown. It is hoped that the program will be presented in the fall along with other exciting Club activities that are now being planned.

ANDREW A. MONTE

It is with sorrow that we record the death of Andrew Monte, Building Services, who suffered a fatal heart attack on May 11th while on his way home from the Museum. Mr. Monte, known to his many friends here as "Monty", came to the Museum in July, 1937. His last assignment was the daily patrol of the Akeley African Hall balcony. A World War I veteran, he was married to the former Eileen Rayel, a member of the Museum's cafeteria staff in the late '30's and early '40's. His fellow employees, who miss him greatly, express their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Monte.

HEARD IN PASSING

Employees who attended the opening of the colorful Corner Gallery exhibit, "Lute, Flute, and Drum", listened, spell-bound while a visitor from Nigeria rendered authentic African percussion on the large slit-gong drum in the center of the exhibit. Henrick Van Dort (Carp. Shop), emerging from the trance, said of the drum, "I never dreamed it could make such wonderful music. Why, I've passed that thing hundreds of times on the third floor -- even pushed it around -- and I always thought it was just a big hunk of furniture."....Margaret Connolly (Bldg. Serv.), on duty in the Corner Gallery, reports very great interest in the exhibit on the part of all who visit it. It's so popular, in fact, that she's had considerable trouble restraining young music-lovers from trying to play the instruments.

The "Voice of America" has selected the Museum's current radio series "Journey Into Nature" as a regular progrma to be broadcast throughout the world. The first program beamed by the "Voice" was the interview on the Montaña Indians with Dr. Robert Carneiro (Anthro.) and Dr. Gertrude Dole. "Journey Into Nature" is heard locally over WNBC at 2:05 P.M. every Sunday. On last Sunday's show, Dr. Richard Van Gelder (Mammals) discussed whales in fact and fiction, and this Sunday Dr. Brian Mason (Geo.) talks about diamonds. In the future listeners will also hear from Dr. Gordon Eckholm (Anthro.) Dr. Franklyn Branley (Planet.), Director James A. Oliver, Dr. Harry Shapiro (Anthro.) and John Saunders (Pub. Inst.).

We're happy to welcome back Charles O'Brien (Birds) after his long illness and James Lee (Planet.) who was also out of action for some time. Charlotte Stove and John Maloney (both Off. Serv.) are in hospitals at this writing. We miss them and wish them fast recoveries.

Engaged: Mary Balladares (Pub. Inst.) and Gilbert Lopez, an electrical engineer. They will be married Aug. 20th. Born: a granddaughter to Barney Kreps (Planet.), making Mr. Kreps a grandpa for the second time.

While many AMNHers head for Europe for vacations, Alice Pollak (Mus. Shop) will travel westward to spend the month of July in sunny Hawaii. Shorter excursions closer to home: Constance Sherman (Birds) this month joins in her class reunion at Oberlin College, and Dr. Robert Cushman Murphy attends commencement exercises at his alma mater, Brown University.

When Rudolf Bonen (Elec. Shop) urges us not to tamper with electrical wires and fixtures around the Museum, he knows whereof he speaks. As a volunteer member of the Mattawan (N.J.) Emergency Ambulance Squad, Mr. Bonen is frequently called out on serious accidents resulting from just such tampering.

The pockets of small boys are repositories of many wonderful things. A youngster riding the elevator to the fifth floor the other day told Sam Custer (Bldg. Serv.) that he had a specimen he wished to give to a scientist. When Mr. Custer asked to see it, the boy carefully pulled a live snake from his pants pocket. A future Dr. Oliver, perhaps?

Congratulations to John Pallister (Insects) on his re-election as Vice President of the Explorers Club, and to Dr. E. Thomas Gilliard (Birds) who has been elected to the Club's Board of Trustees. Congratulations and gratitude, to Ann Miller (Pub.

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Inst.) who has accepted the Secretaryship of the Employees' Benefit Association. The post had been vacant since Marie Praitano left the Museum in April.

Alexander Rota (Photog.) flew to southern California last month to visit his mother who had been in a bad automobile accident. Despite considerable injuries, the senior Mrs. Rota was well on the way to recovery when her son arrived. On her first outing with the family, she insisted on being driven over the bumpy back roads of Mexico to a restaurant where she consumed vast quantities of enchalades, tortillas, sopapillos, tacos, chili, and tequilla. She was 83 this May.

Word from Anthony Tumillo (Print Shop, retired) in Florida is that his softball team leads the Liniment League in St. Petersburg. Mr. Tumillo, who is team pitcher, was in bad health for some time and recently underwent a major operation. He writes, "It's great to be alive and able to make a comeback!" We're hoping to see him when he visits New York this month.

EBA "FREE RIDES"

As vacation time approaches, George Floegel, Treasurer of the Employees' Benefit Association, reminds us of an important point about EBA deductions from our paychecks. According to the EBA By-laws, the death benefit fund is required at all times to maintain a sufficient balance for at least four benefit payments of $200.00 each, or a total of $800.00. Therefore, when the balance is $1,000 or over, a benefit payment can be made without any assessment of the membership. With all due respect to the nature of the fund, such payments are affectionately known as "free rides." During vacation time, however, with many employees receiving advance paychecks, it would be difficult to maintain the necessary balance in the fund through payroll deductions, and individual collections would be impractical. For this reason, it has been the EBA's practise each spring to accumulate a surplus over the required minimum balance and to use it for "free ride" payments during the summer.

GOINGS AND COMINGS

Director James A. Oliver last month attended the meeting of directors of natural history museums at Lawrence, Kansas, after which he visited the Museum's Southwestern Research Station in Portal, Arizona. His stay at the Station included what he describes as a "wonderful herpetological holiday" on Friday, the 13th. While touring the region with Dr. Mont A. Cazier, he found two large specimens of the rare Arizona rattlesnake, a rare green rat snake, and a diamond-back rattler. Dr. Oliver left the rattlesnakes undisturbed, but as the Bronx Zoo had long wanted a green rat snake, it was his pleasure to collect that specimen for Dr. Herndon G. Dowling, the Zoo's Curator of Reptiles. Incidentally, it was the biggest snake of its kind ever collected at that location.

Christopher Schuberth and Kenneth Chambers (Pub. Inst.) leave for the Southwestern Research Station June 13th to conduct a summer institute for teachers in field geology and zoology. The program is sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Dr. Jack McCormick (Veg. Studies) departed for the same location late last month to continue his long-range survey of the vegetation of the Chiricahua Mountains, another NSF-supported project.

The AMNH contingent attending the American Association of Museums Conference in Boston last month included Dr. A. E. Parr, Senior Scientist, and Mrs. Parr; Dr. Edwin H. Colbert, Geology & Paleontology; Miriam Stryker, Public Instruction; Dr. William A. Burns, Membership; Katharine Beneker, Exhibition; and Ruth Norton and Kate Swift, Public Relations. Dr. Colbert participated as a speaker in two programs of the conference. Gordon Reekie, Exhibition, was elected chairman of the Science-Technical Section of next year's AAM conference, which will be held in Detroit.

T. Donald Carter (Mammals) and George Petersen and Matthew Kalmenoff (both Exhib.) spent two weeks in Louisiana in May collecting material for the muskrat group to be installed in the North American Mammal Hall corridor. The expedition worked at the Rainey Wildlife Sanctuary in Abbeyville.

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Dr. Willis Gertsch (Insects) is back from a ten-week field trip to the west coast with an interesting collection of spiders...From the same Department, Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Rindge leave shortly to collect for six weeks in the Rocky Mountains; Dr. Herbert Ruckes heads for Europe where he will tour museums to study Hemiptera types; Dr. William Barr returns to the University of Idaho after working with us for the past eight months.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Vaurie (Birds and Insects, respectively), just back from studying collections at Chicago's Museum of Natural History, set out for the West Indies this week where they will collect in Martinique and the Lesser Antilles. Other Bird Department migrations: Dr. Dean Amadon left last month for Japan to attend meetings of the International Council for Bird Preservation, of which he is chairman of the United States Section. Afterwards he will go to Alaska to make studies for future habitat groups. Eugene Eisenmann, is also attending the meetings in Japan and will visit Midway Island on his way back to New York. Dr. Wesley Lanyon returned from field work in Mexico on June 1.

Charles M. Bogert and Dr. Richard Zweifel (Amphs. & Reps.) will attend the annual meetings of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists in Chicago this month. Also on Mr. Bogert's summer schedule are lecture dates at the Southwestern Writers Conference in Flagstaff, Ariz., and at a teachers institute at the University of Colorado. Dr. Zweifel will continue his frog studies at the Southwestern Research Station. Dr. John Moore (Amphs. & Reps.) will work at the Univ. of Colorado on a science curriculum study, after which he will fly to Europe for the International Congress of Cell Biology in Paris. Dr. Richard G. Van Gelder (Mammals) will travel to the west coast to examine museum skunk collections in connection with his long-range study of the skunks of the world.

NEW FACES

After a temporary setback, Phyllis E. Fish has resumed her new job as secretary to Drs. Emerson and Bliss in the Dept. of Fishes. The setback was a fall in which Mrs. Fish sustained injuries. Happily, she is now fully recovered. She is the wife of William E. Fish, Dept. of Exhibition.

The two new members of Public Instruction are Ernie Daniel, anthropologist, who will serve on the teaching staff, and Martin Daly who replaces Jimmy Drago as Office Assistant. (The next Grapevine will carry news of Mr. Drago's current activities.)

Joan B. Behrensohn is the new secretary to Dr. William A. Burns, Membership. John P. Heffernan has joined Building Services, and Ronald L. Bohn is the new man in Animal Behavior. Carol L. Gimson replaces Gladys Hartland in the office of Walter Meister, Controller.

Dr. Henry E. Coomans, formerly of the University of Amsterdam, has joined the Fish Dept. for two years to work on the mollusk collection under a National Science Foundation grant to Dr. William Emerson. Another recent arrival in the department is Arnold Ross who is studying the barnacles collected by the Puritan-AMNH Expedition to Western Mexico in 1957.

Bernard Soll has accepted the newly-created post of Advertising Director on Natural History. Before coming to this country from England three years ago, Mr. Soll was a partner in his own advertising firm and ad director of various publications. Since his arrival on these shores, he has been associated with Reporter Magazine. The new Associate Editor at Natural History is Hubert Birnbaum, formerly on the picture desk at United Press International. He is a graduate of the Columbia School of Journalism.

TAKE A BOW

(The following letter from a woman in Rockville Centre, N.Y., was forwarded to the Grapevine by Dr. Oliver.)

I had the pleasure of visiting your edifice with my grandchild from out of town on Saturday, and during our visit I left my purse on a bench and didn't

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discover it until I was down on the main floor.

This letter is to congratulate you on the efficiency and courtesy afforded me by your personnel. The gentleman on the main floor, not in uniform, alerted all the guards and asked me to retrace my steps. Back on the fourth floor the guard turned the purse over to me, much to my surprise and pleasure, for it is a very uncomfortable feeling to be stranded in New York without any money for transportation home.

It is comforting to know that in spite of all the unpleasant news we hear about New York, there are places one can visit and meet such nice people.

Sincerely and with thanks...

Dr. Oliver adds, "We like to get letters of this kind, and we do get lots of them. They help to offset the more critical notes that also come our way. Fortunately most of our employees perform their jobs in a manner that produces the type of letter above. Keep up the good work!"

TRADING POST

Wanted: One piano. Studio or console. Rudy Schrammel, ext. 365.

Available for sublet, July-August: 5 room railroad apartment, East 78th Street. $75.00 a month. Call Cicely Breslin evenings, RE 4-3406.

Items For Sale:

Exacta, 3.5 Tessar lens, perfect condition, quick wind lever. $50.00. Ilona Kunsagi, ext. 494.

Cabinet model Kenmore Ironer, perfect condition, scarcely used. $50.00. Ella Parr, ext. 400 between 10 A.M. and 1 P.M.

Volkswagen, '58, black, with sun-roof, whitewall tires, radio and other extras. Very good condition, 11,500 miles, original owner. $1,250. Otto Simonis, ext. 521.

The AMNH's collection of paintings by Titian Ramsey Peale will be on exhibit at the Kennedy Galleries, 13 E. 58th St., beginning June 13th.

VARIABLE STAR WATCHERS CONVENE

Last month the Planetarium was co-host with the American Astronomers Association to the 49th Spring Meeting of the American Association of Variable Star Observers. The A.A.V.S.O. has been going since 1911 -- the father of James S. Pickering (Planet.) was one of its founders -- and includes both amateur and professional astronomers. Its object is to collect data on variable stars, those whose light is not constant. Such stars are found in profusion everywhere in the universe and their study has become almost a separate branch of astronomy. The A.A.V.S.O. furnishes astronomers everywhere with the results of a continuous research program involving literally millions of individual observations by its members all over the world.

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MUSEUM-CITY RELATIONS

Mr. Meyenberg has been notified by the Bureau of the Budget of a modification in the City budget for 1960-61, in which the following positions are to be up-graded one grade as of July 1: Senior Clerk, Clerk, Senior Steno, Senior Telephone Operator, Assistant Accountant, Motor Vehicles Operator, Staff Nurse, and Senior Building Custodian. The new salary rates will be reflected in this month's first payroll. These up-gradings are effective retroactive to January 1, 1960, and the Museum is now awaiting instructions from the City Controller regarding the payment of retroactive increases where applicable. These are all positions that the Museum has been working to have up-graded and which it is very glad to see improved.

EXHIBIT ON MAN AND SPACE PLANNED

Early in 1960 the Museum will open an exciting and unusual exhibit on the subject of Man and Space, Joseph M. Chamberlain, Planetarium Chairman, reports. The exhibit, to be located on the second floor of Roosevelt Memorial, will emphasize the psychological, physiological, and biological aspects of man's first venture into space. Mr. Chamberlain and Gordon Reekie, Chairman of Exhibition, recently made visits to Denver and St. Louis to confer with officials of the Martin Company and the McDonnell Aircraft Corp. on aspects of their research into space environment and existence. Most spectacular part of the exhibit is expected to be a reconstruction of a lunar housing simulator, 32 feet in diameter.

3 NEW DEPARTMENTS ESTABLISHED; OTHERS ARE RE-NAMED

Living Invertebrates, Fossil Invertebrates, and Mineralogy have moved up in the AMNH world. As of July 1, 1960, the Museum created new departments for these three branches of science, raising the number of our scientific departments from 10 to 13. At the same time, 6 of the 10 existing scientific departments were re-named and the Department of Public Instruction became the Department of Education.

Mineralogy and Fossil Invertebrates were carved out of the former Department of Geology and Paleontology, now Vertebrate Paleontology, while Living Invertebrates was separated off from what used to be the Department of Fishes and Aquatic Biology, now Ichthyology.

Appointed as Chairmen of the new departments are: Dr. Norman D. Newell, Fossil Invertebrates; Dr. William K. Emerson, Living Invertebrates; and Dr. Brian H. Mason, Mineralogy. Dr. Newell, who is a graduate of the University of Kansas and took his doctorate at Yale, came to the Museum in 1945. Dr. Emerson earned his Ph.D. at the University of California at Berkeley and was with the University's Museum of Paleontology before he joined our staff in 1955. Dr. Mason, a New Zealander who completed his graduate work at the University of Stockholm, taught at Indiana University before coming to the Museum in 1953.

With the revisions in department nomenclature, several fields of study have been assigned their more formal scientific names. In addition to Vertebrate Paleontology and Ichthyology, we now have

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departments of Herpetology (replacing Amphibians and Reptiles), Entomology (replacing Insects and Spiders), Mammalogy (replacing Mammals), and Ornithology (replacing Birds.)

According to the dictionary, the suffix "-logy" denotes a doctrine, theory, or science. It comes from the Latin "logos", meaning word or discourse.

The new department names -- together with Anthropology and Micropaleontology, which remain the same -- will make it considerably easier for AMNH poets to compose rhyming lyrics about the institution. The only non-conformers in this respect are the two Invertebrate departments and Animal Behavior and Astronomy (which quite rightly refuses to get mixed up with astrology just to please the poets.)

ART CLASS STUDENTS EXHIBIT

Members of the AMNH Employees' Art Class, which has been meeting regularly for the past year with Matthew Kalmenoff as instructor, recently staged a three-day exhibit of their work in the staff cafeteria. Most of the exhibitors had had no previous art training, and their colleagues were impressed with the quality of their work. Subjects ranged from landscapes and still-lifes to portraits of Louis Ferry. Members of the class were William Mussig, Miriam Stryker, Ann Ferry, Mabel Colahan, Ed Hoffman, Al deLuca, Rudy Bonen, William Burns, Carlton Beil, and Dorothy Bronson. Additional painting enthusiasts turned out in large number for the group's last meeting in June at which Mr. Kalmenoff gave a demonstration lesson, explaining methods and techniques while he painted.

Interested in automatic savings? Through the AMNH Credit Union, you can put away a few dollars each month without any fuss or bother. No rushed trips to the bank, no waiting in line to make deposits. Just tell the Credit Union to have the amount deducted from your paycheck, and then forget about it. Remember, the Credit Union pays higher dividends on savings than any commercial bank in the New York area.

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TWO LONG-TERM COLLEAGUES RETIRE

Two very popular staff members of long standing at the Museum are joining the retirement ranks this month and will shortly start out on foreign travels for the summer. Rachel Nichols, Scientific Assistant in charge of the Osborn Library of Vertebrate Paleontology, leaves us this week; and Frederick Wernersbach, Foreman of the Sheet Metal Shop, went on terminal leave at the end of June.

Mrs. Nichols came to the Museum in 1925 as a cataloger and general assistant in the fossil vertebrate collections. She has been in charge of the Osborn Library since 1940. One afternoon this spring the scholarly atmosphere of the Library was transformed by a display of colorful travel posters and naval signal flags spelling out GOOD LUCK, RACHEL, as her many friends gathered for a farewell party in her honor. This week Mrs. Nichols and her husband will fly to Norway for a North Cape cruise, to be followed by an automobile tour of Europe in August and September. Next fall they plan to settle in the San Francisco area.

Mr. Wernersbach has been with the Museum since 1926. During World War II, he took military leave and served as Chief Warrant Officer in charge of a floating dry dock in the Pacific where ships and submarines came to be repaired. His many Museum friends joined in a gala farewell party for him on June 29th and wished him bon voyage on his forthcoming trip to Hawaii where he will visit friends.

BOWLERS HAD A GREAT SEASON

The AMNH Bowling League ended a highly successful season in May. The four teams taking part in the race for first place were the Indians -- Arthur Naylor, Catherine Pessino, Catherine Mahoney, Micky Nagyhazi, and William Forbes; Headhunters -- Farrell Carney, Trudy Mosler, Paul Goodhouse, Don Serret, and Nick Amorosi; Mummies -- Robert Adlington, Irene Nagyhazi, Hugh Ohrnberger,

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Murray Altman, and Sal DiBella; and Fossils -- Albert Potenza, Mary McKenna, Joe Krosche, Lois Hussey, and Charles LaSalla. In addition, Mabel Colahan and John Ignateff took part in the weekly games.

The Grapevine's ace sports reporter, Murray Altman, gives us the following blow-by-blow account:

It took the Indians only one week to savor the aroma of first place, and after that they doggedly refused to relinquish that position. The other teams, hard as they tried, could not budge them. Throughout the season the competition was keen and battles were neck and neck. Positions changed hands each week and final standings were in doubt up to the last night. The Fossils were bogged down in last place but second and third were undecided. The Mummies and Headhunters were fighting hard for second and a clean sweep would insure a tie for the Mummies. The first and second games were won decisively by the Mummies, but the strain was too great. The Fossils took the last game and second place, and the noble-hearted Mummies took third.

A week later, at a gala dinner party, trophies were awarded for first and second place, along with trophies for men's high score -- Al Potenza and Bill Forbes, tied with 217; men's high average -- Al Potenza with 155; women's high score -- Trudy Mosler with 187; and women's high average -- Catherine Pessino with 126.

The members of the League have great plans for expansion next year. They would like to set up more teams and this can be done only if more people come out to bowl. The only requisite is the desire to have a good time.

REQUEST FROM THE MAIL DESK

The Mail Desk would appreciate it if you would include your name, or department name, with the Museum's return address on the envelopes of outgoing mail. The reason is that when mail cannot be delivered and is returned by the Post Office, our Mail Desk usually has to open it to find out who sent it. In addition, a number of Museum people have outside correspondents who do not address them by name or department on the envelope. An envelope arrives, apparently addressed to the Museum in general, but the letter inside begins "Dear Mr. So-and-so." If you customarily receive such letters, would you ask your correspondent to include your name in the mailing address.

IN THE FIELD

Dr. William Tavolga (An. Behav.) spent two weeks at the Lerner Marine Laboratory in Bimini and is now at Marineland, St. Augustine, Fla., studying underwater sounds produced by fishes....Dr. Evelyn Shaw (An. Behav.) is at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute on Cape Cod where she's investigating the development of schooling behavior in fishes.

Robert Hellmann (Educ.) and Eugene (Jimmy) Drago (formerly Educ.) are setting up Nature Trails and other exhibits at three institutions in New Jersey -- the State Hospital at Marlboro, the Child Treatment Center at Allaire, and the Women's Reformatory at Clinton Farms. The project is being financed by Mrs. Lewis S. Thompson.

Jennifer Chatfield and Roger Sandall (Educ. and Dorothy Cinquimani (formerly Educ.) are in Mexico making an experimental educational motion picture on life in an Indian village. Their location is Los Morros in the state of Guerrero.

Miriam Stryker (Educ.) is vacationing on St. Lawrence Island off the coast of Alaska where she's studying the life and customs of the Eskimos.

PHOTOGRAPHERS INVITED TO EXHIBIT

The Camera Club has forwarded to us an announcement of the 22nd Buffalo International Exhibition of Nature Photography in which all AMNH shutterbugs are invited to take part. The exhibition will be held at the Buffalo Museum of Science Oct. 25 through Nov. 6, 1960, and the closing date for entries will be Oct. 8. You may submit a maximum of four slides and four prints. The entry fee for slides is $1.25 and for prints $2. For further information and entry blanks, write to the Science Museum Photographic Club, 22nd Nature Salon, Museum of Science, Buffalo 11, New York.

UPCOMING RADIO JOURNEYS

The Museum's weekly radio program "Journey Into Nature" on WNBC continues to evoke interest and praise from listeners. Last Sunday, Ken Banghardt interviewed Dr. Harry L. Shapiro on the subject of cavemen. On July 17th, Dr. Brooks Ellis discusses the story of oil, and on the 24th Dr. Franklyn M. Branley talks with a group of young people about space travel. Later programs will feature Dr. Walter Fairservis and his recent excavations in Pakistan, and Dr. Lester Aronson who will explore the role of instinct in behavior. The program is aired every Sunday at 2:05 on WNBC.

NEWS OF FORMER COLLEAGUES

It was very good to see Florence Halpern (formerly Animal Behavior) who paid us a visit last month during a vacation trip to New York. She's now Mrs. Hyde, and she and her husband live in Van Nuys, California.

Betty Nullet stopped in the other day to show us some color snapshots of Alma O'Connor (formerly Building Services) at her home in St. Petersburgh, Fla. Mrs. O'Connor's new habitat is a large, beautifully modern trailer complete with screened porch, flower borders and carport. Ah, retirement!

Ernest Neilson (formerly Anthropology) spent a day at the Museum in June renewing old friendships. It was his first visit to New York after four years in the sunny south where he's now with the University of Florida at Gainesville. Unhappily, Ernie couldn't begin to see all the people he wanted to say hello to while he was here, but he did manage to cover his old department, have lunch with the Junius Bird family, coffee and cake with the Public Instruction crowd, and a chat with a former staff member at the U. of Fla., Dr. James A. Oliver. In a note to the Grapevine he says he hopes to repeat the visit next year with enough time to "really see everybody."

Albert Butler, who was assistant to Dr. James L. Clark in exhibition preparation for many years, stopped in to see friends at the Museum last month. Marguerite Newgarden reports that he looks wonderful and is fully enjoying life in Orlando, Fla. Mr. Butler came to the Museum in 1904 and retired about fifteen years ago. He would like to hear from any AMNHers passing through Orlando. His address is 752 Palm Drive.

NEW ANTHROPOLOGIST APPOINTED

Dr. Stanley Freed has been appointed Assistant Curator of North American Ethnology in the Department of Anthropology. A specialist on the Indian tribes of the U.S. and Canada, he received his doctorate at the University of California at Berkeley. He and his wife, who is also an anthropologist, recently spent two years in New Delhi, India studying the effects of urban life on villagers who had moved to the city. During the past year Dr. Freed taught anthropology at the University of North Carolina.

HEARD IN PASSING

It's nice to have Paul Goodhouse (Elec. Shop) back with us for a change. He recently spent over three straight months on jury duty -- and the case wasn't even very interesting.

Gil Stucker (Vert. Paleo.) will marry Alma Helbing on July 17th in Mt. Vernon, New York. Their honeymoon will be a camping trip through France, Italy, Germany, and Austria.

Bob Murray (Off. Serv.) reports that dozens of people with whom he has talked on his travels about town have commented on the excellence of the Corner Gallery exhibit "Lute, Flute, and Drum." Several have asked Bob to convey their congratulations to those responsible for the exhibit.

Jeanne Lyons (Vert. Paleo.) takes over as head of the Osborn Library when Rachel Nichols retires this month....Dr. Theodore Schneirla's new secretary in Animal Behavior is Ronald Bohn....Trudy Mosler (Account.) has been appointed Membership Secretary of the Employees' Benefit Association.

Henry Seelman (Films) will never start another vacation on Friday, the 13th. It was on that day in May that he planned to

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leave for Nassau by ship with a group of friends. They boarded the ship, waited for several hours, then learned that the crew was on strike and the sailing was cancelled. Two days later they got plane reservations, went to the airport, and waited another half day while the plane underwent repairs. They got to Nassau all right, but found they had been misinformed about car rental arrangements and would have to pay twice the amount they had expected. Finally, there was another maintenance delay before their return flight to N.Y. Henry's not superstitious or anything, but he's not likely to make any important plans for the next Friday that falls on the 13th.

KUDOS

AMNH was one of eight city agencies which last month received safety awards under a citywide employees' safety program for the reduction of accident frequency rates. In connection with the same program, Louis Ferry (Carp. Shop) recently took a course given by the city in safety methods and practices. Framed on his office wall is the handsome certificate he was awarded for successful completion of the course.

Ed Malley (Bldg. Serv.) forwarded a recent clipping from the Journal-American which discussed the most frequently heard complaints of out-of-town visitors to New York. In between negative comments about the appearance of the City and manners of its citizens, was the following statement which Ed marked for our attention: "On the credit side were the excellence of theaters, movies, and museums, and the courteous service rendered by museum personnel and members of the N.Y.C. Police Dept."

FAREWELLS

Nearly a hundred people crowded into one small office in the Film Library one day last month to say goodbye to Louise Pedeberdot at a sumptuous party given in her honor by her colleagues. We miss her and hope she'll be coming in to say hello often.

Friends of Dorothy Madsen and Joan Governale (Contrib. Prog.) gave them a combination farewell party and baby shower before they left the Museum at the end of June. Joan's baby is due in October, and Dot plans to be a lady of leisure until that time. (After that, she says, she'll have a regular job as baby-sitter for the new Governale.)

REQUEST FROM ANIMAL BEHAVIOR

The Department of Animal Behavior can use a number of male cats and kittens for research purposes. The animals will be well taken care of and will not be subjected to harm. If you have any you would like to contribute, please call Harold Silverman, ext. 267.

NEW EXHIBIT FEATURES FUN IN NATURE

The work of one of Europe's best loved and most spirited artists will be displayed in the forthcoming exhibit "Fish, Fowl and Fantasy - from the Sketchbooks of Hans Fischer" opening in the North American Mammal corridor on July 27th. Hans Fischer's light-hearted and loving approach to cats, foxes, frogs, fishes, roosters, lobsters, crabs, and birds; his tongue-in-cheek, pot-bellied, supercilious bear; and his delicately delineated ferns and flowers are friendly and familiar sights in his native Switzerland. His sketches, lithographs, and etchings, as well as the original art for some of his book illustrations, will be included in the exhibit here.

"THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE UNIVERSE"

All Museum employees are welcome to visit the Planetarium at no charge. Your employee identification card serves as a ticket of admission for you and one guest. The current sky presentation, recently featured on the Dave Garroway Today Show, is "The Seven Wonders of the Universe".

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MUSEUM-CITY RELATIONS

Following the up-grading of eight Career and Salary positions, reported in the July Grapevine, the Bursar's Office has submitted to the City Controller payrolls for retroactive pay to the employees concerned for the period January 1 to June 30, 1960. The position of Staff Nurse was up-graded two grades, rather than one, as mistakenly reported here.

In another action, pursuant to Labor Law 220, the Bursar's Office has submitted to the City Controller payrolls for retroactive pay for the period July 1, 1959 to May 31, 1960 to employees in the titles of Oiler and Stationary Fireman; and for the period January 1, 1960 to May 31, 1960 to those in titles of Stationary Engineer, Sheetmetal Worker, and Sheetmetal Worker's Helper.

A draft in payment will be issued by the City Controller after an audit of the above mentioned rolls.

CAMERA CLUB ELECTS

At its last meeting before the summer recess, the AMNH Camera Club elected the following new officers: Arthur Pitschi - President; Louis Monaco - Vice President; Marguerite Newgarden - Secretary; and Miriam Stryker - Treasurer. The Club is planning an interesting series of programs for the fall, including slide and motion picture showings, at which all Museum employees are welcome.

GREATER CU SAVINGS NOW POSSIBLE

Members of the AMNH Employees Federal Credit Union have, from time to time, expressed a desire to increase the amount of their Credit Union savings beyond the $1000 maximum set by our CU Board of Directors. In addition, some would like to increase the amount of their monthly deposits, made through payroll deduction, beyond the $40 limit.

Limitations on CU savings accounts are necessarily determined by the total amount of business handled by the organization, according to John Saunders, CU President. Because of the healthy growth of our Credit Union in recent years, he points out, increases in the established maximums for accounts and deposits are now feasible.

At its June meeting, the Board of Directors of the Credit Union voted to raise the top limit of savings accounts from $1000 to $1500, and the maximum monthly deposit from $40 to $50. This means that you may now arrange to save up to $25 from each semi-monthly paycheck, and you can continue to increase these dividend-producing savings up to the amount of $1500. The new maximums, which become effective August 1st, will enable many CU members to reactivate automatic savings in accounts that had previously reached the $1000-mark.

The CU office, located in the basement of Roosevelt Memorial, is open for business from 12 to 1 on Mon., Tues., and Thurs.

HERMAN OTTO RETIRES

Herman Otto, Foreman of the Machine Shop, retired from his post at the end of July after nearly forty years with the Museum. At a party in his honor in the Bean Club last Thursday, his friends and colleagues wished him a warm farewell and many miles of happy driving in his beautiful new Lincoln Continental.

Mr. Otto who came to the Museum as a machinist in September, 1920, is a man of the "Can Do" school. When complicated rigging was required for moving the dinosaurs and the huge safes in the old bookkeeping offices, he devised it. Under supervision he built the first underwater camera used by the Museum. Recently, when a scientist needed an unusual machine built for his experiments, Mr. Otto constructed it without blueprints. In addition, he has been in charge of laying out all the steelwork for the Museum's habitat groups.

A deep sea fishing enthusiast, Mr. Otto owns his own boat out on Long Island's south shore where he and his wife have a lovely home. We doubt that time will be hanging heavy on his hands, and we're sure he will be getting together with his many Museum friends often in the future.

VIC BADARACCO & THE BLOOD BANK

Victor J. Badaracco, who underwent a difficult and successful kidney operation last month, is a strong supporter of the AMNH Blood Bank. In a note to the Grapevine he expresses his thanks to all donors to the Bank for their blood which he was able to get when he badly needed it. "A mere thank you seems most inadequate," he writes, "but it conveys a deep appreciation on my part." Each of us, in a similar emergency, would feel the same, and we are indeed fortunate to have had blood available for Mr. Badaracco's use. If you haven't offered to make a blood donation recently, why not call the First Aid Room and arrange for an appointment at the Red Cross. And when you make a

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T. DONALD CARTER RETIRING

T. Donald Carter, Assistant Curator in the Department of Mammalogy, retires from active service this month after forty years and four months with the Museum. During that time, Mr. Carter says, he has moved just six feet -- from a round table where he first worked, to a desk by the window in the same office. In the same period, however, he had made twenty-seven expeditions for the Museum which took him to nearly every corner of the earth.

An expert in ornithology as well as mammalogy, Mr. Carter has collected thousands of animal specimens, many of which are on exhibit in the mammal and bird halls here. In the past year and a half he has traversed most of North America to obtain material for the fourteen new habitat groups to be installed in the North American Mammal Hall Corridor.

The large turnout at the retirement tea for Mr. Carter in May, and again at a Mammal Department party in his honor in July, gave evidence of the high esteem in which he is held by all who have known him here. On the former occasion he was presented with a box of very special cigars sent by Mr. and Mrs. Newell J. Ward, Jr. who accompanied him on his 1958 expedition to Africa. In a clever, tho' cryptic, telegram, the Wards speculated that Mr. Carter may go in for some unusual genetics experiments at his farm in Boonton, N.J. -- breeding "elands to shorthorns, oysters to leghorns, baboons to racoons" and so forth. The possibilities sound fascinating.

But whatever he decides to do with his new freedom, we know, that the years ahead will be active and productive for Don Carter. He's just made that way.

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donation, be sure that your blood is credited to the AMNH Blood Bank.

Mr. Badaracco is convalescing comfortably and we hope he'll be back with us soon. Meanwhile, he thanks all who have sent their good wishes and adds that the many cards he has been receiving are really good "medicine".

IN THE FIELD

Director James A. Oliver and Herpetology Department Chairman Charles M. Bogert went to Costa Rica the last week in July to set up a new program whereby the Museum will assist the Caribbean Conservation Association in preserving the green turtle, a species which has become dangerously low in numbers in recent years. The plan is to transport newly-hatched turtles from Costa Rica to a "nursery" at the Museum's Lerner Marine Laboratory on Bimini Island. There, the hatchlings will be protected from predators during their first year of growth, after which they will be released. It is hoped that the program at Bimini will get underway this fall.

Three scientists from the Mammalogy Department attended the meetings of the American Society of Mammalogists in Tacoma, Washington, in June. Hobart M. Van Deusen and Dr. Joseph C. Moore each presented papers on their recent research, and Dr. Richard G. Van Gelder participated in a symposium on the current state of mammalogy in the Soviet Union. After the meetings, Mr. Van Deusen made a short field trip in the Olympic National Forest, Dr. Moore visited Mt. Ranier and environs, and Dr. Van Gelder continued his study of skunk collections at west coast museums.

NEW FACES

"Our chickens are coming home to roost" says Chief Engineer Malcolm MacKay as he welcomes back two former employees at the Power Plant. Vincent J. LePore, having earned his engineer's certificate, returns as Stationary Engineer, and Robert B. Horan will take over as Maintenance Man at the Planetarium. Mr. Horan replaces Robert Fearman who, after 19 years of keeping the Planetarium's air conditioning in order, returns to plant operation activities in the Museum.

The four new faces in Building Services are Alain J. Petit, Francis Wedgeworth, William Nash, and John H. Doscher who was with us briefly before. In the scientific departments, Eugeny Afanasiew has joined Ichthyology, Betty P. Ayer has joined Entomology, and William E. Old, Jr., is the new man in Living Invertebrates. Latest addition to the Library staff is Florence E. Stewart. For interesting news of another recent arrival in the Museum, see "Heard In Passing."

As though in compensation, the hot weather always brings us a number of refreshing young faces belonging to students who join us temporarily during the summer. Among this year's crop are high schoolers Susan Amadon and Clare O'Brien, working in Ornithology with their dads, Dr. Dean Amadon and Charles O'Brien, and Rosalind Moore who is assisting her father Dr. Joseph Moore for a short period in Mammalogy. Working with Ethel Smith in the President's Office is Linda Fischer who will be a senior this fall at Utah State University.

HEARD IN PASSING

Nolan Willence, erstwhile trumpet player with the Boston Pops, Indianapolis Smyphony, Atlanta (Ga.) Symphony, and the National Orchestral Association, is a new member of the Planning Division - not as a trumpet player, but as an architectural draftsman. Nolan recently joined the City Symphony which on Saturday nights during July gave concerts on the mall in Central Park. Soon they will be preparing for their fall series of concerts which will probably be held in our Museum. To keep himself and his trumpet in shape, Nolan practices every noon and hopes that other fellow-employee-musicians will join him so that eventually we may have an AMNH trio, quartet, quintet, or even a full symphony orchestra -- who knows? How about luncheon music in the staff cafeteria?

Two colleagues in Office Services underwent serious operations recently. Charlotte

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Stove and John Maloney were both hospitalized for some time and we're happy to report that both have made good recoveries and are back at their posts. It's good, too, to have John Pallister back in Entomology after his several weeks absence which included a stay in the hospital. He had a rough bout with his appendix in June, and he's happy to be rid of it. Speaking of hospitals, Mr. Pallister's office served as a maternity ward earlier this summer. He came in one morning to find that one of his black widow spiders had produced a flock of babies during the night.

Travellers Abroad: Graphic Arts Chief Joseph Sedacca is back from a vacation in the eastern Mediterranean area where he visited Greece, Turkey, the Aegean islands, Cypress, Haifa, Nazareth, Jerusalem, and Tel Aviv (also London and Paris en route.) Scientific Publications Editor Ruth Tyler has returned from travels in England, where she made the cathedral tour, and Denmark and Sweden. Still over there are two colleagues in Micropaleontology who will attend the International Geological Congress in Copenhagen later this month: Carol Turco is also taking in France, Italy, and Switzerland, while Angelina Messina's itinerary reads England, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Soviet Union, Poland, Austria, Italy, and Portugal. (Lest anyone think that Micro is showing favoritism for Europe, Gladys Davis is spending two weeks in Rome, N.Y.)

Back on the homefront, two members of the Film Division have acquired new habitats. Josephine D'Orsi moves shortly to her beautiful new apartment in Forest Hills which she has been decorating and furnishing for the past several weeks, and Henry Seelman is weekending at his newly-purchased house in Pennsylvania.

Congratulations to John Heffernan of Building Services who will be married on September 3 to Mary Harty at the Sacred Heart Church in Manhattan. The future Mrs. Heffernan is employed at the Bank for Savings.

As of mid-June, the familiar figure of James Perry Wilson has been seen about the Museum. He has been commissioned to paint five backgrounds for the new groups in the North American Mammal Hall Corridor.

Bob and Rose Adlington (Fossil Invertebrates and Entomology, respectively) have good reason to be very proud of their 17 year-old daughter, Roberta, who has won an American Field Service scholarship to study in Berne, Switzerland, during the coming school year. She will live with a Swiss family and attend a local school where most of her classes will be in German. In preparation, she is being coached in German this summer by language expert Connie Sherman (Ornithology) who reports that Roberta is an excellent student. Roberta sails for Europe in September with two hundred other young people who have been selected to take part in the program.

Several people have pointed out that one of the exotic melodies emanating regularly from the "Lute, Flute, and Drum" exhibit sounds amazingly like a popular American ballad that we heard frequently during World War II. Remember "They're Either Too Young Or Too Old"? Listen for it next time you're passing the Corner Gallery.

It is with sorrow that we report the following deaths: Charles Edwards (Bldg. Serv., retired) on June 3; Mike Lyons (Bldg. Serv.) on June 9; and Wilson L. Todd (formerly Power Plant) on July 4. Mr. Edwards, who served the Museum from 1923 to 1952, was a sargeant at the time of his retirement. Mr. Lyons had served as a floor man since 1951; his sudden death after only a day's absence from duty was attributed to a heart attack. Mr. Todd was Plant Engineer when he went on deferred pension eight years ago after some 20 years of service to the Museum.

A REMINDER

La Rochelle Pharmacy, Columbus Ave. at the corner of 76th St., reminds us that they extend special consideration to all AMNH personnel who shop there. But they can't tell just by looking at you that you're a Museum employee, so be sure to mention it when making a purchase.

ANY COLLECTORS INTERESTED?

The following letter, received by the Museum, has already been answered. We are printing it for the benefit of any Civil War buff who may be interested.

Dear Gentleman:

I have in my possession a horse bridal which was used in the civil war on the Yankee side. It has on the side two buttons, an eagle in the middle, and 13 stars. It also states; E-Plur-Ibus Unum; (found on money).

I would like to save up enough money to go to college. Would the museum be interested in buying it. Write back and tell me.

Yours truely,

Bill Bailey
2303 West Dupont Ave.
Belle, W. Va.

MORE RADIO JOURNEYS

Staff scientists who will be heard from on forthcoming programs of the Museum's weekly radio series, "Journey Into Nature," are: Aug. 7...Dr. Lester Aronson, "Instinct - What It Is And How It Came To Be"; Aug. 14...Dr. K. L. Franklin, "Radio Astronomy - Listening To The Heavens"; Aug. 21...Dr. Stanley Freed, "The Indians of North America - Fact, Fancy and Fiction"; Aug. 28...Dr. Joseph C. Moore " Our Squirrels And How They Got Here - Zoogeography"; Sept. 4...Dr. Junius Bird, "Ancient Textiles - How The Oldest Garments Were Made"; Sept. 11...Dr. Margaret Mead, "American Social Customs - American Family Life Circa 1960" (Part I); Sept. 18...Dr. Mead (Part II.)

The program is heard each Sunday at 2:05 P.M. over WNBC-Radio.

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NEW MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN

The new medical insurance plan for Museum employees, which becomes effective October 1, carries many valuable benefits that were unavailable to us under the former plan. These are described in detail in literature accompanying a letter sent to each employee a few days ago by Controller Walter F. Meister.

In view of the recent sharp increases in all medical costs, we are fortunate that our Personnel Department has been able to secure an improved contract -- providing higher allowances and covering treatment with new medical techniques -- at only a slightly increased cost. Premiums for each employee's own contract will be paid, as in the past, by the Museum. Employees whose contracts also cover members of their families will have small increases, as indicated in Mr. Meister's letter, in their payroll deductions. If your present contract covers persons other than yourself, and you wish to change it in any way before the new plan takes effect, be sure to get in touch with the Personnel Department by Friday, Sept. 30.

NEW CHAIRMAN FOR ENTOMOLOGY

Dr. Jerome G. Rozen, Jr. has returned to the Museum after 13 years absence. During a college summer, back in 1947, he worked here as a preparator of insect specimens. This month Dr. Oliver is announcing his appointment as Chairman of the Department of Entomology.

Born in Evanston, Ill. in 1928, Dr. Rozen was graduated from the University of Kansas and took his doctorate at the University

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WELCOME TO VICE PRESIDENT GIBSON

C. DeWolf Gibson, Vice President of our Board of Trustees, joined us after Labor Day on a full-time basis to devote his prodigious energies and business knowledge to the activities of the Museum, especially in the area of fund-raising. Although he is officially located in the President's Office on the second floor, he has spent the greater part of his time since his arrival visiting the various departments in order to familiarize himself thoroughly with all aspects of the Museum's work.

Mr. Gibson is no stranger to most of the staff, having been active in AMNH affairs since 1940. A member of the Men's Committee, he served as its chairman for three years and was elected a Trustee in 1953. Professionally, he was with the Air Reduction Company for many years, and was Vice President and Director of that organization when he retired from business last spring. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Greater New York Council of Boy Scouts and a past chairman of the Committee for Commerce and Industry of the American Red Cross.

Mr. Gibson's interest in the Museum began as a child. His father, a naturalist with the first Peary expedition, presented the Museum with fossil and mammal specimens collected on his trips to the Arctic and to the Grand Canyon. "I learned early of the exciting work in science and education carried on by this Museum," he says. His enthusiasm is contagious, and we look forward with pleasure to working with him.

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of California in Berkeley. He has taught at both institutions and served on the staff of the United States National Museum in Washington, D. C. Before coming to us this summer, he was for two years Assistant Professor of Entomology at Ohio State University.

Dr. Rozen is married to the former Barbara Lindner, also an entomologist, who worked at AMNH at several periods in the late 1940's. They have three sons and are living temporarily in Englewood. They hope to move to their new home in Closter early in October.

HAPPY 25th BIRTHDAY TO OUR STARS

On Oct. 2, 1935, eight hundred invited guests attended opening ceremonies at the American Museum-Hayden Planetarium and saw the man-made stars twinkle for the first time. Since then approximately 11 million people have visited the Planetarium.

FLORIDA AMNHers & THE HURRICANE

When Hurricane Donna ripped through central Florida this month, Richard Archbold and Leonard Brass of the Archbold Biological Station provided shelter for 73 victims of the storm. Among them was a group of Seminole Indians including an expectant mother whose baby was due to arrive momentarily. As Mr. Brass cared for the refugees, Mr. Archbold kept the Station's emergency generator running to provide power for, among other things, the needs of the impending birth -- which fortunately did not take place during the crisis. There was no damage to the Station's buildings or facilities, but much vegetation on the property -- including many valuable exotic plantings -- was destroyed.

As we go to press, we have not yet heard how any of our former colleagues now living in Florida weathered the big blow. We are thinking of them and hoping that

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they all came through in good shape. In that connection, we are taking up a suggestion from Ernest Neilson, formerly Anthro. Dept. and now with the Univ. of Fla. State Museum, who visited in August with Dr. C. Howard Curran, formerly Entomol. Dept., and his wife. The three agreed that the Grapevine should carry a list of "all former employees of our great and glorious institution who have retired to Florida," so that those who don't know the whereabouts of others can get together from time to time. While we don't have a complete list, we do have the names of those who are members of the Pension Plan: Floyd Blair, R.R. 1, Box 103, Williston, Fla.... Albert E. Butler, 752 Palm Drive, Orlando, Fla.... C. Howard Curran, 1302 Peters Dr., Leesburg, Fla.... Katherine Griggs, Box 987, Route 2, Lakeland, Fla.... Jules M. Hyman, 1228 West Dorothy St., Lakeland, Fla.... Walter C. Jensen, 620 Wood St., Dunedin, Fla.... Ernest A. Neilson, P. O. Box 205, Interlachen, Fla.... Alma L. O'Connor, 1375 Pasadena Ave. South, Box 603, St. Petersburg 7, Fla.... Viola K. Reckert, 2502 Alpine Ave., Sarasota, Fla.... George Severn, 129 South Prospect Ave., Avon Park, Fla.... Anthony Tumillo, 3831 29th Ave. North, St. Petersburg, Fla.... Benjamin E. Edwards, 3901 Yardley Ave. North, St. Petersburg, Fla.

TWO ASSISTANT CURATORS APPOINTED

Two departments report the appointment of new Assistant Curators this month. Dr. Meredith L. Jones has taken office in the Department of Living Invertebrates, and Dr. Sydney Anderson has joined the staff of Mammalogy.

Dr. Jones comes to us from the Oceanographic Institute of Florida State University where for the past three years he has been in charge of a hydrobiological survey. A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, he took his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at that institution. There he specialized in marine invertebrate zoology, his thesis being on population dynamics. Since that time his interests have become more taxonomic and he now classifies himself as a systematist working on polychaete annelids and ostracods. He and his wife are living in Manhattan.

Dr. Anderson comes to us from the University of Kansas where, for the past four years, he has been Assistant Curator in charge of mammals. A graduate of the University, he took his doctorate there and also taught in the Department of Zoology. His research interests include distribution, variations, and relationships of microtine rodents, studies of activity cycles of rodents, water requirements, growth and development, and serological relationships. He and his wife, two daughters, and one son are living in Hackensack.

THE LITTLE WORLD OF CLAIRE MOYNIHAN

As the Museum family, partially dispersed for the summer, reconvenes at 79th Street and C.P.W. this month, we're especially happy to welcome back a colleague who was neither on vacation nor on a field trip. Claire Moynihan, Manager of the Planetarium Book Corner, was seriously ill and hospitalized for several months in the spring and early summer. It was a rough ordeal, and our thoughts were with her constantly.

During her convalescence in August, Mrs. Moynihan wrote to the Grapevine to express her gratitude to all AMNH Blood Bank donors for the transfusions she received in the hospital, and for the personal concern of her colleagues during her "incarceration." She recalls one evening, just before an operation, when she was feeling very low. Then into the room came a procession of Planetarium friends bringing presents and good cheer. "It was like every Christmas and birthday rolled into one...It was almost worth being sick to find so much warmth, affection, and goodness in the little world I belong to..." The little world is very, very glad to have her back.

Sam Kuster's latest anecdote is about the mother and child who were on their way out of the Museum when the mother stopped in front of our collection box and reached into her pocketbook... Child: "Whatcha doing?" Mother: "I'm going to put a quarter in this box." Child: "Goody! What's going to come out?"

ETHLYN NELSON

Museum friends and colleagues of Nels C. Nelson, Curator Emeritus of Prehistoric Archeology, extend to him their deep sympathy on the loss of his wife, Ethlyn G. Hobbe Nelson, who passed away suddenly on July 16, 1960. Mrs. Nelson, who was born on Christmas Day, 1867, was closely associated with the Museum for nearly fifty years. As office secretary to her husband in the Department of Anthropology, and as his volunteer field assistant on expeditions, she participated in many of Dr. Nelson's important contributions to the study of early American Indian cultures.

A native of California, Mrs. Nelson taught in a district school there before the turn of the century. Later, she was employed at the Anthropology Museum of the University of California in Berkeley where she first met Dr. Nelson in 1906 -- the year of the San Francisco earthquake. They were married in 1911, and the following year Dr. Nelson was appointed an Assistant Curator in the Anthropology Department at AMNH. From that time until 1941, Mrs. Nelson was an active member of the Museum family. On field trips with her husband to New Mexico, Montana, and Kentucky, she numbered and packed excavated specimens, handled payrolls for workers, and did the camp cooking as well. During these years she contributed a number of articles to Natural History. Long term employees will also remember her charming verses in early issues of the Grapevine.

Dr. Nelson, who has been Emeritus since 1943, lives just a block from the Museum and comes in from time to time to visit his associates in Anthropology, the Library, and other departments. We mourn with him the loss of his wife; but we are also mindful of the deep gratification he knows for the many happy and productive years she shared with him.

HEARD IN PASSING

The current rehabilitation of the Indian war canoe in the 77th Street foyer shows what can be done with a little paint and plaster -- when applied with a lot of artistic skill. The realism of the refurbished life-sized figures is such that a passer-by nearly fainted the other day when one of the figures appeared to move. It turned out that Preparator Bill Fish, working intently on a particular detail, was just shifting his position.

The Main Library is now ensconced in its new quarters in the east wing, fourth floor, after a monumental moving job, and our librarians are finally getting a chance to catch their breath. Hazel Gay and George Goodwin worked late into the evening for many weeks, and everyone on their staff pitched in nobly to share the extra work load. We owe them all a hearty vote of thanks!

Robert Jones of Building Services wishes to express his gratitude to all Museum colleagues who have offered prayers for the recovery of his 9-year old daughter, Barbara, who last month underwent a serious operation for a brain tumor. Her condition has improved under radiation treatments and she is now off the critical list. We will keep her in our thoughts and hope that she will soon be fully recovered.

The Ornithology Dept. contingent attending meetings of the American Ornithologists Union in Michigan in August included Dean Amadon, Tom Gilliard, Charles Vaurie, Helen Hayes, and Stewart Keith. Mr. Keith is now in Saskatchewan photographing Sandhill Cranes. At the end of August Lester Aronson, Animal Behavior, attended the AIBS meetings at Oklahoma State Univ. where he delivered a paper.

Travellers to the west: Ethel Tobach (An. Behav.) is back from California, Nevada, and a tour of the Grand Canyon. Due back this week is Jo D'Orsi (Films) who visited Frances Piansky (formerly Contr. Off.) in Santa Monica, then took in Las Vegas and a trip to Mexico.

Leon Hrycark (Bldg. Serv.) is justly proud of a letter of thanks he recently received from the pastor of his church, St. Francis Xavier in the Bronx. Each year Mr. Hrycark works as a volunteer in the church's building fund drive.

We're sorry to hear that Ilona Kunsagi (Main Lib.) has been on the sick list for several weeks. She's now out of the

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hospital and we hope she'll be back with us soon.

So long and good luck to four colleagues who recently left the Museum's employ: Terry McKnight (Herp.) found the long commute from her new home in Long Branch, N.J., a strenous undertaking, and regretfully left us at the end of August. Emanuel Fennick and Robert Statler departed from Animal Behavior earlier in the summer. Mr. Fennick is now working at Brooklyn Jewish Hospital. Ornithology lost Mrs. Lisbeth Cohen when she accepted a new job in Charleston, W. Va.

Congratulations to new parents: Bill Rickert (Films) and wife Ann had a boy, William Arthur, Jr., on Labor Day. Gerry Turkewitz (An. Behav.) and wife Myrna welcomed a new son, Aron, in June. Correcting a serious error in last June's Grapevine, Barney Kreps (Planet.) had a new grandson, not granddaughter. His name is Bradley Stephen Weiss.

COURSES OPEN FREE TO EMPLOYEES

The fall program of evening courses offered by the Dept. of Education begins the first week in October. As in the past, Museum employees may audit, free of charge, any courses that are not fully subscribed. It is requested, however, that persons interested call Bruce Hunter, ext. 445, in advance to make sure that the class is not already full. The schedule of courses is posted on the cafeteria bulletin board.

NOTICE TO ALL WHO TYPE

TYPE-OUT, a chemically treated correction sheet that removes typing errors from a single or first copy spotlessly and with a minimum of effort, is now available from the Office Services Division on requisition. Office Services suggests you try this new item.

TRADING POST

For Sale: Plymouth, 1957, two-tone, hard top, sports coupe. Excellent condition. Four Firestone-500 tires, almost new. Fully equipped. Reasonable. Ellen Forsythe, ext. 372.

Chevrolet, 1952, two-door sedan. $230. Harry Lange, ext. 225.

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OPEN LETTER TO THE GRAPEVINE

I want to thank you and your staff for the warm words of welcome in the September issue of the Grapevine which has just come to me.

As you have suggested, for a number of years I have been more or less familiar with many of our Museum's activities and have known of our rare and priceless collections. But now for the first time I realize that the Museum's most valuable collection is its people--some six hundred men and women who make this Museum what it is.

In reply to your friendly words, I want you to know that I am exceedingly proud to join the Museum ranks and look forward to meeting more of my associates as each day goes by.

Sincerely yours,

C. D'W. Gibson

SURPRISE PARTY AT PLANETARIUM

Visitors to the Planetarium on Sunday evening, Oct. 2, were in for an unexpected pleasure when, following the sky presentation, they were invited to share a fabulous birthday cake with members of the Museum-Planetarium family.

The occasion was the Planetarium's 25th anniversary, and the cake -- baked in the shape of the Planetarium building -- was complete with miniature flags, the institution's name inscribed in chocolate, and a delicious marzipan dome. The first cut from this Globe

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ROYAL VISITOR

It isn't every day that a Crown Prince leaves a Yankee ball game after the third inning in order to visit our Museum. But Prince Akihito of Japan did just that on Sunday, Oct. 2. As the New York Times put it, "Although known to be a baseball fan, the Prince is apparently more of an enthusiast for biology and ichthyology."

Arriving here forty-five minutes ahead of schedule, His Highness was the first visitor to the newly-completed Japanese Bird Group in the Hall of Birds of the World. In line with his special interest in ichthyology, he spent considerable time in the Fish Dept. laboratory and in the Animal Behavior Dept. greenhouse where he observed the African mouthbreeder Tilapia, a fish to which he is especially partial. He also looked in on dinosaurs, fossil mammals, and North American forests, and stayed well past closing time.

Advance preparations for the royal visit required careful planning and coordination among many departments and individuals too numerous to list. Suffice to say that the Prince's enjoyment of the Museum made our efforts well worth while, and we hope he'll come again.

NEW TIME FOR MUSEUM RADIO JOURNEYS

"Journey Into Nature", the Museum's radio series heard each Sunday over WNBC, has been moved from 2:05 P.M. to 11:05 A.M., a more advantageous listening time. This Sunday, Oct. 9, Anthropologist Colin Turnbull discusses the cultural background of the crisis in the Congo; on the 16th, Dr. Wesley Lanyon, Ornithology, will talk

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Canteen masterpiece was executed by Mrs. F. Trubee Davison. Mr. Davison, Museum President when the Planetarium was founded, was unable to attend the party because of a business trip abroad.

Guests attending a small dinner prior to the evening show included three men who had helped to open the Planetarium for the first time in 1935: Joseph Connors and Henry Ehlenberger, now Business Manager and Assistant Business Manager respectively, and Charles Federer, now editor of the magazine Sky & Telescope.

The Employees' Benefit Association made six payments from its death benefit fund during the months May through September, 1960. Assessments were noted on members' paychecks only for the last three payments, however, as the first three were covered by surplus funds accumulated in the spring.

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about the Kalbfleisch Field Research Station, of which he is resident director; on the 23rd, Exhibition Chairman Gordon Reekie will describe the many factors that go into the making of an exhibit, and tell something of our future exhibition plans.

We were very sorry to learn that Kenneth Banghart, the noted commentator who has been host on "Journey Into Nature" since it was started last spring, will be leaving NBC soon. Mr. Banghart's deft skill as an interviewer, together with his deep interest in the Museum, have contributed greatly to the success of the program. Museum staff members who have worked with him on the series will miss him.

The new Main Library on the fourth floor was opened to the public on Oct. 1. Hours for public use are 12-4 weekdays and Saturdays, closed Sundays and holidays.

GEORGE L. SCHROTH

George L. Schroth, Accounting, who died on September 5, had been with the Museum for thirty-five years. Early this August he entered the hospital for a major operation from which he never fully recovered. His colleagues extend their deepest sympathy to his brothers Paul Schroth, Shipping Room; Chris Schroth, who retired from the Museum a few years ago; and Philip.

Mr. Schroth was born in New York City in 1902. An excellent amateur photographer, he was an active member of the AMNH Camera Club for many years. He also enjoyed building models, and on one occasion constructed a 2000-piece model of the U.S.S. "Missouri" for the young son of his friend and colleague in Accounting, Bill Sherman.

After Mr. Schroth's death, Louis A. Benesh, Chief Accountant, wrote to the Grapevine, "His passing is profoundly felt by those with whom he had daily contact. The character of the life he lived can be summed up in a few words; he was sincere, earnest, loyal, industrious, and self-sacrificing. His passing leaves a void in our hearts and in the organization that will be difficult to fill."

It is with sorrow that we record also the deaths of two distinguished former colleagues, Charles J. Lang on Sept. 7, and Herbert F. Schwarz on Oct. 2.

Mr. Lang retired from his post in the Vertebrate Paleontology laboratory in 1949 after 46 years of service to the Museum. As Chief Preparator of fossil vertebrates, he mounted thousands of skeletons including Tyrannosaurus and many others in our exhibition halls. He was a master craftsman and developed valuable techniques that have been adopted by museums throughout the world. His friends here extend their deep sympathy to his wife, Elizabeth, who shared with him a continuing interest in the Museum after his retirement.

Mr. Schwarz, Research Associate in Entomology, was an authority on stingless bees and published numerous papers on the subject. He was Editor of Natural History in the early 1920's and served as Acting Chairman of the Entomology Dept. for two years following the death of Dr. Frank Lutz in 1944. He was also an active member of the Explorers Club. In recent years, ill health prevented him from pursuing his work at the Museum, but he continued to come in from time to time to see his colleagues, who will miss him very much.

CREDIT UNION CO-MAKERS

Recently a Museum employee, Mr. X., asked a colleague to co-sign a note for a large loan from the AMNH Credit Union. The colleague said, "Sure, anything for a friend," and was all set to affix his signature without giving the matter a second thought. It turned out, however, the the prospective co-maker had no savings, was in debt himself, and would have been in no position to take over his friend's payments if the loan became delinquent. The Credit Union asked Mr. X. to get another co-maker.

Co-makers perform an important and valuable service in any Credit Union. Fortunately, our CU has rarely had to ask a co-maker to make good on a loan -- but it has happened, and co-makers have occasionally expressed surprise to learn the extent of their liability. When you co-sign a friend's CU note, you are agreeing to pay the full amount due on the loan, including the interest, if at any point your friend becomes unable or unwilling to pay it. Your signature is not a character reference or a vote of confidence in the borrower; it is your acceptance of full legal responsibility for the debt if the borrower defaults.

CU loans of over $750 require either a co-maker or equivalent collateral such as negotiable stocks or bonds, or jewelry. Credit Union savers often use their own CU shares as collateral on a short term loan.

BLUE CROSS UP

Rising medical costs, discussed in last month's Grapevine in connection with the Museum's new medical insurance contract, have also affected New York's Blue Cross plan, as explained in Controller Walter F. Meister's recent letter to all employees.

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Although all Blue Cross premiums have been increased to cover the higher allowances and additional benefits, there will be no payroll deductions for employees' own contracts. These increased premiums will be paid by our Trustees as in the past. Employees who carry Blue Cross coverage for other members of their immediate families, however, will pay slightly increased premiums. If you are in the latter category, and if you wish to make any change in your contract before the new plan becomes effective November 1, be sure to get in touch with the Personnel Department by Friday, October 21.

TWO LONG-TERM COLLEAGUES RETIRE

William A. Nalty and Thomas Grady, both of whom came to the Museum in the 1920's, retired from active service last month. Mr. Nalty, who had been with us 39 years, served in Building Services, Preparation, and most recently, Anthropology -- where he is sorely missed as "no one can find anything around here since he left" according to Dr. Junius Bird. Mr. Grady, who started as a Museum watchman in 1926, has served as an attendant in most of the exhibition halls. His most recent assignment was on the freight elevator in Section 9. As both men are residents of New York City, we hope to see them often again.

ART CLASSES

Informal art classes for employees will be resumed this month with an opening meeting on Thursday, Oct. 13, in Room 1-A (off the 77th St. foyer) from 5 to 7 p.m. Matthew Kalmenoff (Exhib.) will again instruct the group in techniques of painting landscapes, still-lifes, and portraits. Students who have their own paints should bring them to the first meeting. Others will be advised at that time on the kind of paints they may buy. The class will meet regularly on the second and last Thursday of each month.

Office Services has a new machine for copying that is infinitely better than the previous one. This machine can even copy from books and magazines.

HEARD IN PASSING

Fred Pavone (Elect. Shop) and his wife are having a family reunion this month. Their son, who has been overseas with the Air Force for 3 years, has arrived home with his wife and child; and their daughter, who lives out west, has brought her child home for a visit. As Mr. Pavone says, "Happy are the grandparents who see the joy of the fruits of life before them."

Ed Burns (Print Shop) was a particularly anxious grandpa-to-be this summer. His son and daughter-in-law were expecting their eighth child -- after seven boys in a row. The new baby has now arrived and guess what! Her name is Mary Ellen.

The Animal Behavior Dept. extends special accolades to Harry Mirollo, John Polo, and Sam D'Angelo for their work, beyond the call of duty, to make the greenhouse sparkle for the visit of the Japanese Crown Prince. They scrubbed and polished all day Saturday and Sunday so that the Prince would be able to see the fishes in the tanks without having to peer through a forest of green algae. Messrs. Mirollo and Polo deserve particular thanks...they were on vacation at the time.

Another note on the royal visit: His Highness arrived carrying a small grocery bag containing an assortment of leaves, twigs, and acorns he had picked up at the Rockefeller estate herbarium in Tarrytown. He would like them identified, he said, but he would be leaving for Japan at 10:30 the next morning. It being a Sunday, our vegetation expert Jack McCormick wasn't in -- but he arrived a few hours later to attend the Planetarium's anniversary festivities. Dr. McC. didn't get much sleep that night. After the party he went to his office and studied the specimens, and he was up at the crack of dawn next morning for a guest appearance on a television show. At 10:15 a.m. he personally delivered the grocery bag, with contents properly identified, to the royal suite at the Waldorf Towers.

It's good to see the familiar face of Jack Greig around the Museum. He's back with the Paint Shop temporarily to help with the general sprucing up that's going on everywhere we turn these days. Latest area to get the new look is the Museum Shop. (continued on page 5)

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The arrival and departure each day of Don Squires (Fossil Invert.) is a great occasion for ball-playing youngsters on the upper West Side. The game is to bounce the ball off Dr. S.'s gleaming white safety helmet as he flies down Columbus Ave. on his motor scooter. Dr. S. was recently run over by a pedestrian who failed to notice his small vehicle sandwiched in between two cars at a stop light. Pedestrian, scooter, and scientist landed in a heap -- without casualties.

Walter Fairservis (Anthro.) tells us that Center Spot, Inc., the "off-Broadway" theater in Westchester to which he devotes much of his free time, is presenting a production of "Everyman" this month. Performances are at 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 7, 8, 14 and 15, at Christ Church in Bronxville. There is no admission charge, but advance reservations may be made by calling SP 9-1705. Dr. Fairservis is artistic director of the theater group.

Bill Burns was one of three judges at the judging of the Nature Section of the International Exhibition of the Color Camera Club of Westchester, held in Scarsdale last month. Over 700 transparencies had to be judged and the session lasted ten hours. This is unquestionably the longest time that Dr. Burns has ever been known to sit still.

Al de Luca (Elect. Shop) helped to close up Atlantic City at the end of the season last month. He's an enthusiastic volunteer promoter of the famous resort town, in return for which he has been appointed its unofficial mayor.

This month the Planetarium welcomed back from vacation a colleague who left as Barbara Botteri and returned as Mrs. Vincent Harrison. When you pass through the office these days, the soft chime of wedding bells can still be heard in the background. We're glad to have Mrs. H. back and we wish her and her new spouse the best of everything.

Employee discounts for Xmas shopping at the Museum Shop & Planetarium Book Corner begin November 1. Shop early!

BLOOD BANK COMING

The AMNH Blood Bank will be replenished on Monday, December 12, when the Red Cross Bloodmobile makes its next visit to the Museum, Dr. William A. Burns, Blood Bank Chairman, reports. In a few weeks you will receive a letter asking you to donate blood at that time; please sign the return form and send it back at once. Meanwhile, all employees will have the opportunity to see the film, "Prescription For Life" at a meeting on November 3 at 9 a.m. in the main auditorium. This film describes the vital importance of participation in the blood bank. The Administration expects all personnel, except those at posts whc which cannot be vacated, to be present for this short meeting. Make a note of it on your calendar now.

FAMILIAR FACES IN NEW PLACES

Dr. Norman Newell (Fossil Invert.) has moved to new offices on the 5th floor. He's now located in the tower formerly occupied by the Main Library reading room and Miss Gay's office....James McDonnell has transferred from Micropaleontology to General Accounting.... Edith Kendall moved across the hall from the Exhibition Dept. to the Office of the Plant Manager....Samuel D'Angelo went from Building Services to Animal Behavior....and Dr. Richard Zweifel (Herp.) was promoted from Assistant Curator to Associate Curator as of July 1.

GET WELL QUICK

Among our colleagues who are hospitalized or convalescing from operations as we go to press are Joseph Sedacca (Graph. Arts), Libbie Hyman (Living Invert.), Charles Kerr (Burs. Off.), Victor Badaracco (Bldg. Ser.) and John Cook (Account.). We miss them and hope they are all making good recoveries.

ORDERS FROM THE FIRE DEPT.

Custodian Philip C. Miller received a Fire Dept. violation order last month on behalf of several employees whose parked cars were blocking the exits from the school service cafeteria in the Museum yard. The next step will be $15 tickets,

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which Mr. Miller will pass along to the owners of the cars. Fire safety regulations require that exits from the children's cafeteria be kept accessible at all times, whether or not the room is in use. Parking is therefore prohibited along the exterior walls of the school service building, on both the north and south sides of the building.

NEWS OF FORMER COLLEAGUES

Louis Ferry (Carp. Shop) and wife were guests in September of Harry Farrar (formerly Mason Shop) and his wife at their summer place in Vermont. During the Ferry-Farrar weeklong reunion, Wayne Faunce (formerly Vice Director) and his wife came over from their home in Stowe and the three couples enjoyed a steak cook-out. Also during the week, Elizabeth Emory (formerly Staff Nurse) and her husband stopped in to say hello at the Farrar household. Mr. Ferry brings us greetings from all of them, and an invitation from Mr. Faunce to come up and enjoy the skiing at Stowe.

Joan Governale (formerly Contrib. Off.) gave birth to a baby boy on Oct. 3.... mother and son doing beautifully, it's reported by Dorothy Madsen (formerly Contrib. Off. too).

Dr. Edward Weyer (formerly editor of Natural History) has been appointed Director of the School of American Research in Santa Fé, New Mexico.

Jeanne Lyons (Vert. Paleo.) has discovered that she and Barbara Segelken (formerly Dir. Off.) are living in the same residence club. Miss S. is now with the Sinclair Oil Co.

Irene Ruibal (formerly Herp.) stopped here to say hello last month on her way to Argentina where she and her son are accompanying her husband on a six months' research trip.

TRADING POST

For Sale: 12" Goodmans axiom speaker in large bass-reflex enclosure with matching walnut veneer cabinet for hi-fi components. Call Judie Schwartz, ext. 444 or 481.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

In Living Invertebrates: Dr. Horace Stunkard back from summer studies at Woods Hole on the parasites of soft-shelled clams and their predators.... Morris Altman spent two weeks at the Lerner Marine Laboratory in the Bahamas making field observations on land crabs for Dr. Dorothy Bliss's research.

In Herpetology: Charles M. Bogert and Museum Director James A. Oliver were at the Lerner Marine Lab for several days last month in connection with the project to conserve the green turtle....Dr. Richard Zweifel back from a summer's work at the Southwestern Research Station in Arizona where one of his field assistants was Harvey Pough, son of Frederick Pough formerly of the Museum staff....Field Associate Philip Spalding has taken off to join William Hosmer, also Field Assoc., in Australia for another collecting expedition.

In Fishes: Dr. Charles M. Breder is in Florida for field work on the Gulf coast....Francesca LaMonte spent ten days last month doing research at Scripps Institution of Oceanography in California.

In Ornithology: Dr. Jean Dorst, ornithologist and Associate Director of the National Museum of Natural History in Paris arrives this month to spend three weeks with us.

CAMERA CLUB PLANS

An unusually interesting program has been planned for the November 10th meeting of the AMNH Camera Club, to which all employees are invited. Angelina Messina (Micro.) who this summer visited Russia and the Soviet satellite countries, as well as Europe, will give an illustrated talk on her travels at 12 noon in Room 319, Roosevelt Building. Meanwhile, the first fall meeting of the Club takes place this Thursday, Oct. 13 (also at noon in Room 319), Club President Arthur Pitschi reports. All members and those interested in joining are urged to attend. Committees will be appointed and ideas for future programs will be discussed. Bring your lunch.

Place special book orders now at Museum Shop & Planetarium Book Corner, if you want books in time for Christmas.

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YOU AND THE MUSEUM

"You And The Museum", an informative and attractive handbook for AMNH personnel, has just come off the press and is now being distributed to all employees. In addition to giving general background information about the Museum, it describes the activities and locations of each department and unit, as well as the various benefits and services available to Museum employees.

As far as anyone can remember, this is the first handbook ever published for all members of the Museum family. Opening with a letter of welcome from President White and Director Oliver, it is designed primarily for new people coming into the organization. However, it should prove a valuable aid and handy reference even for those who have been with the Museum for many years.

ATTENTION, NON-RESIDENTS

Museum personnel who are not residents of New York State are entitled to deduct, for N.Y. State income tax purposes, any pay received for work performed outside this state. However, the employee must report the duration of such work to the Personnel Office immediately upon his return to the Museum. A form for this purpose entitled "Report of Work Outside The State of New York by Non-Residents" is available from Office Services. It should be filled out and filed with the Personnel Office before the first pay period after the employee's return.

WALTER MEISTER HONORED BY TRUSTEES

The inscription plaque reads: "For Walter F. Meister, in warm appreciation of his long years of valuable and devoted service, from the members of the Board of Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History. New York, October 24, 1960."

The words are inscribed on a handsome desk set presented by the Trustees at their annual meeting last month to our popular and respected Controller, Deputy Director, and Executive Secretary. President Alexander M. White pointed out at the meeting that the gift is as much an expression of regard for the many years in which Mr. Meister will continue to devote his abilities to the Museum, as it is a tribute for his great contribution in the past 44 years. This thoughtful idea originated with Mrs. Richard Derby and E. Roland Harriman, both members of the Board of Trustees.

The plaque is set between two graceful pen stands in a block of granite taken from the exterior wall of the Museum building. On a vertical stand behind the plaque is the outline of the Museum's 77th Street facade engraved in silver. The pens themselves were chosen with special attention to Mr. Meister's chirographic habits. Both have tapered handles, similar to desk set fountain pens, but one is a ball point and the other a red pencil -- the two kinds of writing implements that Mr. Meister has used exclusively for many years.

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MUSEUM-CITY RELATIONS

The Administration reports the successful culmination of efforts to secure promotions for two colleagues in City line positions. In Plant Operations, William S. Heslin, formerly Sheet Metal Worker's Helper, moved up to Sheet Metal Worker. And in Building Services, James Duffy was promoted from Museum Attendent to Senior Museum Attendant.

IF YOU EVER NEED A TRANSFUSION.....

If you haven't decided yet whether you're going to donate blood next month when the Red Cross Bloodmobile comes to the Museum, you might discuss the matter with Rose Adlington of Entomology, Claire Moynihan at the Planetarium, Victor Badaracco who is still on sick leave from Building Services, or any one of a number of our colleagues who attribute their well-being today to blood transfusions that were available when they were on critical lists in hospitals. They will tell you,

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HUMMINGBIRDS

"Hummingbirds", a beautiful and extraordinary book by Crawford H. Greenewalt, AMNH Trustee, is being published by the Museum and Doubleday and Company on November 18, simultaneous with the opening of an exhibit here based on the book. Mr. Greenewalt's volume is an avian portrait gallery containing full-color, life-size photographs of 70 local and exotic members of the hummingbird family, as well as line drawings and a fascinating text. In order to capture on film dozens of hummingbirds rarely seen by man, Mr. Greenewalt traveled more than 100,000 miles through North, Central, and South America. During the seven years he worked on the project, he found it necessary to devise a unique stroboscopic flash 1/30,000,000 of a second in duration, in order to "stop" on film the whirring wingbeat of the hovering hummingbird.

Dr. Dean Amadon, Chairman of the Department of Ornithology, wrote the

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from their experience, that if you ever need blood for yourself or a member of your immediate family you will need it urgently, at once, and in quantity. There won't be time to round up donors, to explain how you had meant to pledge a donation to the AMNH Blood Bank but just hadn't gotten around to it. Only those employees who have given blood through the Museum Blood Bank -- and those who have pledged to give but have been turned down -- are eligible to receive blood free from our Blood Bank. If you haven't signed up to give a blood donation at the First Aid Room on December 12, please do it now. Call Nurse Margaret Johnston, ext. 466.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICE RELOCATES

Dr. William A. Burns, Chairman of Membership, has moved from his third floor office to new and larger quarters in the Members' Room near the Roosevelt second floor entrance. The relocation is in line with Dr. Burns' program to interest potential new members through personal contact. A sign on the door will invite visitors to walk in and talk over the benefits of Museum membership. The beautiful butternut panelling of the room contributes to its gracious atmosphere, and Dr. Burns is thinking of many additional ways of making the room more attractive to our members and potential members.

ARTHUR S. VERNAY

Arthur S. Vernay, who died on Oct. 25, 1960, made many important contributions to the American Museum, both as an expedition leader and as a member of our Board of Trustees from 1935 to 1950. At the time of his death, he was an Honorary Trustee and a Field Associate in the Department of Mammalogy.

Mr. Vernay made at least 15 major expeditions for the Museum. In the 1920's, he and Col. J. C. Faunthorpe led six expeditions to India, Burma and Siam to collect and later donate to the Museum the specimens in the Hall of South Asiatic Mammals, still the finest and most complete exhibit of its kind

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foreword to the book. Mr. Greenewalt, a Research Associate in that Department, is President of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.

The exhibit, including a remarkable film, will be displayed in the North American Mammal Hall Corridor from November 18 until March 19, 1961.

PLANETARIUM TELEVISION SERIES

James S. Pickering of the Planetarium is the on-camera lecturer in an excellent weekly TV show titled "Astronomy For You", now being shown each Sunday morning from 10 to 10:30 on Channel 7 in New York. The series was made two years ago in cooperation with the Planetarium for distribution to educational television stations, and has proved so popular that many commercial channels have been showing it. Last year, the program and Mr. Pickering won a Sylvania Award for outstanding educational TV.

CAMERA CLUB PROGRAMS

Last month's Camera Club program, at which Hans Behm of the Photo Division presented a kodachrome travelogue through West Germany, was attended by an overflow crowd. As a result, the forthcoming program -- this Thursday, Nov. 12 -- will be held in the Roosevelt fifth floor lecture hall. Angelina Messina of Micropaleontology will give an illustrated talk on several European countries she visited this summer, including the U.S.S.R. This program begins at 12 noon and everyone's welcome. Photography enthusiasts will have a rare opportunity on Dec. 1 to see close-up color photography of flowers, particularly orchids, presented by Dr. Harold E. Anthony of the Frick Lab. The December program will be held at 12 noon in Room 419 of Roosevelt Memorial.

Camera Club President Arthur Pitschi reports that the Club is now working on plans for a photo competition which will be open to all AMNH personnel, as well as on a program of instruction in darkroom methods. Details of these interesting projects will be announced at the Nov. 12 and Dec. 1 meetings. Put them both on your calendar now.

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in existence. Mr. Vernay's last expedition was to Nyasaland, South Africa, in 1946 with Dr. Harold E. Anthony and Leonard J. Brass.

In a resolution expressing the deep sense of loss occasioned by Mr. Vernay's death, our Trustees said that his great personal charm and splendid character will be remembered by all who were privileged to have known and worked with him.

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SEMINARS

A program of seminars on current research in animal behavior, initiated several years ago by the Animal Behavior Dept., has been renewed this fall on a regular twice-monthly basis. At last month's meetings, Lisa Walters, Ichthyology, discussed her work with fishes, and Dr. Colin Bier of Oxford University spoke on his seagull research. On Nov. 10, Dr. Edward Hodgson of Columbia discusses sensory mechanisms in insects. On the 18th, Dr. Henri Coomans of the University of Amsterdam, who is with us temporarily on a research fellowship, will talk about behavior in rats. And on Dec. 1, Dr. Vladimir Walters, Ichthyology, will discuss his findings on locomotion in fishes.

Dr. Evelyn Shaw, Animal Behavior, is in charge of the seminars, which are open to all interested personnel. If you would like to attend, please get in touch with Dr. Shaw, ext. 373.

KUDOS FOR MR. CHAMBERLAIN

Joseph M. Chamberlain, Chairman of the Planetarium, last month received an award for "Outstanding Business Achievement" from his alma mater, the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy. Mr. Chamberlain was one of five men selected for the award from among over 6,000 graduates in classes gathering for Homecoming Day at the Academy on Oct. 22. The other four award winners were presidents or high executives of steamship companies.

OPENING IN BOWLING LEAGUE

The AMNH Bowling League is off to a flying start this season with excitement and fun running high at the several practice sessions already held. Several additional bowlers are needed to fill out the teams and the openingswill be filled by the first people (men or women) to apply, regardless of bowling skill. The League bowls every Tuesday evening at alleys on Broadway at 197th Street. Members with cars will provide transportation from the Museum. If you're interested, call Al Potenza, ext. 428 or 226.

E.B.A. FISH & CHICK FRY

There will be dancing to live music, choice of a fish or chicken dinner, and plenty of beer for all at the festive autumn get-together of the Employees' Benefit Association on Friday, Nov. 18, Catherine Pessino, EBA President, reports. The party, which begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt basement foyer and cafeteria, is unquestionably the best dinner-dance bargain of the season -- as tickets cost only $1.

EBA representatives are now selling tickets throughout the building. Tickets are marked with either "F" or "C" -- for your choice of fish or chicken. If the representative in your department does not contact you soon, get in touch with Kenneth Chambers, chairman of the ticket committee. The bigger the turnout, the better the party will be. See you there!

LETTER TO THE GRAPEVINE

Now that Mr. K has departed our shores, we have time to reflect soberly on the items discussed at the U.N. From these discussions it is evident that to have peace among all people on this earth the prerequisite is co-existence. Mr. K's brand is force; history reveals this as unworkable, shoe-pounding notwithstanding. Now what about our own brand?

Throughout our country, people of all kinds and shades live and work together, solving their continuing problems in a civilized and human way. Everywhere in the U.S., even here at the Museum, co-existence could be a problem. That it is not, I suppose, is due to right thinking and understanding. A case for example is our own Electrical Department.

The electricians of the Museum are descendants of the English, Irish, Germans, Dutch, French, Italians, Spanish, Polish, and Russians. Their religions are

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Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish. Since the co-existence here is tops, I believe it proves the point. Some may say this situation is pure luck, but I don't think so -- knowing that there are thirteen individuals involved.

Paul Goodhouse

NEW FACES

A warm welcome to all our new colleagues who have joined the Museum staff in recent months. They are: Exhibition - Preston McClanahan, Raymond Kaplan, Herbert Kammerer, Ricca Metz. Building Services - Patrick Flannigan, Vincent Paternoster, Ruben Libraty, Daniel Flavin, Melvin Hinkley, Patrick O'Neill, Pasquale Bartolone, Richard McCallion, Thomas Hayden, Salvatore Sperazza, John Othmer, Gerald W. Thurmann. Natural History Advertising - Ronda De Sola. Magazine Circulation - Eileen Randell. Membership - Mary Dougherty. Herpetology - Marian Schmied. Museum Shop - Elaine Reilly. Fossil Invertebrates - Lynne Hollander, Sidney Horenstein. President's Office - Laura Whitmer. Animal Behavior - Harold Langner. Education - Barbara Neill, Ethne Marenco. The two new temporary men in the Carpentry Shop are Dan Faloon and John Zemba. New part-time research assistants in Animal Behavior are Joan Evers and Jack Victor.

MORE ON CREDIT UNION CO-MAKERS

In last month's Grapevine it was pointed out that a person who signs as co-maker for a friend's loan from the AMNH Credit Union assumes responsibility for repaying the full amount due on the loan if, for any reason, the borrower defaults. This applies both for a new loan, and for an increase on an earlier and still-outstanding loan to the borrower concerned -- whether or not the co-maker was involved in the original loan.

Take the case of Mr. X again. This employee borrowed $700 several months ago to pay for improvements to his home. He did not have a co-maker at that time. However, the improvement costs ran higher than he had expected and he later applied for an extra $300 loan to meet his bills. He had paid back $160 of the original loan and still owed $540 plus interest. In order to borrow $300 more (making his total debt $840 plus interest) he needed a co-maker. He went to his friend, Mr. Y., and explained the situation. Mr. Y. agreed to be his co-maker and has assumed responsibility for the total debt of $840 plus interest -- not just $300 -- if for any reason the Credit Union cannot collect from Mr. X.

In other words, when a CU member makes application to increase the amount of a still-outstanding loan, the Credit Union Treasurer writes a new note to cover the total debt of the borrower. It is this note that the co-maker signs.

When two or more co-makers are required for a loan, each assumes responsibility for the entire amount due, in the event of default by the other co-maker(s) as well as the borrower.

In order to avoid possible misunderstanding in the future regarding co-maker responsibility, the Credit Union will henceforth ask borrowers and their prospective co-makers to come to the CU office together in order to negotiate a loan.

NOTE TO ALL CREDIT UNION MEMBERS: CU Pass Books are audited once a year. Each quarter, audit forms are sent to 25% of the membership. When you receive yours, check your Pass Book to see if it agrees with the Credit Union records. The form must be returned with your signature -- whether or not you indicate corrections. If you do not return this form, you will receive a statement of your account in 30 days. The second notice is for your information only and should not be returned.

HEARD IN PASSING

Charlotte Stove (Off. Serv.) returned last month from a vacation tour of the British Isles with her husband. The couple rented a car and motored from Dover to Edinburgh, stopping en route to visit castles and cathedrals which are of special interest to Jim Stove, an architect. They also took in the Orkney Islands, Jim's ancestral home, off the northern tip of Scotland.

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Meanwhile, back at the Museum, we had some more visitors from abroad who were in N.Y. from the U.N. session. Prime Minister Nehru of India enjoyed a sky show at the Planetarium and looked at birds and elephants in the Museum. Other heads of state who came to see our exhibits included Kadar of Hungary and Novotny of Czechoslovakia.

Congratulations to Joseph Amendolare (Bldg. Serv.) and his wife Frances who welcomed a new son, Francis Thomas Amendolare, on Oct. 29. Francis, who weighed in at 6 lbs. 13 oz., is their second boy.

Mabel Colahan (Mamms.) has joined the AMNH Grandparents Club with the advent of her first grandchild, Alexandra, born to eldest son Tom and his wife. On her first visit to see the newest member of the family, Mrs. Colahan got a $10 parking ticket, but we doubt that this will deter her from being an attentive and admiring grandmama.

Regardless of who will be the next President of the United States, Stephen Ryan (Planet.) and his wife Grace will be celebrating on the day after the election. Nov. 9 is their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!

"GR:rm" is not a new sky-shaking theory on the origin of the universe. It's simply the newest secretarial signature closing letters in the Department of Exhibition & Graphic Arts. Ricca Metz, Gordon Reekie's secretary as of Oct. 10, is now busy learning the 3 r's of Museum office routines. Her former job in Beirut, Lebanon, involved the "r" of creative writing for a weekly English-language newspaper. In a note to the Grapevine, Miss Metz said, "In Lebanon grapevine leaves stuffed with rice is a favorite food. After a first hasty bite, the Grapevine of the AMNH appears to be equally digestible and entertaining, besides!" Merci beaucoup!

Speaking of new secretaries, this question was overheard in the cafeteria the other day: "Who is that very pretty secretary Dr. Parr has now?" (In case you didn't know, our Senior Scientist's charming wife, Ella, is doubling as his assistant in the office.)

Items of interest about some of the recent arrivals listed under NEW FACES: Richard McCallion (Bldg. Serv.) is the grandson of the late Hugh McCallion who was in Building Services for many years before his retirement in 1946. Marian Schmied, new Scientific Assistant in Herpetology, is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis. Barbara Neill, now assisting Catherine Pessino in the Natural Science Center, started her museum career here in 1947 when she was a volunteer working with Kay Beneker on the Anthropology Department exhibit "From The Neck Up." Since that time she has been with museums in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Santa Barbara, California. Most recently she was Director of the Lutz Junior Museum in Manchester, Connecticut. Ethne Marenco, new instructor in the adult program of the Education Department is an anthropologist and illustrator. A graduate student at Columbia, she has done research at several places in Europe including the Musee de L'Homme in Paris. She has illustrated books and articles on anthropology and archaeology both in this country and abroad, and has served as an instructor at Hunter and City Colleges. Harold Langner, research psychologist on stress tension in the Animal Behavior Dept. comes from Canada where he graduated from the Univ. of Toronto. He also attended the Univ. of Chicago, and is now doing graduate work at Columbia and the New School.

Planetarium colleagues are happy to have John Coalter back after a couple of weeks absence while he nursed a badly infected foot. It started out as a minor blister and became a major headache (metaphorically speaking.)

Dr. John C. Lilly, head of the Communications Center (a new marine biological laboratory in the Virgin Islands) spent a day with our Animal Behavior Dept., last month and gave staff members a firsthand report on the extremely interesting work he has been doing with porpoises. His films on porpoise behavior and tape recordings of sounds made by the animal evoked great interest. Dr. Lilly hopes that AMNH scientists will visit the Communications Center after it is completed next year.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Once again the Christmas Season is at hand. This is a time dedicated to joy and happiness. It is a time characteristically productive of the best in all of us -- how wonderful it would be if each of us could keep our "Christmas characteristics" all year! To each of you and your loved ones, the Board of Trustees and the Administration wish all happiness and bountiful good will at this Holiday Season.

James A. Oliver, Director

EBA PARTY SCORES HIGH

Music, laughter, and the clink of glasses still echo in the Roosevelt lower level foyer after November's "Fish 'n Chick Fry" -- widely conceded the most successful dinner dance sponsored by the Employees' Benefit Association in recent years. 218 dinners were consumed, not counting second helpings of the fine fried chicken and seafood mixed grill served up by Messrs. Taffet, Mercer, et al.

Our volunteer bartenders performed in their usual highly professional style, with the usual kibitzing from across the bar ("Just tilt that glass a little more so I don't get all foam,") and the orchestra provided music to suit the tastes of all -- from jitterbug Al Potenza, to Waltz King Paul Goodhouse, to Cha-cha-cha aficionado Walter Joyce. Bobbie Jones and Vita de Vita set a new speed record at rug-cutting to "Bye Bye Blackbird", and Dorothy Fulton and Helmut Wimmer virtually transformed our subterranean supper club into the Vienna Woods. The youngest reveller present was Fred Pavone's granddaughter who presided over the Pavone family table in a home-made highchair, fashioned from a cardboard carton.

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"OMNIBUS" VISITS US

On Sunday, December 11, AMNH will share the honors with a precinct police station, a bagel factory, and other oddly assorted locations around the city when the well-known television show "Omnibus" does a program on lesser-known activities in New York after dark. (Channel 4, 5 P.M.)

Our appearance on the show was filmed last month by Producer Robert Saudek and some 20 production people who descended upon us for two evenings along with several carloads of equipment, including a portable canteen from Schrafft's for dispensing coffee and danish. The producer's short-notice request to Public Relations Manager Ruth Norton for permission to film a night watchman making his rounds resulted in a hastily-convened meeting with Ann Montgomery, Paul Grouleff, Philip Miller, and Paul Goodhouse to work out the myriad details.

The theater of operations extended from the first floor Roosevelt entrance where the canteen was set up, to the freight elevator at the end of the Fish Hall, and thence to the fourth floor and Brontosaur Hall where the film was shot. Jack Carew and Ted Safranek, at the door on the night

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Many participants attributed the success of the event, at least in part, to the good proportion of ladies present. Whatever it was, we owe a large vote of thanks to EBA President Catherine Pessino and her hard-working entertainment committee headed by Kenneth Chambers.

MICHAEL LERNER HONORED

Michael Lerner, a member of the AMNH Board of Trustees and the founder of the Museum's Lerner Marine Laboratory in the Bahamas, was the first recipient last month of a series of Gold Medal Awards established by the International Oceanographic Foundation. The award will continue to be presented annually to an angler who has made an outstanding contribution to marine science. Dr. A. E. Parr, AMNH Senior Scientist, was a speaker at the award banquet in Miami on November 16.

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of the first shooting, and Gil Powers, Charles Henderson and William Nash the second night, maintained a line of communications between the upstairs activities and the production people who arrived periodically with additional equipment. Assisting with problems of lighting and projection in Brontosaur Hall were Hughie Ohrnberger, Joe Abruzzo, Bill Shaw, and "Stitch" Kroschet.

The scene is a real artistic spine-chiller. The Camera peers between the bones of the giant skeletons to pick out the lone figure of the fearless Museum guard as he scans the dark hall with his flashlight. Albin Markowski performed the role admirably in the first shooting as he circled the big dinosaur island half a dozen times. The television people, however, had brought the wrong lights on that occasion and when they came back for the second shooting it

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was John Collins who braved the camera. We'll be watching him next Sunday at 5 o'clock, and we hope he wins an Academy Award.

In any case, everyone involved deserves accolades. Miss Norton reports that, as usual, Museum personnel rose to an unusual occasion with competence and enthusiasm -- despite the midnight hour.

OUR LIVE ANIMALS

When visitors ask for "the place where you have live animals", they usually mean the Natural Science Center for Young People on the second floor of the Education Building. Natural Science Center hours from October through June are as follows: Tues.-Fri., 2 to 4:30 P.M.; Sat., 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. and 1:30 to 4:30 P.M.; Sun. and hol., 1 to 4:30 P.M. Closed Mondays.

Of course, we have many different kinds of live animals in several of the research laboratories, but these areas are not open to the general public.

TELEPHONE POINTERS

We have all noticed a marked improvement in one another's telephone techniques since the visit of Miss Myrtle Collins to the Museum. The Telephone Company representative gave us many useful pointers in her lively and interesting presentation. Let's not let the new polish on our telephone techniques wear off -- and remember, "U as in Utah, not Ulcer!"

NSF GRANT FOR PETREL MONOGRAPH

The Department of Ornithology has received a National Science Foundation grant for the completion of the extensive monograph on petrels and albatrosses which Dr. Robert Cushman Murphy has had in preparation for several years. Helen Hays, who has been working in the Department while completing requirements for her M.A. at Cornell, is serving as technical assistant on Dr. Murphy's project.

MABEL COLAHAN RETIRING

Things just won't be the same around the Museum after Mabel C. Colahan, Department of Mammalogy, retires at the end of this month. While 17 years is not a long term of service by AMNH standards, Mrs. Colahan has made her mark here and will be sorely missed. A past President of the Employees' Benefit Association and of the Camera Club, she was also one of the founders of the Professional and Vocational Employees' Organization. She has been an active participant and promoter of such recreational projects as dancing and art classes and the Bowling League, in which she was captain of the "Dinosaurs."

Mrs. Colahan came to the Museum as secretary to Edwin C. Meyenberg, Bursar, in 1943. Later she was secretary to Walter F. Meister, Controller, and is now Department Secretary in Mammalogy. After she leaves the Museum she will continue her many civic activities in her hometown of Somers, northern Westchester County, and will start her new job as Assistant Director of Somers Manor, a nursing home and residence for senior citizens.

MUSEUM-CITY RELATIONS

Two electricians, William Shaw and James Doyle, were recently added to the City payroll in a change of title involving two carpenter vacancies.

COLLEAGUE SINGS IN CHINESE OPERA

Stringner (Suyu) Liang of the Animal Behavior Department is a member of the Yeh Yu Chinese Opera Association and will sing in the Association's New York production of excerpts from four Chinese operas on Saturday, December 10. The event takes place at 8 p.m. at the Fashion Institute, 227 West 27th Street, and tickets range from $1 to $3. Miss Liang, who comes from Hong Kong, is a graduate student at NYU, and is working in Animal Behavior on a National Research Council Fellowship.

NEW EQUIPMENT ACQUISITIONS

The Department of Mineralogy has installed a large and valuable new X-ray machine which will be used for research on meteorites, Dr. Brian Mason, Chairman, reports. The device was obtained through a research grant from the National Science Foundation.

At the Planetarium, Chairman Joseph M. Chamberlain reports the aquisition of a classroom planetarium which resembles a giant TV set with a circular screen. A gift of Dr. Clair O. Musser who designed it for Scientific Industries, Inc., it will be used in navigation and astronomy courses.

SHELLBACKS INVITED

The "Sea Owl", the Museum's 99-foot research vessel on which Dr. Brooks F. Ellis, Chairman of the Department of Micropaleontology, conducts his sedimentation survey of Long Island Sound during the summers, is now tied up at her City Island base after a successful season. The ship was very ably skippered this year by John Greig of the Paint Shop, with John Erlandsen of the Paint Shop giving a hand at the wheel. Grapevine reporter Erlandsen suggests that qualified shellbacks who are interested in week-end cruising on the Sound next summer get in touch with Skipper Greig.

HEARD IN PASSING

Mary V. Wissler, Main Library, was honored by her colleagues at a luncheon last month on the occasion of her twenty-fifth anniversary with the Museum.

At another recent luncheon gathering, the Department of Animal Behavior converged en masse on the Great Shang-hai Restaurant for a many-course Chinese meal celebrating three engagements in the Department. Guests of honor were Suyu Liang who will be married during the Christmas holidays to George Yang, a graduate student at Syracuse; Jane Merovick, whose wedding to Charles Schneider is scheduled for July; and Barry Komisaruk and Carrie Kornstein, both members of the Department who met on the job and will be married in June. Since the lunch took place in November, nobody wrote poems about moon and June for the occasion. It was noted, however, that Barry and Carrie go very well together!

James Scally, Building Services, became a grandfather for the ninth time on November 13 with the birth of Kevin Michael Clinton, born to Mr. Scally's daughter, Margaret Clinton and her husband.

Jack Ingerman, Employees' Cafeteria, has good reason to be proud of his son, the television actor and comedian Martin Engles who has appeared on the Jack Paar and Steve Allen Shows as well as in numerous TV plays. Mr. Ingerman last month saw his well-known son off to Germany where he's now making a film with Allied Artists.

Items of interest about recent arrivals listed under "New Faces" this month: Christopher Ray of Exhibition is an amateur astronomer and space enthusiast. He spends his spare time making telescopes and designing rockets, and has also worked as a planetarium lecturer. Joel Wagner, Graphic Arts, goes in for music on the outside. When asked what he likes to play, came the lightning answer - "my phonograph." And William Judge of Accounting is a likely candidate for the Museum's large contingent of Long Island boating and fishing enthusiasts. He spends most of his summers on the water, off his summer home at Southhampton, and is a member of the East Rockaway Boatmen's Association.

Item of interest to the Bowling League: Joseph M. Chamberlain, Planetarium, reports that his 13-year old daughter Jan bowled 235 the other day, a feat which is now permanently recorded on a special placque at the Port Jefferson Bowling Alley.

LOST OR STRAYED

Inter-office manila envelopes, large and small. Probably hiding out in desk drawers. Finders please return those that are not in use to Mail Delivery, Office Services, so that they can be used again.

It is with sorrow that we report the deaths last month of three former colleagues. Fred Christman, who retired from the Electrical Shop in 1949, died suddenly while at the polling place in Bronxville on Election Day. He was with the Museum for 42 years and had frequently attended Quarter Century Club dinners in recent years. After his retirement here, he remained active in business, working with his son's wholesale hardware firm. Until the time of his death, he had enjoyed excellent health except for a period of hospitalization earlier this year for cataracts. Norman Weaver, who left the Museum in 1957 after 21 years with the Electrical Shop, was killed in an automobile accident in Florida on November 12. He had been working in Miami and was driving to his daughter's home in inland Florida for the weekend when the accident occurred. The death of Bonaventura Vitolo, who was in Building Services and left the Museum in 1922, was reported to the EBA in which he retained his membership.

Special Spanish-language performances of the Planetarium's Christmas sky show will be given on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. of Christmas Week (Dec. 27, 28, 29) at 6 P.M. Admission will be regular daytime rates: adults $1, children 50¢.

GREATER N.Y. FUND

Three hundred Museum employees had contributed a total of $792 to the 1960 Greater New York Fund as of Nov. 29, John R. Saunders, AMNH Chairman for the Fund, reports. As we go to press, a few more contributions are expected and these may push the final figure over the $800 mark. The next Grapevine will let you know. Last year our total contribution to the Fund was $719 and we placed fourth on a per capita basis among museums and libraries in the city. We hope we can improve our standing this year.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Isabel Mount, Public Relations, and her husband, Marshall Mount, Chairman of the Art History Department at Finch College are going to Africa on a Fellowship grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to make a survey of contemporary African art. They will leave for Europe in late February to study African collections in Paris, London, Brussels, Zurich and Stuttgart for a month before proceeding to Africa where they will work in the Union of S.A., Uganda, the Congo, Katanga, Nigeria, and Ghana for eleven months. The survey will cover both painting and sculpture and will take the Mounts not only to urban centers but also into "the bush". They plan to collect and photograph objects and talk with a large number of artists and art teachers.

Dr. Nicholas Obraztsov, Entomology, has returned from a study trip to Europe where he did research at several museums. In the same Department, Dr. Alexander Klots is also back from European travels on which he studied insect collections.

Dr. William Tavolga, Animal Behavior, spent several days at the Lerner Marine Laboratory in Bimini last month. When chided for not coming back with a tan, he explained that he had spent most of his time there in a dark room with an oscilloscope.

Dr. Robert Cushman Murphy, Ornithology, delivered the Isaiah Bowman Memorial lecture on "The Ocean and Man in Our Century" at the Annual Dinner of the American Geographical Society last week. Also last week, Dr. Theodore Schneirla, Animal Behavior, spoke at the meeting of the Entomological Society of America.

Dr. John Lee, Micropaleontology, spoke at a seminar at the University of Massachusetts last month on his work with living foraminifera. Dr. Lee is studying these minute sea animals in a laboratory containing some unusually interesting equipment designed for his research. One device simulates the motion of the waves in the tanks where the forams live.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DISCOUNTS

Don't forget your 20% discount on all gift items purchased at the Museum Shop and Planetarium Book Corner between now and Christmas. If you haven't stopped by the Shop for several weeks, be sure to do so soon and see the wide selection of new jewelry, figures, bookends, bowls, and nature games and hobby kits for youngsters. At the Planetarium Book Corner you will find jewelry with an astronomical motif as well as star charts, celestial globes, and other aids for amateur astronomers. Employees may purchase books in both the Shop and Book Corner at cost plus 10%.

The Pottery Barn, at 24th Street and Tenth Avenue, offers AMNH personnel a 10% discount on purchases between now and Christmas. The Barn has a large variety of imported contemporary accessories for dining, cooking, and entertaining. As they are very crowded on Saturdays, they urge all who wish to take advantage of the discount to come on weekdays. They're open weekdays til 9 p.m. through December 23. Be sure to carry Museum identification.

Season's Greetings from your Credit Union, which suggests this New Year's resolution for a happy 1961: "I will save automatically through payroll deductions." To start your account, visit the C.U. office, Roosevelt basement, any Mon., Tues., or Thurs. (except paydays) between 12 and 1.

SO LONG AND GOOD LUCK

Edward C. Teller resigned last month after 14 years with Building Services. Starting as a Watchman, he became a Senior Museum Attendant and was on the Guide-a-phone desk in the 77th Street foyer for several years. We wish him lots of luck in his new job in Canaan, New Hampshire.

The man who services the air-conditioning plant at the Planetarium is Mr. Whisker from the Tickle Company.

NEW FACES

Welcome back to Lewis Brown who has joined the Anthropology ranks as Preparator. Mr. Brown, who was formerly in our Exhibition Department has been with the Fort Worth (Texas) Children's Museum for the past two years. Another new face in Anthropology is that of Roger Greene who is working on archaeological materials from several South Pacific islands to determine sequences in their early cultures. Also working in the same Department are the two present Ogden Mills Fellows: Paul Tolstoy who is studying the distribution of bark cloth and its processes of manufacture, and Philip Newman who has recently returned from the Upper Asaro valley in the central highlands of New Guinea. He is working on the religious system of the Gururumba, the people with whom he stayed.

Three new Attendants joined Building Services in November. They are Thomas Buttimer, James Dooley, and Joseph Merger. Richard Oremland is the new man in the Electrical Shop. In Entomology, Gloria Schwartz became Secretary to Dr. Frederick Rindge, and Ellen Holt began work as a volunteer assistant. Animal Behavior welcomed two new part-time assistants, David Anderson and Ivan Barofsky, both of whom will work with Dr. Helmut Adler on his bird navigation study.

Christopher Ray, new Assistant Preparatory Technician in Exhibition, was formerly Science Curator at the Everhart Museum in Scranton, Pa. Before coming to us he was with the Museum of Art, Science, and Industry in Bridgeport, Conn. Joel Wagner, new Artist with Graphic Arts, has just finished a tour of duty with the U.S. Army. Before that, he was an artist with the Wagner Studio on Madison Avenue.

Richard E. Graham has joined the Dept. of Mammalogy as Research Assistant. A graduate of the Univ. of California where he was associated with the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, he is also President of Cave Research Associates. His particular interest is in the paleontology of caves.

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William A. Judge, new Senior Accountant in General Accounting, is a graduate of N.Y.U. School of Commerce and Finance and was formerly Chief Cost Accountant for Bickford's Restaurants.

FAMILIAR FACES IN NEW PLACES

Fred Scherer, formerly Preparator in the Department of Anthropology, has moved over to the Exhibition Department. Fred Bisso, formerly Mechanic in the Metal Shop, moved up to Foreman of the Shop in August. Congratulations.

TRADING POST

Items for Sale:

Two 4-barrelled Rochester carburetors minus linkage, on manifold. Suitable for Chevrolet engines of both 265 and 283 cc. Practically new and in excellent shape.
Don Squires, ext. 446

American Oil Burner with controls. Also 11-section 5-tube radiator.
Paul Goodhouse, ext. 378.

Chinese rug, 9 x 12, perfect condition. $130.
Ilona Kunsagi, ext. 366.

Wanted:

A loving home for six-month old black male kitten. Gentle, affectionate, with six toes on each of front feet.
Isabel Mount, ext. 444 or 481.

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SUPPORT YOUR EBA

The Employees' Benefit Association is the oldest membership organization of AMNH employees. For the past 53 years it has not only performed a valuable service in terms of its original purpose -- it has also provided numerous recreational benefits and programs for all Museum employees. Participation in the EBA's social events and use of its facilities such as the lending library, television set, and ping pong tables are advantages that we sometimes tend to take for granted, but they are made possible only by the continued work of the officers and directors of the organization. The membership-at-large is asked to assume responsibility only once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting.

Ballots to be cast at this year's Annual Meeting have been distributed to EBA members along with a report for the year 1960 by outgoing President Catherine Pessino. As members, let us now do our part. Attend the meeting -- Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 12:30 in Rm. 319 -- and vote!

FORTHCOMING RADIO JOURNEYS

Dr. Junius Bird, Anthropology, will discuss some of the problems of archaeological research on the Museum's radio program "Journey Into Nature" this Sunday, Jan. 15, at 11:05 A.M. on WNBC. Next Sunday, the 22nd, Katharine Beneker, Exhibition, will talk about the history of the Museum and will describe some of the interesting and little-known past events of which she, as Keeper of Memorabilia, preserves records. Tex Antoine is interviewer for the show.

NEW PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM

On February 1, 1961, the Museum will launch a new and extensive program of popular publications in the natural sciences. John F. Purcell, Editor of Natural History, has been appointed to head the activity which will function as an executive arm of the Publications Committee. As Publications Manager, Mr. Purcell will oversee the production of popular works in the natural sciences written by Museum authors and published for the Museum by an as yet unchosen publishing house. In addition, he will serve as liaison on all other ventures in which the Museum cooperates with commercial publishers.

One of the first results of the new program will be the production of a natural history paperback library consisting of reprints of some of the classics in the fields of science with which the Museum is concerned. Books for this series are now being selected by a committee of the scientific staff chaired by Dr. Franklyn M. Branley of the Planetarium. The reprints will include prefaces especially prepared for these editions by Museum scientists. The natural history paperback library, soon to be announced, will be published by Doubleday and Company, which has already undertaken a similar series of works in the field of the physical sciences.

WE MADE IT!

The last contribution to the Museum's Greater New York Fund Drive for 1960 pushed the total over the $800-mark. The final count: $805.

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ACCIDENTS INCREASING

Emil Kremer, Superintendent of Construction and Maintenance, reports that accidents have been on the increase in the Museum in recent weeks. The great majority have been caused by failure to observe standard safety measures in shops, offices, halls, labs, and storage rooms, Mr. Kremer points out. Casualties of this kind can be eliminated only by constant observation of safe housekeeping rules and by regular attention to potential hazards.

While safety is part of everyone's job, it is the responsibility of the Staff Committee on Safety, headed by Louis Ferry, to see that potential hazards are reported to the Superintendent. The Committee has held regular meetings with valuable discussions and films on safety practices, but Mr. Ferry reports that attendance has been extremely poor in recent months. Every department and unit in the Museum must have a representative on the Safety Committee, and these representatives are expected to attend Committee meetings regularly. Heads of units which do not at present have Safety Committee representation should appoint representatives now and should let Mr. Ferry know their names so that they may be advised of meetings.

CREDIT UNION ANNUAL MEETING

(The following is addressed to all members of the AMNH Employees Federal Credit Union.)

Dear Member:

The Annual Meeting of the AMNH Employees Federal Credit Union will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 1961, at 12:15 P.M. in Room 319. At this meeting you will hear the reports of the Directors,

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Treasurer, and Credit and Supervisory Committees. Elections will also be held at this time.

In accordance with Article VII, Sec. 4c, of the By-Laws, revised Oct. 1959, the annual dividend rate will be announced at the meeting. Coffee will be served.

Constance Sherman
Secretary

LOUIS KINZER

Louis W. Kinzer, who died on December 13, 1960, was with the American Museum for 17 years. He joined the staff in 1935 and served as Assistant Custodian until his appointment as Custodian following the retirement of J. B. Foulke. During World War II, Mr. Kinzer took a military leave of absence and served overseas with the U.S. Air Force. He saw combat in North Africa and held the rank of Captain at the time of his honorable discharge. He left the Museum in 1952 and became Manager of Business Administration for the Cities Service Research and Development Company in Cranbury, N.J. Formerly a resident of Manhasset, N.Y., he was living in Freehold, N.J., at the time of his death.

Mr. Kinzer was married to the former Ruth Foulke and is survived by her and their son, Louis W. Kinzer, Jr. The many Museum people who worked with Mr. Kinzer and knew him well express their deep sympathy to his wife and son.

MUSEUM-CITY RELATIONS

Edwin C. Meyenberg, Bursar, reports that the 1960-1961 Budget will be modified to reflect the new allocation in upgrading of the following titles: Attendant, Senior Attendant, Supervising Attendant, and Storekeeper -- up one grade; Instructor, Senior Instructor, and Supervising Instructor -- up two grades. These upgradings will be retroactive to January 1, 1961.

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The Museum Shop sales desk at the 2nd floor Roosevelt entrance will henceforth be open only on weekends and holidays.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Dr. Richard G. Van Gelder, Chairman of Mammalogy, returned after Christmas from a 2½-month field trip in connection with his research on the skunks of the western hemisphere. He covered 24 states, travelled some 10,000 miles, visited 17 institutions plus the Museum's field stations in Arizona and Florida, gave seven lectures, and took 16,000 measurements on skunks!

Dr. Charles M. Breder, Jr., Chairman of Ichthyology, is back at the Museum after an autumn of field work in Florida, principally on the Gulf Coast, where he continued his studies on the nature and causes of color change in young marine fishes.

Charles Falkenbach, Frick Laboratory, is in Nebraska for six weeks doing field work with Dr. C. Bertrand Schultz at the University of Nebraska. Mr. & Mrs. Falkenbach spent Christmas with their son and Mrs. Falkenbach's family in New Mexico.

Leonard Brass, Archbold Biological Station, recently received a cordial invitation from the Rijksherbarium in the Netherlands to join a 5-month botanical expedition to Dutch New Guinea. Mr. Brass decided to decline the invitation, however, as he is still writing and researching his extensive "summary" of the 1959 Archbold Expedition to New Guinea.

Dr. Archie Carr, Research Associate in Herpetology, flew up from Florida in December to attend a luncheon meeting at the Museum of the Brotherhood of the Green Turtle. The meeting was in connection with the Caribbean Conservation Association's work to preserve the green turtle population, a project in which Museum Director James A. Oliver and Herpetology Chairman Charles M. Bogert have been participating.

An interesting visitor in the Department of Mammalogy recently was Captain Willem Morzer-Bruyns, skipper of the Dutch freighter "M/S Banda." Capt. Morzer-Bruyns is a watcher of whales and sea birds and regularly sends data on his observations to Dr. Robert Cushman Murphy, Ornithology, and Dr. Joseph Curtis Moore, Mammalogy. On December 10-11

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the Captain was a weekend house guest of the Hobart Van Deusens in Montclair, New Jersey, where he found himself marooned on Monday by the Big Blizzard.

ART CLASSES RESUMED

Employees' art classes were resumed last week following the holidays and will continue to meet regularly on the first and third Thursday of each month in Room 1A at 5 P.M. Next meeting - Jan. 19.

HEARD IN PASSING

As the snow piled up outside our windows last month, some old timers sat around a warm radiator reminiscing about former winters at the Museum. There was a time, before the days of parking problems, when the courtyard outside the Print Shop served as a tennis court and roller skating rink for employees at lunchtime. On one cold winter's night, someone had a fine brainstorm and flooded the area with a hose. For the next few days the staff turned out in full force for ice skating at the lunch hour.

Married: Ellen Forsythe, Frick Lab, to Donald Styles of Michigan on Nov. 26. They visited Williamsburg, Va., on their wedding trip....Born: Still another grandchild (the tenth) to Ed Burns, Print Shop. The latest arrival, Leo M. Walsh, came on Dec. 10.

Dr. and Mrs. Vladimir Walters, Ichth., resigned from the Museum last month to move to Los Angeles where Dr. Walters will teach zoology at the Univ. of Calif. Dr. Walters has been with us since 1956 and was investigating the locomotion of fishes under an ONR grant. Lisa Hamilton Walters joined the staff in 1957 and was working on an NSF grant involving studies on cave fishes. Their colleagues here wish them much success in their new venture.

Albert Sable and James Bourdonnay, Bldg. Ser., were the decorating geniuses who trimmed the beautiful Christmas tree that graced the staff cafeteria during December. They did a splendid job!

Gwynne (Whitey) Payne, Mason Shop, William Stubbs, Elect. Shop, and Quentin Mercer, Cafeteria, are all hospitalized at this writing. Each is reported making a good recovery and we hope to see them back soon.

Sidney Berman, who has been Sales Assistant in the Museum Shop for the past four years, transferred last month to the Frick Laboratory where he is now a Preparator. Congratulations!

Mabel Colahan, Mamm., who retired at the end of December (see last month's G'vine) received a mighty sendoff from her colleagues. The crowd attending a tea in her honor on Dec. 29 included two retired members of the Department who returned especially for the occasion -- T. Donald Carter and Henry Ruof -- and we were delighted to see them. A week earlier, over 100 people gathered in the staff dining room for a cocktail party feting Mrs. Colahan and heard Edward McGuire, Mamm., deliver a fine tribute which was written by Charlotte Stove, Off. Ser. We quote the last verse:

We'll miss you, Mabel, one and all
And hope you'll be back to make a call,
In fact, not one, but on many a day
That you'll find time to come our way!

NEWS OF FORMER COLLEAGUES

A long feature article in a recent issue of the Brooklyn Heights Press tells us that Dr. George H. Childs (formerly Exhib.) is as busy as ever creating models and assembling miniature habitat groups. He and Mrs. Childs returned from a 5-week trip to Ireland in November to find their mailbox jammed with orders for models and miniatures.

Among the most welcome recent visitors to the Museum were Mildred Parmenter Randino (formerly Contrib. Prog.) who is thoroughly enjoying the pleasures of being "just a housewife", and Alma O'Connor (formerly Bldg. Serv.) who was en route home to Florida after visiting relatives in New England.

The many Museum friends of Helen Gunz (formerly Main Lib.) will be glad to learn that she made an excellent recovery from

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her recent operation and was out of the hospital in time to be home for Christmas.

Henry Ruof (formerly Osteo. Lab.) who visited us in December can't keep away from natural history in one form or another. Last summer he spent four months working at the Catskill Game Farm.

TRADING POST

Telescope Wanted: Anyone interested in selling a used 200X or more telescope, in good condition, with good resolving and light gathering power, mount, pedestal or tripod, and other accessories, please call Phyllis Morse, ext. 275.

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A new edition of the Museum Directory is now in preparation. Please send changes of personnel and extensions listed to Larry Pintner, Office Services.

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KNIGHT EXHIBIT HAILED

The current exhibit in the Corner Gallery is of more than usual interest to the many Museum people who remember Charles R. Knight with admiration and deep affection. Mr. Knight, who died in 1953, spent much of his distinguished career here as a painter and sculptor of prehistoric life. The present exhibit of his work was assembled by the Exhibition Department with the assistance of Mr. Knight's daughter, Mrs. Richard Steel.

In a letter to Katharine Beneker, who was in charge of preparing the exhibit, Mrs. Steel wrote, "The skill and perfection of the Museum staff was nothing short of superb, for without them the exhibit could not have been flawless -- and it was flawless." To which Miss Beneker adds her own philosophy of exhibition: "A good exhibit represents the interdependence of many minds and hands. It is never the result of just one person's work and thinking, but rather the sum of the efforts of all who worked on it."

10-DAY LIMIT LIFTED IN MEDICAL PLAN

The new medical insurance plan for Museum employees provides that your visit to the doctor in connection with the same ailment are covered, beginning with the fourth visit, regardless of the interval between visits. Under our old plan, successive doctor's appointments had to be within ten days of each other in order to qualify as continued treatment for a particular condition.

MUSEUM RESTAURANT OF THE '30's RECALLED

Back in 1933, the Museum's main restaurant was located in the rooms now occupied by the staff cafeteria. It was used by both visitors and employees, and during the summers outdoor dining was provided on the patio above the 77th Street carriage entrance.

Katharine Beneker, Keeper of Memorabilia, recently turned up some menus dating from that year -- and, naturally, they give us pause. The 4-course luncheon priced at 50¢ featured such entrees as "Roast Sirloin of Beef, au jus, with Fried Sweet Potatoes and New Asparagus," and "Broiled Chicken Halibut, Maître d'hôtel, with Hash Brown Potatoes and Buttered Beets." (There were 8 or 10 entrees to choose from each day.) You started off with soup -- cream of asparagus, vegetable, or clam chowder (Manhattan or New England) -- and the salad might be watercress, cucumber, or cole slaw. Then you wound up with one of a dozen kinds of pie, cake, custard or fruit, and a choice of beverage.

But that was the expensive meal. For 30¢ you got fried liver with bacon, or grilled lamb chop on toast, or broiled sea trout with parsley butter -- plus your tea, coffee, or milk. The eat-and-run contingent paid 15¢ for a ham sandwich, or tongue, or cheese. It was 20¢ for a toasted rarebit. Beverages included a wide variety of soft drinks, soda fountain specials, and beer. Tea was available in the following forms:

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"English Breakfast, Orange Pekoe, Oolong, and Ceylon-hot."

The menus, attractively printed and dated for each day, were enclosed in a cover that carried additional information such as HOW TO REACH THE MUSEUM, (Sixth or Ninth Avenue Elevated), and the following choice bit of datum:

"The restaurant is under Museum management and in charge of a graduate dietitian... The end room is reserved for members of the staff, and visiting scientists and explorers. The hostess will be glad to tell you who's who...."

It is planned that a display of the menus, together with photos of the restaurant, will be put up in the cafeteria soon.

MUSEUM-CITY RELATIONS

Authorization received from the City has resulted in the recent promotions of Margaret Connolly and Cornelius Munic from Museum Attendants to Senior Museum Attendants. Congratulations!

NEW MANAGING EDITOR

Robert E. (best known as Ed) Williamson has become Managing Editor of Natural History, according to an announcement from Editor-in-Chief John Purcell. Mr. W. has been Art Editor and Production Chief of the magazine for 14 years. Just as N.H.'s G'vine reporter pointed out -- it couldn't happen to a nicer guy. Congratulations!

The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson has announced the establishment of the Roy Chapman Andrews Memorial Research Fund.

JAMES P. FARRELL

James P. Farrell, Senior Attendant, died on January 18, 1961, after nearly a quarter of a century of service to the American Museum. He had been in ill health for some time and recently underwent a major operation. He came to the Museum in 1937 and served in various attendant capacities, his most recent assignment being at the main entrances. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Madeleine Brady of Patchogue, N.Y., to whom his many friends and colleagues here extend their deepest sympathy.

Dr. T. C. Schneirla's colleagues in the Dept. of Animal Behavior, and throughout the Museum, wish to express their heartfelt condolences to him and his wife on the loss of their son Donn. Donn (John Richard) Schneirla had served four years with the U.S. Air Force and studied at the University of Colorado School of Engineering. At the time of his death last month he was 28 years old and was held in high regard in the San Francisco Laboratories of the Pacific Bell Telephone Company where he was employed.

NEW EBA OFFICERS

New officers of the Employees' Benefit Association, elected at the January annual meeting, are: President - Arthur Naylor; Vice-President - Emil Kremer; Secretary - Constance Sherman; and Treasurer - George Floegel. New members of the organization's Board of Directors are Catherine Pessino, Dean Amadon, and Raymond de Lucia.

COURSES OPEN FREE TO EMPLOYEES

Museum and Planetarium courses for adults, some of which start this week, are open to employees free of charge in any instance where the course is not already fully subscribed. Course schedules are posted on the cafeteria bulletin board, and a number of new and interesting subjects are being offered this semester. Persons interested in taking Museum courses are requested to call Bruce Hunter, ext. 445, in advance to make sure that the class is not already full. Those wishing to take Planetarium courses should call Dr. Franklyn Branley, ext. 412, in advance.

CREDIT UNION

At it's Annual Meeting last month, the AMNH Employees' Federal Credit Union announced a year-end dividend of 4¼ per cent on CU savings. The occasion was the 25th anniversary of the organization, and it elicited a letter from H. Vance Austin, Managing Director of the Credit Union National Association, which read, in part:

"Congratulations on your Credit Union's 25th Birthday. In 25 years your Credit Union has brought immeasurable assistance and comfort to members and their families. I know that all of you who have played a part in the growth and development of this Credit Union must take great pride in its many accomplishments...Our congratulations on reaching this historic milestone and our best wishes for continued success in service."

During these past 25 years, our CU at the Museum has made loans tomembers totaling approximately three and a half million dollars. During the same period, it has lost only $270 in delinquent loans. This is a record of which we can be extremely proud.

DR. ROSEN APPOINTED

The Department of Ichthyology welcomes Dr. Donn Rosen whose appointment as Assistant Curator became effective Feb. 1. Dr. Rosen is well known to many of his new colleagues here, having worked off and on between 1942 and 1959 in the New York Zoological Society's Genetics Laboratory located on the 6th floor of the Museum's Whitney Wing. During his last year with the Genetics Lab he held a National Science Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship.

A native New Yorker, Dr. Rosen attended Northwestern University and took his Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D. degrees at New York University. In between, he served for two years with the U.S. Army Infantry in Korea. For the past year he has been Assistant Professor of Biology at

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the University of Florida and Assistant Curator of Biological Sciences at the University's Florida State Museum. His research includes studies in the genetics, anatomy, ecology, and taxonomy of fishes, and he has done considerable work on the killifishes, a group of live-bearers including guppies and their relatives.

Dr. Rosen andhis wife and two sons now make their home in Flushing.

NEW TELESCOPE AT PLANETARIUM

The Planetarium recently acquired an exceptionally fine small telescope, the Questar, which will be used in courses and for observation of important celestial events. The acquisition, a gift from a foundation, was made possible through the interest of Miss Julia Wightman, a former student in Catherine Barry's adult astronomy course at the Planetarium. Miss Wightman, who wished to express her interest and appreciation to the Planetarium, consulted with Miss Barry regarding the institution's needs and learned that a Questar would be most welcome. The instrument is a catadioptric telescope with a $3\frac{1}{2}$-inch mirror and a special correcting lens in a tube measuring, over all, 8 inches in length and giving an effective focal length equivalent to a tube of over 40 inches in length. It costs about $1000.

KUDOS

Marion Carr, Editor of Junior Natural History, is more than a little excited over a letter she received from the New York Employing Printers Association, Inc. informing her that Junior was selected for hanging in the 19th Exhibition of Printing at the Hotel Commodore in January. The letter said, in part:

"Selection of your specimen for hanging means that it was chosen by an eminent Board of Judges as outstanding in its own category from among the thousands of entries submitted for consideration. These thousands of entries had been nominated by printers throughout the New York metropolitan area as representing the best of their production during the year 1960....It is a tribute to your printed piece and to everyone involved in its planning and production that it won the approval of the judges over many contending pieces in the same category."

Dr. Libbie H. Hyman, Living Invertebrates, has been elected an Honorary Member of the Society of Protozoologists in recognition ofmeritorious service in the field of protozoology.

Two high school students who have been working in the Dept. of Animal Behavior as volunteer assistants to Dr. Ethel Tobach have received Honorable Mention in the Westinghouse High School Talent Search. They are Shelley Chess, who submitted a project in animal behavior; and Harriet Fell, who entered the mathematics competition.

COMINGS, GOINGS & GATHERINGS

Dr. Tom Gilliard (Ornith.) left Jan. 30th to spend six weeks in British Guiana where he will study the Cock-of-the-Rock. The current (Feb.) issue of the National Geographic features a beautiful article by Dr. G., "Exploring New Britain's Land of Fire," with photos by the author and two superb illustrations by Margaret Gilliard of the new honey eater which they discovered in the Whiteman Range of the island...Also in the same issue is an article about the sea by Dr. Paul Zahl (Ichth.) which includes photos taken in the Museum.

Charles Bogert and Dr. John Moore (Herp.) have been in Mexico collecting Leopard Frogs and other species that may be abroad during the winter season.... Bernard Soll (Nat. Hist.) is just back from a business trip to California.... Dr. Wesley Lanyon (Ornith.) has visited museums in Washington, D. C. and Cambridge in recent weeks in connection with his flycatcher studies.

Dr. Dean Amadon (Ornith.) showed his film "Argentina Through the Back Door" to the Explorers Club at their January meeting....Dr. Theodosius Dobzhansky of Columbia Univ. was the guest speaker at the Jan. 12th seminar in the Dept. of Animal Behavior....Dr. John Imbrie (Foss. Invert.) has been serving as Acting Chairman of the Geology Department

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at Columbia in the absence of the Chairman.

Frank Lombardi (Foss.Invert.), who toured Alaska, Canada, and the northwestern states on his vacation last fall, has just received his color slides from the developer. They are extraordinarily fine pictures and include some outstanding scenic views of Glacier National Park. Anyone wanting a sneak preview may call Mr. L.

Leonard Brass (Mamm.) flew up from the Archbold Biological Station in Florida a few days ago, his arrival here coinciding with the start of New York's worst cold wave in many years. He'll be with us for a month to work on the report of his last New Guinea expedition.

AMNH played host last month to the Panel on Shark Research of the A.I.B.S. Scientists engaged in shark studies gathered here from places as far away as New Zealand and South Africa to exchange information on why sharks attack humans and what can be done to prevent such attacks.

NEWS OF FORMER COLLEAGUES

Word has been received of the election of Ernest Neilson (formerly Anthro.) as Mayor of Interlachen, Florida. When you're next passing that way, be sure to visit His Honor -- and if you would like the red carpet treatment at City Hall, drop Ernie a note in advance at P.O. Box 205, Interlachen.

A letter from Rachel Nichols (formerly Vert. Paleo.) to Harry Lange reports that she and her husband, arrived in sunny California on New Year's Day after two weeks of driving in sub-zero temperatures. Mr. N. has joined a brokerage house in San Francisco and Mrs. N. is "just being a housewife." Their temporary address is 2523 Ridge Road, Berkeley 9. Rachel writes, "Please give my greetings to all my old friends, whom I miss very much!" And that's mutual!

NEW FACES

The two new faces in Building Services are Arvo Hyland and John Harding. Both joined us as Attendants in January.... Ginny Crawbuck, the new secretary in Vertebrate Paleontology, is the sister-in-law of George Crawbuck (Educ.).... Loren D. Arnold has joined Exhibition on a temporary basis to help with the silk-screening operations for the forthcoming Hall of the Biology of Man.... Gerald Turner, new part-time sales assistant at the Planetarium Book Corner, is a Philosophy major at Columbia, also a pianist and composer....Geraldine Dils, new secretary in Fossil Invertebrates is a Pennsylvanian and formerly worked in Philadelphia.

New arrivals at Natural History are Lisa Levinson, a Rutgers graduate who comes to us from the Museum of Modern Art; Beatrice Brewster, formerly with Display Industries and the Geological Society of America, who joins the advertising department as secretary to Bernard Soll; and John Bowman, a Harvard man who has spent the past seven years in Europe, studying at Cambridge, serving with the Army in Germany, and teaching English in Greece. Carole Gold, the new face in Ornithology, goes in for sketching and drawing on the side.

SO LONG AND GOOD LUCK

Heading the list of colleagues to whom we said goodbye last month is William Schloer, Building Services, who retired after 18 years of service with the Museum. Mr. Schloer's most recent tour of duty was on the 77th Street elevators. While we miss him, we know that he will soon be enjoying long hours of fishing and boating near his home in Freeport, Long Island.

Mary Patsuris and Eunice Reardon resigned from Vertebrate Paleontology at the end of January. We hear that Mrs. Patsuris plans to teach and we hope we'll be seeing her in the future when she brings her students in to AMNH.

William Farley resigned from Building Services last month after ten years with the Museum. He has accepted a position

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with a public relations firm.

Jerrold Lanes left Natural History to join the editorial staff of Barron's, a weekly magazine of business and financial news.

HEARD IN PASSING

We were all much concerned to hear that both Kay Beneker (Exhib.) and Joe Chamberlain (Planet.) suffered mild heart attacks late last month. At this writing, Miss Beneker is still hospitalized but reported making good progress. She has asked the G'vine to thank her many colleagues who have sent cards and letters. We miss her greatly and wish her a very speedy recovery. Mr. Chamberlain is now home from the hospital and we look forward to having him back with us quite soon.

Cheers for Valerie Newell (Foss. Invert.) who won't let a little thing like a torn ligament of the leg keep her down. The injury, sustained in a fall, prevents her from walking for the time being, but it's not keeping her off the job. It's business as usual for Mrs. N. -- from a wheel chair.

As AMNH employees, we all felt a share of the honor extended to our Director when he was invited to Washington last month by President-Elect Kennedy to take part in the Inaugural celebrations. Although Museum business prevented Dr. Oliver from attending, we thought it was a splendid idea on Mr. Kennedy's part.

Trustee Crawford Greenewalt's stunning book "Hummingbirds" was certainly the hit of the Christmas book trade. The entire edition of 8500 copies, just off the press in mid-November, was sold out early in January. A second edition, now in press, will be available in the spring.

Married: Kate Swift (Pub. Rel.) to Stewart Ogilvy, a writer at Fortune Magazine, on Feb. 4. The Ogilvys will live on West 81st Street...Sam Kuster (Bldg. Ser.) and his wife Goldie celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on Jan. 21....While most of us are battling the snow and low temperatures in N.Y., Walter Joyce (Plumb. Shop.) is wielding his golf clubs on the sunny fairways of Pinehurst, N.C. He'll be back from vacation Feb. 14.

"Il Giorno di Palma" or "The Day of the Palms" is not yet celebrated on our national calendar. However, after the public takes a peek at a commercial calendar recently designed by Tino di Palma (Graph. Arts), this may all be changed. Mr. di P. spent countless hours working on the 72 plates and the result shows not only artistic skill but a hilarious grasp of Americana. Singing in the rain on St. Swithin's Day, and bombs bursting in air for Independence Day are just two examples of his clever caricatures. Congratulations, Tino. Viva Italia! Viva di Palma!

The day before the most recent Big Snow a freight-car-sized W.&J. Sloane furniture truck drove down Dr. Bill Burns' driveway in Pound Ridge to deliver a box spring on legs, then got stuck on a slight grade going up again. The driver called New York and they sent up another freight-car-sized truck which promptly got stuck nose to nose with the first. The next day was Snowy Friday and the two trucks stayed there until Monday morning, when Sloane sent a heavy wrecking truck with crane to pull them out.

All during this travail, the Burnses kept the workers warm and happy with sandwiches, coffee, and an occasional thermos of hot water laced with rum. Their main concern was that the town fire engines could not have gotten near the house in an emergency.

TRADING POST

Items for Sale: Emerson 3/4-ton air conditioner in good condition. $90, or make an offer. Stringner Liang, ext. 267 or 262.....1952 Ford, automatic transmission, 2-door sedan, excellent condit. $125. Trudy Mosler, ext. 292....Pair of Chicago roller skates with attached shoes, size 8½. Alma Cook, ext. 221.

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EXPEDITION TO N.J. FOR A HIPPO

When Chairman Richard G. Van Gelder of the Mammalogy Department accepted the offer of a recently-deceased baby pygmy hippopotamus from the Cleveland Zoo last month, he did not foresee the complications that would necessitate a major expedition to Newark by Edward McGuire and Edward Hawkins.

It seems that the hippo specimen, weighing 75 pounds and packed in dry ice, arrived at the Newark Airport just a couple of days after the blizzard of Feb. 4. As the ban on auto travel was being strictly enforced, Dr. Van Gelder had to explain to the Police Department that the specimen might constitute a health hazard if it remained at Newark and became defrosted. So, equipped with emergency travel permits, Messrs. McGuire and Hawkins set out by car through the snowy wastelands of N.Y.C. and the Jersey Turnpike. But the people at the air freight office suspected a hoax and were reluctant to turn over the package. How, they demanded to know, could such a small box possibly contain a hippopotamus? Well, our mammalogists explained, it was a pygmy hippo -- and a baby at that. Still somewhat skeptical, the airport people acquiesced and the McGuire-Hawkins Expedition returned with the specimen, still safely frozen, about $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours after setting out.

The hippo's skeleton and skin are now being preserved for the Mammal Department study collection.

DR. SHAPIRO'S DREAM COMES TRUE

An exhibit idea conceived more than 15 years ago by Dr. Harry L. Shapiro, Chairman of the Department of Anthropology, will become a reality this month with the opening of the Hall of the Biology of Man. Actual work on the exhibits began about six years ago, spurred by a grant from John D. Rockefeller. The hall will be officially opened in the presence of invited guests on Monday, March 20, at 5:30 P.M., and will be open to the public the following day.

In a spacious, modern setting of gray and white, the two-part exhibition begins by considering man's place in the process of evolution, his prehistoric ancestors, and the characteristics that relate him to and distinguish him from other forms of animal life. With this perspective, the visitor is then introduced to an examination in vivid detail, of the workings of his own body.

According to Dr. Shapiro, under whose supervision the new hall was designed and built, "This hall is the first in a projected series of five that I conceived of as a way of making available to the public the new discoveries in anthropology missing in older exhibitions. We have begun, therefore, with this presentation of organic man, which will be followed by exhibitions on behavior, social organization and the growth and development of civilization."

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In an attempt to achieve the maximum clarity, combined with beauty and drama, the designers, artists and technicians of the Museum's Department of Exhibition have utilized a vast variety of exhibition materials and techniques; and where conventional means proved inadequate, they invented new ones. They deserve the highest praise for a magnificent addition to the Museum and a great contribution to science education.

EXHIBIT FACE-LIFTING AT PLANETARIUM

The Planetarium's most popular exhibit, "Your Weight On Other Worlds", is having its face lifted. Artist Helmut Wimmer has painted a domed ceiling and background for the exhibit that pictures the late winter sky in fluorescent colors. Before this background there will be new scales to replace those in use for many years. The scales will show visitors the effect of the gravitational forces of such celestial bodies as the sun, moon, and various planets, on their own bodies. The Toledo Scale Company, which gave the original exhibit, has donated the new scales and is helping with the refurbishing.

DISCOUNT TICKETS

Larry Pintner, Office Services, has a limited number of discount tickets for Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus which opens this month at Madison Square Garden. The discounts apply for certain dates only. Mr. Pintner also has discount tickets for two plays, "The Balcony" and "Tenderloin", and for sightseeing trips on the Hudson River Day Line.

WHY MORE ATTENDANTS?

In connection with the Museum's recent request to the City for an increase in the size of our Attendant Force, Paul Grouleff, Plant Manager, compiled some rather staggering statistics. We hope they will impress the City Fathers as much as they impress us! Here are some examples:

The floor space that must be cleaned regularly in the Museum (excluding the Planetarium) amounts to about one million square feet, while the wall area from which dust, grime, and finger marks must be removed periodically totals a million and a half square feet. As for window cleaning, we have some 1900 exterior windows containing about 96,000 square feet of glass. And add to that another 270,000 square feet of glass enclosing approximately 2400 exhibits.

Mr. Grouleff's report points out that 60% of the Museum is open to the public and that the average daily attendance is around 5,000. "These visitors, divided between children and adults, are in the main, polite and cooperative. The totals do, however, include a running unpredictable number given to thoughtless mischief, vandalism or theft, if not kept under control. Not even considered as mischief is the smudging of glass surfaces of exhibit cases and littering of floors with candy wrappers, peanut shells, bags, etc., which seems inevitable irrespective of the caliber of visitors' ages, mores, or morals."

Our present Attendant Force number 108 on paper, but because of illnesses and vacations it is actually less than that at any given time. Considering their work load, the present 108 do an amazing job. But it is hoped that, through City action, we can increase their total strength to a minimum of 137, thereby bringing the enormous job of Museum guardianship and cleaning somewhat more under control.

A TALE OF A BOOK

A couple of month's ago a man rushed into Dr. William A. Burns' office saying that he had to buy, borrow, or beg a copy of Crawford Greenewalt's "Hummingbirds." An old friend in the midwest was dying and expressed a desire to own the beautiful book. The old man was a well known amateur ornithologist and owned a large collection of bird skins and eggs which he was bequeathing to a university.

Dr. Burns tried every possible source for a copy of the book but none was available. Finally George Goodwin, Main Library, offered to lend an uncatalogued copy. It went air express and the old gentleman had the pleasure of leafing through it, thinking it was his own copy.

Last week the book came back to Dr. Burns' office. It had served its purpose.

A LETTER FROM MISS BENEKER

(As we go to press, we have good news about Katherine Beneker, Exhibition, from several colleagues who have been to see her in the past week. Miss Beneker, who suffered a heart attack at the end of January, is now home from the hospital making good progress. The following letter from her is addressed to everybody.)

May I use the Grapevine to thank my Museum friends for the many ways in which they have expressed their friendship and their love? The cards and letters and gifts, the telephone calls, the concern for my mother's well-being, and now -- the portable remote control television set which is much too extravagant a gift but which I'm NOT returning! Not by a long shot!

I want you to know how much I appreciate all you have done for me, even to spoiling me completely, and I especially want you to know that the part of my heart in which you are all deeply and safely ensconced suffered absolutely no damage!

Kay Beneker

P.S. If I didn't miss all of you so much, and if the government would support me, I'd stay right here in bed for the rest of my days -- rereading your cards and letters and looking at television!

CREDIT UNION ELECTIONS

At the annual meeting of the AMNH Employees Federal Credit Union on Jan. 25, the membership re-elected the following people to the CU Board of Directors: Dorothy Bronson, Anne Montgomery, Marguerite Ross, and John Saunders. Robert Adlington and Albert Potenza were re-elected to the Credit Committee. When the Board of Directors met later on the same day, the following officers were re-elected: John Saunders-President; Marguerite Ross-Vice President; Constance Sherman-Secretary; and Harry Lange-Treasurer. Kate Ogilvy was re-elected Chairman of the Educational Committee.

TWO LONG-TIMERS RETIRE

Two colleagues with a combined service to the Museum of 76 years retired last month. They are Carl Sorensen and Johanna Scharf who were honored at a tea in the staff dining room on Feb. 21.

Mr. Sorensen is a native of Denmark and had served in the Danish Merchant Marine before coming to the Museum as a preparator of fossil skeletons in 1916. His job here has taken him on numerous excavation field trips in different parts of the U.S., and the specimens which he has prepared for study and exhibition are scattered throughout museums in this country and abroad. Among the skeletons he helped to mount are the dinosaurs Camptosaurus, Procheneosaurus, and Struthiomimus, and the plesiosaur Styracosaurus. During the coming summer, Mr. Sorensen and wife will make a tour of Denmark and other Scandanavian countries.

Miss Scharf is better known as "Honey" to the thousands of AMNH'ers whose telephone calls she handled at the Museum switchboard during 31 years. Although her speaking voice is familiar to all of us, not many of her former colleagues know that she also has an exceptionally fine singing voice and takes part in choral activities. Last year Miss Scharf went to Europe where she visited relatives in Germany. A resident of Bronxville, N.Y., she also has a summer home in Vershire, Vt.

We hope that Mr. Sorensen and Miss Scharf will be back to say hello from time to time. We'll miss them both a lot.

NEW DISCOUNT POLICY ON BOOK PURCHASES

A change in the Museum's discount policy on book purchases by employees has been announced by Alice Pollak, Manager of the Museum Shop. Beginning March 1, employees will receive a 12% discount from the selling price on books carried by the Shop. Books that are not on the Shop shelves, and must therefore be specially ordered, must be limited to the natural science field and will be handled at a 10% discount from the selling price. Special book purchases for departmental use (orders for which must be accompanied by a requisition) will continue to be billed at cost.

COMINGS, GOINGS, & GATHERINGS

Dr. T. C. Schneirla (An. Behav.) left the country at the end of January for a six months field trip to study legionary ants. At present he's in the Philippines, in the mountains of Negros Oriental, where he'll remain until May when he heads for Thailand.

A letter from Dr. E. T. Gilliard (Ornith.) reports that he is heading into the mountains of British Guiana where he hopes to find the display grounds of the Cock-of-the-Rock...Other travels in Ornithology: Dr. Robert Cushman Murphy went to Florida late in February to deliver a lecture in Coconut Grove, and Eugene Eisenmann braved the big snow storm of last month to give a talk to the Nuttall Ornithological Club in Cambridge, Mass.

Dr. Charles M. Breder, Jr. (Ichth.) left for Florida at the end of the month to continue his field work with fishes on the Gulf Coast...Another Florida traveller in February was Dr. Joseph Curtis Moore (Mamm.) who attended the 25th Anniversary Meeting of the Florida Academy of Sciences at Gainsville where he gave a paper on squirrel distribution as evidence of major stream piracies in the Indochinese Subregion. Dr. Moore is a past president

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of the Academy. While in Florida he inspected damage done by Hurricane Donna in the Everglades National Park and reports that, considering the extensive blow-down and stripping of foliage, "the survival and recovery of both vegetation and birdlife seemed amazingly good."

Dr. John J. Lee (Micro.) has been chosen by the Society of Protozoologists to receive a NSF travel fellowship to the International Congress of Protozoology, meeting in Prague this August. Dr. Lee, who is in charge of the living foraminifera laboratory here, will give a paper at the Congress on the physiology of forams.

Enrique Campdera, of Caracas, Venezuela, is currently visiting the Planetarium where he is studying methods of operations. A professor of mathematics at las Universidadas Central Y Santa Maria, Observatorio Cagigal, Senor Campdera will assume management of the new Humboldt Planetarium in Caracas when he returns to his country.

Recent visitors in the Mammalogy Dept. included Dr. E. A. Smith of the British Nature Conservancy who was doing research on the grey seal; Dr. Harry Lillie of Aberdeen, Scotland, who is lecturing in this country and Canada on marine mammal conservation; and John McNally, Assistant Director of the Fisheries and Wildlife Dept. of Victoria, Australia, and a specialist on the ecology of Koalas.

Dr. E. Endroczi of the Medical University, Pecs, Hungary, visited the Animal Behavior Dept. last month and extended an invitation to members of the Museum staff to visit his laboratory in the University's Physiology Dept. whenever possible.

NEW FACES

Mrs. Jean E. Shaw has taken Adele Rothenberg's place in the Dept. of Ornithology...Roberta Galante is the new secretary to Dr. Malcolm McKenna, Vertebrate Paleontology...New arrivals in Building Services are Julius Savino, Francis Murphy, Peter Clarke, and Anthony Sercia.

Arthur N. Dusenbury, the new face in Micropaleontology, was for 19 years paleontologist and stratigrapher with the Creole Petroleum Corp. in Venezuela.

RICHARD W. WESTWOOD

Richard W. Westwood became editor of Nature Magazine in 1929. In the 31 years between that time and Nature's incorporation with Natural History in January, 1960, Dick won a nation-wide reputation as a sturdy fighter for the conservation of America's - and, indeed, the world's - natural resources. Forests, untouched lands ranging from prairie to desert, and all the wild inhabitants thereof, were Dick's personal charges. Nor was his concern purely for isolation and protection: he felt deeply that the people of this country should be led, wherever possible to a greater enjoyment of their natural surroundings. And he fought successfull for example, for legislation that would keep outdoor advertising billboards from blocking off these surroundings from even so humble a prospective naturalist as the Sunday motorist.

From the time of Nature's incorporation with Natural History until Dick's untimely death in February, 1961, he acted as the combined magazines' eyes and ears in the nation's capital, reporting regularly on Federal and other activities affecting the wild lands and the wildlife of America. Both as a contributing editor and as editor-emeritus of Nature, he offered wise advice and warm counsel to his many associates. He will be long honored and greatly missed by all who knew him.

HEARD IN PASSING

Our most welcome Valentine was the return on February 14th of Victor Badaracco (Bldg. Ser.) whom we sorely missed during his 7-month sick leave. He's looking better than ever and we're delighted to have him back.

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Another face that we're very glad to see around again is that of Charles Morgan (Pow.House) who was absent for a long period of recovery after two operations. We wish him continued good health.

And Joseph Chamberlain (Planet.) is back on the job looking fit and shorn (it was a hospital haircut) and being commendably cautious about the scope of his activities for a while.

Still on the sick list are Joseph Schmitt (Ichth.) who suffered a heart attack in January and was hospitalized for three weeks, and Ed Holterman (Pow. House) who was hospitalized for an operation. We hear that they are both at home now and recuperating satisfactorily. We hope to see them back soon.

Patrick J. O'Connell (Exhib.) and his wife, Marcy, are the proud parents of a lively Irish baby girl, Deborah -- almost named Kelly. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 12 oz. and measured 21½ inches. Congratulations!

Lili Ronai (Micro.) recently spent a week's vacation, mostly on skis, in West Dover, Vt.

Dr. Leo Vroman, poet laureate of the Animal Behavior Department, has written a new long poem, partly in English, partly in Dutch, to be published soon in Holland. It's called "Amerika."

Bea Brewster (Nat. Hist.) is looking for people who like to sing (especially tenors and basses) and wish to join a church choir. If you're interested, give her a ring on ext. 320. Bea herself is a soprano and sings with various groups including the Canby Singers who are giving a concert at Carnegie Recital Hall on March 11.

SO LONG AND GOOD LUCK

Our best wishes for lots of good luck go to Phyllis Morse who left the Graphic Arts Dept. in February after 4 years with the Museum. Her many friends here miss her... Ann Miller who left the Dept. of Education in December after 11 years with the Museum is now teaching 6th grade in Bloomfield, New Jersey and "enjoying the challenge." ....Francis Laub has resigned after 7 years with the Museum, first in Building Services and more recently at the Power House. We wish him all the best in his new assignment with the Sanitation Dept....Adele Rothenberg resigned last month from her post in the Dept. of Ornithology

NEWS FROM FORMER COLLEAGUES

(The following letter, addressed to Dr. William A. Burns, is self-explanatory. Mr. Haddon, who retired in 1953, is fondly remembered by his many friends here. We hope that, with rest, he will son regain his health.)

Dear Dr. Burns:

May I take this means of expressing my gratitude for the generous assistance given me by you and the Blood Bank during my recent illness. I was in Bergen Pines Hospital for five weeks, and after x-rays and blood tests, they are of the opinion that my lungs are shrinking. This, of course, affects my breathing and the least exertion leaves me exhausted and confined to my home.

May I say "hello" to all my friends and especially those in the Print Shop with whom I spent twenty-five happy years. I would greatly appreciate a line from any of my friends who remember me.

Again may I express my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely, Albion A. Haddon
254 Knox Avenue
Cliffside Park
New Jersey

Two very welcome visitors in the Museum last month were Terry McKnight, formerly of Herpetology, and Ida Grobe who was with the Department of Mammalogy for many years.

The February issue of the Reader's Digest contains an article about Edith Cavell, the famous English nurse of World War I, written by Jacqueline van Til Miller, formerly of our Main Library. Mrs. Miller had been a student in Edith Cavell's nursing school in Belgium. In

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the article she pays tribute to her former teacher as "The Most Unforgettable Character I've Met." Later, Mrs. Miller came to the United States and joined the Museum as nurse in charge of the first aid room. Subsequently, she transferred to the Main Library where she remained until her retirement in 1957.

TRADING POST

Sublet available: April 1 - Sept. 1, 3½-room furnished apartment. Riverside Drive at 106th St., river view, air conditioner. $160 a month. Brian Mason, ext. 315.

Refrigerator needed: Do you have an old electric refrigerator, in working condition, that you wish to get rid of? Our cleaning maids in the Museum would appreciate having it in their lunch room as their present refrigerator has just expired.

For Sale: 1959 Fiat 600 sedan, excellent condition, light blue, heater-defroster, white walls, windshield washer. 30 miles per gallon at 60 miles per hour, 36-40 m.p.g. at 40 m.p.h $700, may be seen any day. Hugh Birnbaum, ext. 247.

For Sale: Tatay guitar. $60 with carrying case. Florence Brauner, ext. 247.

For Sale: Complete three room stucco, cinder-block. Completely furnished. Lake rights, beautiful view. Near Pompton Lakes, New Jersey. Reasonable. Call EVergreen 7-1209.

Lost: A diamond engagement ring in a red change purse, somewhere in the vicinity of the Museum. Rita Keller, ext. 247.

For Sale: Chippendale sofa covered in gray and green silk. Reasonable. Helen Straus, ext. 444.

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THREE-CHANNEL SOUNDTREK INSTALLED

This month AMNH becomes the first museum in the world to provide bilingual three-channel radio guide service for visitors. Our newly-installed system SOUNDTREK, will broadcast three talks simultaneously in each of ten Museum halls. For visitors who wish a detailed discussion of the exhibits, one channel carries a 35-minute talk recorded by the curator in charge of the hall. Those who prefer a more general commentary on the same hall may tune in to another channel for a shorter talk. And for Spanish-speaking visitors, as well as language students, the short talk is translated and broadcast in Spanish over a third channel.

The portable transistorized receivers for the new sound system are both smaller and lighter than the Guide-A-Phone receivers which they have replaced. Each is packaged in a bright red styrene plastic case with a fired gold enamel front panel containing two knobs. One knob is the on-off switch and volume control; the other is the channel selector. The earphone is a button-shaped device resembling a hearing aid. It attaches to the ear by means of a disposable cardboard loop, a fresh sterile one being provided for each rental.

Two hundred receivers will be available for use, renting for 50¢ to adults and 35¢ to children. Rental desks are in the 77th Street foyer, the second floor of Roosevelt Memorial, and at the Eighth Avenue Subway entrance.

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PREVIEW: MAN IN SPACE

While we are keenly interested in the big question of whether the United States or Russia will launch the first man into space, we are more immediately concerned at the moment about whether either launching will take place before the opening of the AMNH exhibition "Preview: Man In Space". If it does, the striking exhibit now in preparation for opening on April 18 will be something of a post-view -- but will, nevertheless, provide a valuable and informative picture of the problems of life-support during space flight.

The new temporary exhibit will be located on the second floor of Roosevelt Memorial Hall. Suspended from the ceiling and dominating the display will be a full-scale model of the Mercury Capsule in which the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will launch this country's first space man. Looking through a cutaway section of the shell, visitors will see a life-sized manikin astronaut at the Capsule's controls. What physical conditions will man experience during space flight? What will be their effects on the complex processes of his body and mind? A series of colorful panels in the exhibit will give some of the answers to these questions. The display will also include a short repeating motion picture film on the launching of the Mercury Capsule.

This exhibit will continue until next autumn when it will be incorporated into an extensive new temporary exhibition entitled "Man In Space".

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Like the Guide-A-Phone, with which the Museum pioneered in 1954, the new sound system has been the responsibility of Dr. William A. Burns, Chairman of Membership. SOUNDTREK, Inc. was started by two young engineers who, in 1955, read a Natural History Magazine article in which Dr. Burns discussed radio guides in museums. Last year, the firm gave us a demonstration of their two-channel system -- the curator's detailed talk and the short general talk -- already installed at the Chicago Museum of Natural History. Why not have a third channel, Director James A. Oliver suggested, for a foreign language commentary? The SOUNDTREK people went to work with the result that the new installation at AMNH is the first of its kind anywhere.

Halls being wired to receive the three kinds of talks are: Biology of Man, Man and Nature, North American Forests, Northwest Coast Indians, North American Mammals, Biology of Birds, Oil Geology, African Mammals, Brontosaur, and Tyrannosaur. It is hoped that SOUNDTREK will be in operation very soon.

NATIONAL ACADEMY AWARD TO DR. NEWELL

Dr. Norman D. Newell, Chairman of the Department of Fossil Invertebrates, will be awarded the Mary Clark Thompson Medal of the National Academy of Sciences at the Academy's annual meeting in Washington on April 24. The award, given for distinguished services to geology or paleontology, is particularly in recognition of Dr. Newell's work on the ecology of modern and ancient calcareous reefs. Dr. Newell will go to Washington to receive the Medal in person. He'll be accompanied by his wife, Valerie Newell.

CAPTAIN DELACOUR HONORED

Captain Jean Delacour, Research Associate in Ornithology, was awarded the Verrill Medal of the Peabody Museum, Yale University, on March 10. The citation mentioned especially Captain Delacour's outstanding work on the pheasants and waterfowl of the world. Dr. Dean Amadon and Eugene Eisenmann represented AMNH at the presentation.

At the end of the month Captain Delacour left for a tour of France, England, Germany, and Russia. This summer he will attend a meeting of the International Council for Bird Preservation, of which he is President Emeritus, in Stavanger, Norway, and will proceed in September to a meeting of the Directors of Zoological Gardens in Rome. In October he heads for Brazil, and he plans to be back in N.Y. about the middle of November.

CREDIT UNION VERIFYING ACCOUNTS

This month the Supervisory Committee of the AMNH Employees Federal Credit Union will be sending out verification forms to one fourth of the CU members. If you receive a form, check to see that the amount shown in your account agrees with your own record. Then sign the form and return it to the Committee as soon as possible in the envelope provided. Do not send your CU account book to the Supervisory Committee. If you wish to have your book brought up to date before you sign and return the form, take your book to the Credit Union office in Roosevelt Basement during regular CU hours -- Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays (except pay days) between 12 and 1.

The members of the Credit Union Supervisory Committee are Edward A. Burns, Catherine M. Pessino, and Thelma T. Pollick. Four times a year this Committee verifies the accounts of one quarter of the CU members, each account being verified once a year. So if you don't receive a form this month, don't worry; you'll be in a later group. When you do receive one, please follow the above procedure with all reasonable speed.

CAMERA CLUB PROGRAM & CONTEST

Members and friends of the Camera Club will enjoy an unusual program this month when Dr. Dean Amadon presents his color film "Town And Country In Japan", Club President Arthur Pitschi reports. Dr. Amadon made the film last spring during field trips of the International Council for Bird Protection in which he participated in Tokyo. The showing will be on Thursday, April 20, at 12:10 p.m. in the fifth floor lecture hall of Roosevelt Memorial. Everyone is invited. At the same meeting, the Club will discuss plans for a field trip as soon as the trees are in blossom. Arrangements will be made for car pools and all who would like to participate should be on hand to sign up.

The Camera Club Contest, announced a few weeks ago, closes May 1. All employees are eligible to submit entries -- up to five color slides and five black-and-white photos between the sizes 5 x 7 and 16 x 20. The first prizes in each category, color and black-and-white, will be a one-hour flight in beautiful weather over New York -- in a four seater single engine plane. Other prizes will be announced. Please send your entries to Dorothy Fulton, Slide Library, before May 1.

NEWS OF FORMER COLLEAGUES

The many Museum friends of Dr. George H. Childs (formerly Exhib.) were deeply concerned to learn that he suffered a heart attack on the evening of March 20th while he and his wife were attending the opening of the Hall of the Biology of Man. His wife reports that while his condition is still serious he is making progress toward recovery at Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn. All our warmest good wishes are with him.

Gladys Serrille (formerly Main Lib.) and her husband recently bought a house in Tuckahoe, N.Y. They now have two little girls...It was good to see Tom Grady (formerly Bldg. Serv.) when he dropped in to say hello to his friends on St. Patty's Day.

HEARD IN PASSING

Born: To Giles MacIntyre (Vert. Paleo.) and Pamela MacIntyre (Gen. Lab.), a daughter, Alice, on March 18....To Edward P. McCormick (Bldg. Ser.) and his wife, a daughter, Emily, on February 3. Congratulations and welcome!

Three colleagues who recently underwent operations are reported making good recoveries. Val McClure and Albin Markowski (both Bldg. Ser.) went home from hospitals last month after operations in February and we hope to see them both shortly. Dr. Malcolm McKenna (Vert. Paleo.) was glad to be able to get home in time for Easter.

MUSEUM-CITY RELATIONS

Authorization received from the City has resulted in the recent promotion of Christopher J. Schuberth, Department of Education, from Museum Instructor to Senior Museum Instructor. Congratulations!

HAIL AND FAREWELL

Among the new arrivals in the Museum last month was Cecile M. Cusson who replaces Mabel Colahan in Mammalogy. Miss Cusson was formerly with the National Audubon Society where she was secretary to John Terres, recently retired editor of Audubon Magazine. She had previously been secretary to Carl Buchheister, now president of the Society. Her hobby is bird watching -- but she likes mammals too.

Also during March we said goodbye to Helga Udvardy who resigned after six years with Anthropology. Her colleagues gathered at Colin Turnbull's apartment for a farewell party in her honor and wished her bon voyage on her two month tour of Europe.

WANT PAPER PLATES?

The Globe Canteen urgently requests the return of dishes, trays, and other utensils taken from the staff cafeteria. These implements should not be taken out to offices, labs, etc. in the first place, and an acute shortage in the cafeteria is now imminent. Please cooperate!

LINGUA IN BUCCO LATERALIS

An announcement from the editorial offices of the Journal of Insignificant Research ("An Occasional Journal Published Intermittently And Unauthorized By The American Museum of Natural History") reports that Dr. Richard G. Van Gelder has been awarded the Journal's 1961 Fundumbarity Medal for his "dazzling display of deft dactylology before millions of avid viewers" on the television quiz show "To Tell The Truth" in March. Dr. Van Gelder, who was able to convince one half of the show's panel of experts that he was not an expert on skunks, is the first recipient of the new Medal which will continue to be awarded annually to persons in the natural sciences making significant contributions through fundumbarity.

For persons not familiar with the Journal of Insignificant Research, this illuminating periodical is edited by Drs. Donald F. Squires and Richard G. Zweifel and published by the Van Gelder Company of New York. It throws valuable new light on a wide range of subjects not otherwise covered in available literature. Persons interested in subscribing should get in touch with the editors.

TRADING POST

SUBLET - Furnished apartment available July 3 for 12 weeks. Two rooms with linen and dishes. 336 East 29th Street. $75 a month, gas and electricity included. Mitchell Kaufman, ext. 343.

FOR SALE - Protect-O-Matic food slicer, Mod. 1005-M. $11.75. Harry Lange, ext. 225.

BIOLOGY OF MAN ON TV

This Saturday evening, WOR-TV will present a special half-hour documentary, "The Story of Man", based on our newest exhibition hall. Dr. Harry L. Shapiro will be the commentator, with John Wingate as host. Watch for it at 8 p.m., Saturday, April 8, on Channel 9.

And remember to listen to the Museum's radio program Journey Into Nature, Sundays at 11:05 on WNBC.

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SALUTE TO OUR BURSAR

On Monday, May 1, 1911, a new messenger boy started work at AMNH. He was only in his mid-teens, but he was bright and willing and within a few weeks everyone had come to know him as Eddie. He liked working with figures and budgets, and he was soon transferred to the Accounting Department. He became Assistant Bursar in 1939, and in 1942 was appointed Bursar, the post he holds today. May 1, 1961, also a Monday, marked his 50th anniversary with the Museum. His five decades of continuous service (interrupted only by a year and a half of military duty during World War I) is the record among active full-time members of our staff. This month, as he begins his second half-century with the Museum, his colleagues salute -- with pride and much affection -- Edwin C. Meyenberg.

MUSEUM-CITY RELATIONS

Authorization received from the City has resulted in the recent promotion of Nellie O'Reilly from Museum Attendant to Senior Museum Attendant. Congratulations!

Edwin C. Meyenberg, Bursar, reports that a hearing by the City on the matter of upgrading the title of Museum Technician has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, at the Bureau of the Budget conference room. Further information on this may be obtained from Mr. Meyenberg's office.

An attractive new give-away folder for Museum visitors is just off the press. It contains a floor plan (with all sections numbered -- the letter designations have been eliminated), as well as information on SOUNDTREK, and other Museum services.

NEW SAFETY COMMITTEE

If your working area has loose wires strung around the floor, objects that are precariously balanced or easily stumbled over, potentially dangerous equipment, or other safety hazards of any kind, get ready for an onslaught by the newly reorganized AMNH Safety Committee. The Committee, appointed last month with Paul Grouleff, Plant Manager, as Chairman, will establish procedures for accident prevention and hazard control throughout the Museum. Members of the Committee, in addition to Mr. Grouleff, are: Emil Kremer, Philip C. Miller, Margaret L. Johnston, Malcolm MacKay, Carlton Beil, Henry Gardiner, Joseph P. Connors, James A. Ford, G. Robert Adlington, Edward A. Burns, and Joseph R. Saulina.

DR. HYMAN HONORED AGAIN

The most recent accolade to be conferred on Dr. Libbie H. Hyman (Living Invertebrates) was her election last month to the National Academy of Sciences. The Academy is a non-governmental organization founded in 1863 to serve as adviser to the Government on scientific problems. Its membership now numbers some 630 eminent scientists, elected by their fellow members for their exceptionally distinguished scientific achievements.

IMPORTANT: Anyone wishing to carry over unused annual leave from 1960 must do so at once on a form provided for this purpose by the Personnel Office. (See page 12 of the General Regulations).

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SUBWAY PEARL-HUNTER

An article in a recent issue of the N.Y. Mirror tells us about the subterranean activities of Richard Graham, Mammalogy, who has been picking up pearls in the city's subways. Mr. G., a Columbia graduate student, is a veteran spelunker and feels very much at home among stalactites, stalagmites, and cave pearls, the formations developed underground by dripping water. Not long ago, Beatrice Vogel, Entomology, drew his attention to such formations in the subway tunnels and Mr. Graham went out to investigate. With Transit Authority approval, he and a companion descended into the subway at 190th street to collect and photograph. They got some interesting specimens which are being sent to various institutions around the country for study.

The author of the Mirror article, incidentally, was Larry Van Gelder, brother of our Mammalogy Department Chairman. Mr. Van Gelder's lively column appears regularly in the Mirror and is liberally sprinkled with scoops from AMNH. In reporting the Graham pearl hunt, he observed, "It is further testimony to the monumental imperturbability of New York's subway riders that this weird expedition caused only the barest flicker of interest. Not a single token-dropper stayed around to watch."

LOOSE MONEY

One day during Easter Week might have been pretty unhappy for three Museum visitors, had it not been for the prompt action of three Museum attendants. Dan Flavin found a wallet containing $43 in cash; Mary Molloy picked up an unattended handbag holding $106; and Katherine Hrycak noticed a brown envelope on the floor which turned out to have $190 in it. In each case the money was

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connected up with its rightful owner and three more people are now telling their neighbors about the honesty and efficiency of the attendant force at AMNH.

NEWS OF FORMER COLLEAGUES

We were very happy to learn the other day that Dr. George H. Childs (formerly Exhibition) is making a good recovery from his recent heart attack and is now home from the hospital.

T. Donald Carter (formerly Mammalogy) visited the Museum in April to confer with James Perry Wilson (Exhibition) who is doing background painting for some of the new mammal habitat groups collected by Mr. Carter. Mr. C. enjoyed a cup of tea with the Library staff and a game of table tennis with his partner on the long unbeatable team of Carter & O'Brien (i.e., Charles O'Brien, Ornithology).

VITAL STATISTICS

Born: To Betty Kopf (who left Animal Behavior in mid-March) and her husband, Fred, a son - Alexander Conrad Kopf - on April 6. We hope Mrs. K., who lives just around the corner from the Museum, will come in soon wheeling the baby carriage.

Married: Trudy Mosler (Accounting) to Morton Neger on April 23. Mr. Neger is a member of the staff of the United Nations.

Engaged: Cynthia Stephens (Planetarium) to Jan Westerman. They will be married June 17. Mr. Westerman is a department store executive.

HELEN M. GUNZ

The death of Helen M. Gunz on March 31, 1961, was a severe shock to her many friends and former colleagues here. She had been a member of the Museum Library staff for 42 years when she retired from her post as Assistant Librarian early in 1960. Although her health was failing during the past year, she continued to visit the Museum occasionally. Her charm and effervescence will be greatly missed by us all.

We were saddened to learn of the deaths of two other former members of the Library staff. Ida Richardson Hood, Head Librarian before her retirement in 1934, died on March 24; and Jacqueline Van Til Miller, who retired from the staff in 1957, died on April 27.

HEARD IN PASSING

Louise Pedeberdot (Film Library) is back on the job looking tanned and happy after a wonderful two week cruise in the Caribbean....Dr. Frederick Rindge (Entomology) and his family spent the Easter holidays in California helping celebrate his parents' 50th wedding anniversary. During the same week, Dr. and Mrs. R. celebrated their own 18th anniversary....Claire Moynihan (Planetarium Book Corner) leaves soon for a vacation trip to her native England. Her friends have lined up a whirlwind social schedule for her, but she hopes to have time to see some publishers of astronomical books in London.

We were sorry to learn that Joseph M. Chamberlain (Planetarium) is again in the hospital and we hope it will be a short stay and a quick recovery. At the same time, we welcome back several colleagues who have been very much missed lately due to operations or extended illnesses: Helmuth Sommers (Mammalogy), Dr. Lester Aronson (Animal Behavior), Joseph Schmitt (Ichthyology) and Karel Smetana, Steve Tomka, Val McClure, Albin Markowski, and Leon Hrycak (all Building Services).

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Ludwig Ferraglio (Exhibition) is raising a family of scholarship winners. His elder son, Paul, who graduates from Brooklyn Tech this June, just won a State Scholarship. His younger son, Robert, is following Paul at Brooklyn Tech, having turned down a scholarship to another school. Daughter Suzie is a pianist of unusual talent, and it's sure to be open sesame at the music school of her choice. (Yet to be heard from is Deborah, age 5, an expert at handling the knobs on the TV set, according to Ludi.)

Paul Malot's colleagues at the Planetarium gave him a rousing farewell party recently when he left for his new post as Technician in the Anthropology Department. He'll be sorely missed in the starry regions, but his friends wish him much success in his new job.

A welcome visitor in the Library the other day was Mrs. Clark Wissler, widow of the famous anthropologist and specialist on American Indians. It was a busman's holiday for her daughter, Mary Wissler of the Library staff, who was on her day off when she brought her mother in to see the new Library quarters.... Speaking of busmen's holidays, Bob Adlington (Fossil Invertebrates) was on vacation at the end of April when the AMNH Bowling League teams went into the final stretch in the race for first place. So Bob came in to help his team, The Untouchables, hold the lead. (Whenever the team drops below first place, it changes its name to The Touchables, naturally.)

The end-of-April rush to use up last year's vacation time found Eddie Morton (Office Services) helping his father Gene Morton (retired from Building Services) with his gardening out on Long Island, and Charlotte Stove (Office Services) doing a thorough 2-week-long spring house cleaning.

SHARE THE WEALTH

As long as some people insist on hoarding inter-office routing envelopes in their desks, other people have to get along without them. Larry Pintner urges that you help your fellow man by returning all such envelopes not in use to Office Services. Thank you.

COMINGS, GOINGS, & GATHERINGS

Dr. Meredith L. Jones (Living Invertebrates) returned late last month from a $3\frac{1}{2}$-week field trip aboard the Lamont Geological Observatory's research vessel "Vema" on which he collected deep-sea biological samples off the coast of Chile and in the Straits of Magellan. Just after his return, Dr. Donald Squires (Fossil Invertebrates) headed south to pick up the ship for another leg of the voyage.

Director James A. Oliver visited the Museum's Lerner Marine Laboratory at Bimini last month to attend two conferences of scientists from research institutions in this country and abroad. One group was concerned with shark studies, the other with sounds produced by underwater organisms. Dr. Oliver listened by hydrophone to some 30 different kinds of sounds emanating from the not-so-silent sea and reports that they ranged from loud knocks to squeaks, groans, and crackles.

Among recent visitors at the Museum's Southwestern Research Station in Arizona were Dr. Jerome Rozen and Rudolph Schrammel (Entomology) who are due back soon from 4 weeks of bee-collecting in Texas, Arizona, and California. Other entomologists in the field are Dr. Willis Gertsch who is collecting spiders in southern California, and Patricia Vaurie who is visiting museums in Europe with her husband, Dr. Charles Vaurie (Ornithology). Dr. Vaurie's itinerary includes 10 days in the Soviet Union.

Under the auspices of Philip Spalding (Field Associate in Herpetology), William Hosmer of Melbourne, Australia, is spending several months in the Herpetology Department working on the Australian amphibians and reptiles collected by the Spalding-Hosmer Expeditions. He is assisted by Muriel Lea who also hails from Australia. Mr. Hosmer recently joined Herpetology Chairman Charles M. Bogert and Dr. Richard G. Zweifel to

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attend the meetings of the Society of Ichths and Herps in Texas where Mr. Bogert presided over a symposium session and Dr. Zweifel gave a paper on hybridization of whiptail lizards. Another Department member who presented a paper was Roger Conant, President-elect of the Society.

Vickie Pelton (Ichthyology) is back from Florida where she spent a pleasant week working with Dr. Charles M. Breder, Ichthyology Chairman, on his Gulf Coast fish studies. As of this writing Dr. T. C. Schneirla (Animal Behavior) is in Thailand, continuing his army ant research.

Museum scientists attending the Conference on Comparative Endocrinology at the University of New Hampshire at the end of April included Dr. Dorothy E. Bliss and Morris Altman (Living Invertebrates) and Drs. Ethel Tobach and Leo Vroman and Joseph Gitlin (Animal Behavior). Dr. Sydney Anderson (Mammalogy) worked at Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology for a week in April.

Dr. and Mrs. James P. Chapin (Ornithology and Main Library respectively) showed some of their films and slides of Africa at a fund-raising dinner for the Boy Scouts in Atlantic City, and Dr. E. Thomas Gilliard (Ornithology) gave the Explorers Club a preview of his Cock-of-the-Rock film at their fund-raising dinner at the Waldorf Astoria.

TRADING POST

Going on vacation, or just working in the back yard? Men's and women's hand-made sandals, adjustable to the foot, moulded arches, classic styles. Call Mitch Kaufman, ext. 343.

The Globe Canteen has received some complaints lately about people bucking the line in the public cafeteria. Unfortunately, the line-buckers are mostly Museum employees. With the recent upswing in attendance, our public eating facilities are in heavy use. It is requested, therefore, that employees not use public cafeteria at lunch time on weekdays. When you use this cafeteria at weekends, please remember that visitors waiting in line take a dim view of anyone getting in ahead of them. Thanks for your cooperation.

GRAPEVINE

OF THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

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This month, the entire Museum family joins in extending good wishes and appreciation to Mr. Alexander M. White on the occasion of his tenth anniversary as President of The American Museum of Natural History. This has been a decade of much progress in all the areas of Museum activity -- research, exhibition, exploration, and education. Under Mr. White's continuing leadership, we look forward to the advancement of programs that will enable the Museum to keep fulfilling its role in the quest for, and the interpretation of, scientific knowledge. Congratulations, Mr. White, and many happy returns!

QUARTER CENTURY CLUB MEETS

Three thousand years of service sounds impossible, unless one is speaking of dinosaurs. But we are speaking of people -- the AMNH Twenty-Five Year Club members who gathered here on Monday evening, May 10, and whose combined service to the Museum totals something over three millenia.

Of the 171 members of the Club, 107 attended this year's Dinner to welcome the thirteen newest members: James G. Bourdonnay, Joseph P. Connors, George B. Decker, Matthew M. Duffy, Henry Ehlenberger, George J. Hawkins, Walter McGrath, James F. Phelan, Albert C. Potenza, Joseph R. Saulina, Fred F. Scherer, Edward J. Tuohy, and Mary V. Wissler. Unfortunately, George Hawkins was unable to attend because of illness, and Walter McGrath was out of town. Both were sorry to miss their first 25-Year Dinner, but they will have ample opportunity to make up for it in the future.

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THE MUSEUM LIBRARY & MISS GAY

The Open House of the new Museum Library on June 22 will be a memorable event for two reasons. It marks the culmination of many years of preparation and work to create adequate housing for the Library and to transfer the thousands of volumes, as well as records and catalogs, with safety and efficiency. The completed quarters are as functional as they are handsome, and worthy to house one of the world's greatest collections of scientific writings.

More important, the occasion will mark the retirement of the woman, who, more than any other person, is responsible for the excellence of the Library as it stands today. Hazel Gay joined the staff as Assistant Librarian in June, 1916, and became Head of the Library in 1936. During her forty-five years of service, she has come to know the book collections intimately and has helped thousands of investigators and students

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President A.M. White greeted the members as "the youngest-looking relatively old group" he had ever seen and cited, as an example, Dr. Barnum Brown who made his first expedition for the Museum just 72 years ago. Director James A. Oliver then introduced the new members, giving brief but lively biographical sketches, and Controller Walter F. Meister presented each with a certificate of Life Membership in the Museum.

The Club now has 85 members who have retired from active duty. Of these, 33 were able to attend the inner. It was good to see the faces of so many

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to track down little-known writings and obscure reference papers. As Head Librarian, she has developed and instituted many practices to effect better use of the Library. In addition, she has an almost encyclopedic knowledge of the Museum, its history, and its personnel through the years -- a mental storehouse that has proved invaluable to her colleagues on many occasions. There are few employees whose circle of Museum friends, both active and retired, is as wide as Miss Gay's. We wish her a very happy and relaxing vacation after she leaves us on the 22nd, and we hope to be seeing her frequently in the future.

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who were here for last year's Dinner, including Anthony Cartossa, Elizabeth Emery, Harry Farrar, Ida Grobe, Robert McMorran, Chris Olsen, Henry Ramshaw, Henry Ruof, May Sheehan, Oscar Shine, Dorothy Shuttlesworth, and Jacob Stephens. There was also a fine turnout among those who have retired quite recently, including Don Carter, James Flood, Thomas Grady, William Nalty, Herman Otto, Johanna Scharf, Robert Seibert, and Fred Wernersbach.

Dr. James L. Clark, here for his first 25-Year Dinner in many years, still gets fan mail from all over the country and answers every letter. He and his wife spend half the year in Florida where Dr. C. goes in for swimming and eating grapefruit -- but not for night clubbing. When in New York, however, the Clarks go dancing every Saturday night.

James A. McKeon, just back from a Florida trip, continues to enjoy his leisure after 16 years of retirement. Frank S. Vitolo, who retired 23 years ago and lives in Queens Village, keeps his hand in with drawing and lettering. Ashton Littlefield spends a lot of time working in his garden at Throgs Neck and finds the results very rewarding.

Dr. Grace F. Ramsey continues to be very active in community affairs in Brookfield Center, Conn. She's looking wonderful and seems completely recovered from the bad auto accident she suffered a year ago.

Joseph F. Connolly, who used to play professional basketball, is living in University Heights with his daughter who is on the staff of St. Luke's Hospital. Bernard Marshall and John J. Lambert were comparing grandchildren -- Mr. M. has 12 and Mr. L. has 15, the latest of which are twins.

Alma O'Connor had come up from Florida especially for the 25-Year Dinner, her first in five years. Her sister and brother are living with her in St. Petersburg now and they all love trailer life. Fortunately, Hurricane Donna did little damage to their area. Lilian Utermehle has sold her New Jersey home and she and her sister now live in Washington. At the time of the Dinner she was visiting New York for two weeks to see old friends and take in theaters and restaurants.

Jacob Shrope, who had planned to be with us that evening, was taken sick a few days before the Dinner. We missed him, and a number of others who were kept away by illness. We'll look forward to seeing them next year.

We wish the Grapevine could bring you news of every member of "this happy throng", as Charlotte Stove so aptly referred to the Club in her fine poem written especially for this year's Dinner. Just one more item: After the presentation of certificates, Dr. Oliver announced a special presentation, a silver automatic pencil, in recognition of "a young man who came to work here as a fleet, agile, slim messenger boy" -- Bursar Edwin C. Meyenberg who this May celebrated his Fiftieth Anniversary with the Museum.

IMPORTANT

If you wish to receive your pay for your vacation period before you leave on vacation, don't wait 'til the last minute. The form provided for this purpose must be in the Personnel Office at least two weeks prior to the date on which you want to receive your check. If you forget to file this form, don't expect special consideration. Our Personnel Office can't cope with 600 prima donnas.

SAFETY COMMITTEE REQUEST

In order to help the Safety Committee locate and remove any potential hazards around the building, it is requested that such hazards be brought to the attention of Paul Grouleff, Plant Manager and Safety Committee Chairman. If you trip over a broken step, stub your toe in a dark hall, or bump your head on a low beam -- please describe the location in writing and address it to Mr. Grouleff who will make every effort to correct the situation.

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MUSEUM CITY RELATIONS

The Park Department awarded a contract for lighting improvements in the Children's Cafeteria, Basement, Section 11, and work will begin about June 19.

On Friday, June 2, bids will be taken for rehabilitation of the parking field adjacent to the Hayden Planetarium, by the Park Department.

DAN FLAVIN CREATES UNIQUE ART

We recently saw an attractive, modern brochure announcing a show of constructions and watercolors by one "dn flavin" who, it turns out, is Dan Flavin of Building Services. Mr. Flavin's art, like his artistic signature "dn", is distinctive, as you would have seen if you had visited the Judson Gallery, 239 Thompson Street in N.Y., during the past month. The show closes this week, but may still be seen by special appointment.

A rave review of the show in the May issue of Art News refers to Mr. Flavin as "a young artist whose work has a precocious air of authority and daring." A Flavin watercolor which incorporates a quote from Van Gogh is described as "The story of Van Gogh's life -- surging, explosive, black, brilliantly colored, complicated, swift, uncompromising."

The Flavin constructions consist of painted surfaces to which a "found object" -- a flattened tin can, a screw driver, a piece of molding from a building -- has been attached. The artist considers himself a realist, explaining that these objects are real things, not painted illusions.

Mr. Flavin took courses in art history with Prof. Meyer Shapiro at Columbia and also studied under Hans Hoffman at the New School. Last year his work was seen in two widely-acclaimed shows, "New Media" and "New Forms", at the Martha Jackson Gallery.

FOUR LONG-TIMERS RETIRE

We must say so long this month to four colleagues who have been with us for many years: Alexander Seidel, James Fogarty, James Gallagher, and Hazel Gay (see Library story, p. 1)

Mr. Seidel, a noted scientific illustrator joined the staff as an artist in the Ornithology Department in 1943, and subsequently served in the Graphic Arts Division and the Exhibition Department. He has illustrated many publications, both scientific and popular, and his work may also be seen in the Hall of Oil Geology, the Hall of North American Forests, and the Hall of the Biology of Man. Each December, he delights his friends with his charming Christmas cards which show small animals celebrating the Yuletide. On June 8th, his colleagues will gather to honor him at a Tea in the staff dining room, and to wish him much success in his future ventures.

Mr. Fogarty came to the Museum first as a night watchman in 1930. He left us briefly in the early 30's but returned permanently in 1934 and is now a Senior Attendant, working on the doors and in the Auditorium. After he retires at the end of this month, he will just relax for a while at his home in the Bronx. Eventually he hopes to take a trip to his native Ireland and visit his ancestral home in County Kerry.

Mr. Gallagher, also born in Ireland (County Mayo), joined the Attendant Force permanently in 1935, after a brief period with us a few years earlier. He had previously been a Special Patrolman at the observation area atop the Woolworth Building -- and no one can debate his contention that he once held the highest police job in the City of New York. He and his wife, who have four children and nine grandchildren, live in Valley Stream, L.I., and are looking forward to travelling and seeing the world now that their time is their own.

HEARD IN PASSING

The jubilant smile on the face of Malcolm Mackay (Power House) is explained by the fact that his son Gordon, 22, has just been awarded a Columbia University Fellowship to train as an education officer in East Africa this summer. Young Mr. McK is a senior at Hope College, Michigan. His training includes preliminary study at Columbia and the University of London, then at Makerre College in Uganda until December, after which he will be

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assigned a post in Uganda, Kenya, or Tanganyika.

John Ottens (Frick Lab.) is ill and hospitalized at Holy Family Hospital, 155 Dean Street, Brooklyn. Friends who would like to cheer him up may send good wishes to him there. Marie Skinner (also Frick Lab.) is back at work looking hale and harty after three weeks hospitalization. She wishes to thank all her anxious friends for the cards and get well wishes she received during her convalescense.

Born: A daughter, Gail, to Thomas D. Nicholson (Planetarium) and his wife Branca. on May 28. She weighed in at a healthy 9 lbs. 3 oz. Dr. Robert Cushman Murphy (Ornithology) and Mrs. Murphy welcomed their first great-grandchild, Lawrence Stuart Mathews, born April 5. Congratulations to all!

Numerous Museum visitors to 110 Sunset Lane, Tenafly, report that Kay Beneker (Exhibition) continues to make excellent progress in recovering from her heart attack. She'll spend the summer getting a long restful vacation on Cape Cod before coming back to work in the fall.

FAMILIAR FACES IN NEW PLACES

Bea Brewster, formerly of Natural History, has taken over as secretary to Dr. Norman D. Newell, Fossil Invertebrates...Melvin Hinkley left Building Services last month to join Dr. Newell's department as a laboratory assistant....Joan Gordan, formerly with Vegetation Studies and temporarily at Public Relations and Natural History, has joined the staff of Junior N.H..... So has Joan Troy, who was Joan Duggan when she worked on Natural History several years ago....Marlyn Mangus will shortly transfer from Education to Vertebrate Paleontology where she will assist Drs. Edwin H. Colbert and Bobb Schaeffer in the post vacated by Mary Patsuris a few months ago.

PET PEEVE: People who dial the wrong number or get the wrong department and then hang up without saying a word. Can't they at least say "Sorry, I have the wrong number."? GR-R-R!

BOWLING LEAGUE CELEBRATES

The AMNH Bowling League wound up its season on May 26th with the annual dinner dance for members and their guests at Mayer's Parkway Restaurant. Highlight of the evening was the awarding of trophies to the first and second place teams, the Reptiles and the Untouchables, and to the four bowlers who took the individual honors: Hobart Van Deusen who bowled the men's high average of 163; Catherine Pessino who took both the women's high average of 126 and the women's high game at 223; and Ed Hoffman and Al Potenza who tied for men's high game with 223 each. (The men were mighty relieved when Cath got only 6 pins in her last frame, giving her a tie with them rather than putting her ahead).

Six teams competed for first place this year, and it is hoped that more bowlers will come out for the League next September. Early that month, notices of the first fall meeting will be mailed to all employees. As so many people have expressed reluctance to join the league because they think they lack bowling skill, Al Potenza is organizing a summer league to put, or keep, everyone in shape for the coming season. Contact him for details. Members who continued through last summer showed marked improvement. One of the Untouchables, Sal DiBella, increased his average by a smashing 31 points, thanks to summer practice and continued effort all year.

This year's team and final standings were: Reptiles (1st place) - Irene Nagyhazi, Charles La Salla, Paul Goodhouse, Arthur Naylor; Untouchables (2nd place) Catherine Pessino, Sal Di Bella, Nicholas Amorosi, Bob Adlington; Whales (3rd place)- Catherine Mahoney, Joe Droche, Richy Oremland, Al Potenza; Gorillas (4th place) - Lois Hussey, Ed Hoffman, Bill Barbieri, Bill Forbes. Tied for low place on the totem-bowl were the Dinosaurs - Doris Hoffman, Vita de Vita, Farrell Carney, Hobart Van Deusen and the Flying Saucers - Trudy Neger, Mary McKenna, Micky Nagyhazi, Don Serret.

Rudy Schrammel, Hugh Ohrenburger, and Mabel Colahan had to drop out of the League during the season. Their fellow members were sorry to see them leave but grateful to Charles La Salla and Ed and Doris Hoffman who filled the vacancies.

LISTEN to the Museum's radio program "Journey Into Nature" every Sunday at 11:05 a.m. on WNBC. Staff members who will be heard on forthcoming programs are Lois Hussey on Bird Watching Around Town (June 11); Colin Turnbull on Africa and African Art (June 18); and Dr. Leo Vroman on Blood (June 25).

ALBION HADDON

It is with sorrow that we record the death on May 9, 1961, of Albion Haddon who retired in 1953 after twenty-six years of service as a printer with the Museum. Mr. Haddon used to operate the large press on which Junior Natural History was printed for many years. His former colleagues in the Print Shop and his many other Museum friends extend their deep sympathy to his wife and daughter.

NEW FACES

Welcome to Ernestine Weindorf, newly arrived secretary at Natural History, who comes to us from E. F. Drew Company. She's a dance enthusiast who also is interested enough in the Museum to beat her way in from Pelham daily.

Welcome also to S. Abulqasim Khatami ("Just call me Abul if it's easier"), new instructor in the adult program of the Education Department, who is an Iranian by nationality and an anthropologist by profession. Born in Isfahan, city of many romantic legends, he studied in Teheran, in France and England, at Columbia and Chicago in this country, and holds an M.A. in languages. He recently taught languages at Queens College and is now a candidate for a Ph.D. at Columbia.

SO LONG AND GOOD LUCK

Kay Henderson leaves the Museum this month after 13 years in the Education Department. She's joining the staff of the Public Library at Levittown, L.I., as a librarian trainee, starting June 16.. Rita Keller, editorial secretary at Natural History left last month to be a housewife and, in the fall, a mama.... Alain Petit, Building Services, heads west next week to join the archaeological survey of the University of South Dakota and the South Dakota State Parks Commission. He will be working at sites near Lewis and Clark Lake and Fort Randall. This is his third summer with the South Dakota group and he had previously worked with the Chicago Natural History Museum on digs in New Mexico.

COMINGS, GOINGS & GATHERINGS

Dr. Charles M. Breder, Chairman of Ichthyology, returned in May from Florida where he has been doing behavorial and ecological studies of fishes on the Gulf Coast. His latest research involves the recording of fish sounds and the study of these sounds in relation to other behavior.

Dr. Norman D. Newell, Chairman of Fossil Invertebrates, will spend the last two weeks of June at Bimini testing some new equipment designed to record data on burrowing organisms. He will be accompanied by Drs. John Imbrie and Edward Purdy and two eminent British geologists, Drs. G. R. Orme and R. G. C. Bathhurst.

Louis Ferry, Foreman of the Carpentry Shop, visited the Smithsonian Institution in Washington last month and exchanged information and ideas with the head of their carpentry shop. Mr. Ferry reports that he received the red carpet and that he and his Smithsonian counterpart both learned some useful information.

Five members of the Mammalogy Department will attend the American Society of Mammalogists meeting at the University of Illinois this month. They are Dr. Richard G. Van Gelder, Chairman; Dr. Joseph C. Moore; Richard Graham; Dr. Sydney Anderson who will present a paper on the white-sided jack rabbits of Mexico; and Hobart Van Deusen who will speak on the carnivorous marsupials of New Guinea. After the meetings, Mr. and Mrs. Van Deusen will visit the Chicago Natural History Museum and the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburg. Dr. Van Gelder and Mr. Graham will visit several other museums before returning to New York.

Dr. William Tavolga, Animal Behavior, left last month for the Lerner Marine Laboratory at Bimini where he will

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continue his study of fish sounds this summer....Dr. James P. Chapin, Ornithology, and Mrs. Chapin, Library, flew to San Francisco at the end of the month. They are on a three week trip which will take them down the coast to Los Angeles and San Diego.

Sherrill Baehler, Planetarium, and her husband are presently travelling through Mexico and Yucatan. Their itinerary includes Chichen Itza where they will visit the original pre-Columbian planetarium.

REMINDER

The Museum Library has recently had several complaints from visitors who received misinformation about Library hours. For everyone's information, the Library is open to the public from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays from October through May. It is always closed Sundays and holidays, and it is also closed Saturdays from June 1 through September 30.

Small boy in Biology Hall: "I never knew ladies had mirrors inside them."

TRADING POST

Rentals

Small vacation and weekend cottage available for the summer. Situated on a lake in a wooded preserve 90 miles from New York City. Rent for the season, $200.

Sublet July 1 - Sept. 15. Five room railroad apartment, East 78th Street. $100 a month.

For information on either of the above rentals, call Cicely Breslin, ext. 478, or evenings at RE 4-3406.

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DR. McCORMICK TO DO POLAR STUDIES

Dr. Jack McCormick, in charge of Vegetation Studies, will leave the Museum this summer to take up his duties at Ohio State University where his new appointment takes effect September 1. He will be Assistant Professor in the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology and, for six months each year, will be attached to the staff of the University's Institute of Polar Studies. In the latter capacity, he will spend considerable time in the Arctic doing ecological research. After he leaves us, the Museum will no longer maintain a full-time staff program in vegetation studies.

Dr. McCormick came to the Museum in 1954 and supervised the completion of the Hall of North American Forests which was opened in 1958. Since then he has devoted his attention to vegetation studies in various parts of the country including the Chiricahua Mountains of southeastern Arizona and the Museum's Kalbfleisch Field Research Station on Long Island. This summer he will finish the Chiricahua study, which is supported by a National Science Foundation grant, and thereafter he will retain an association with AMNH as a Consultant in Ecology. Happily, he will visit us from time to time to continue his studies at the Kalbfleisch Station. Meanwhile, we wish him all good fortune and success in his new assignment.

DR. SCHNEIRLA BACK FROM ASIA

Winding up with a leisurely 17-day freighter trip from Hong Kong to California, Dr. T.C. Schneirla,

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ARTS STUDENTS EXHIBIT

The Museum Art Class climaxed its 1960-61 season with a handsome exhibit of paintings in the foyer of the employees' cafeteria. The subjects were mainly still lifes -- colorful flower arrangements, fruit and a wine bottle, a theater mask, a squirrel (a mounted still life, or was he persuaded to pose?) Three fine interpretations of one subject -- a seabird with driftwood and a shell -- evoked a question from an admiring viewer: was Bill Baker sitting on Angelina Messina's lap (or vice versa) with Dorothy Bronson squeezed in on their right, all on the same chair? Other exhibitors were Carlton Beil, Anna Ferry, Helen Jones, Betty Kopf, William Mussig, Edna Prestia, and Miriam Stryker.

The members of the group have expressed deep gratitude to their very talented and patient instructor Matthew Kalmenoff, and they are looking forward with enthusiasm to the next Art Class season which begins in September. All Museum employees are welcome to participate.

MR. PICKERING TEACHES AT DAWN

Those who wish to bone up on their astronomy are invited to turn on their television sets to Channel 4 (WNBC-TV) every Friday morning at 6:30 and study with James S. Pickering, Assistant Astronomer at the American Museum-Hayden Planetarium. Mr. Pickering is the on-camera instructor in the TV series "Astronomy For You" which began last month and will continue through August. The series was shown here last year on Channel 7 (ABC-TV).

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Department of Animal Behavior, returned to the Museum last month after five months in southeast Asia. The purpose of his field trip was to study legionary ants, specifically their behavior and its biological basis. This research is related to the studies on New World army ants in which Dr. Schneirla has been engaged since 1932, and he reports that the results of his latest expedition were better than he had expected. He spent the majority of his time in the Philippines, working on Negros and Luzon islands, and devoted the last month to studies in Thailand.

WINNIE CULLEN RETIRES

Winifred Cullen, Museum Shop, retired last month after 29 years of service with the Museum. She had been on extended sick leave for over a year, trying to surmount an acute anemic condition; but fortunately she has been able to drop in from time to time for such occasions as the annual dinner of the 25-Year Club. This month she plans to take a Florida vacation and we hope that the combination of sunshine and plenty of fresh orange juice will give her health a real boost. We'll miss her a lot, but will look forward to seeing her whenever she's in our neighborhood.

MAMMALOGY STAFF PICNIC

Members of the Department of Mammalogy gathered on June 17th to munch hamburgers and frankfurters, pitch horseshoes, and witness a magnificent display of plumage staged by four handsome peacocks. The occasion was the Department's annual picnic for which T. Donald Carter, recently retired from the Department,

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and Mrs. Carter again opened their beautiful country home at Kinnelton, N.J. The peacocks are among the many fortunate animals, both domesticated and wild, who also enjoy the Carter's hospitality at Kinnelton.

BOWLING LEAGUE PLANS

The AMNH Bowling League recently elected the following officers for the coming year: President - Lois Hussey; Vice-President - Mary McKenna; Secretary - Al Potenza; and Treasurer - Farrell Carney.

The League plans to send notices to all employees early in September inviting them to join. Spouses will be welcomed, too. The official season will start Wednesday, October 4, and will continue through the middle of May. However, there will be two preliminary sessions on the last two Wednesdays in September for those who want to get in some practice before the League scoring begins. The sessions will be at 6 p.m. at the Manhattan Lanes. Meanwhile, if you care to join others who are bowling this summer, call the Secretary, Al Potenza.

ELECTED

John C. Pallister, Research Associate in the Department of Enthomology, was elected President of the Explorers Club in May. Mr. Pallister who has been active in the Club for many years had previously been a Vice President.

Dr. Richard G. Van Gelder, Chairman of the Department of Mammalogy, was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Society of Mammalogists at the Society's meeting last month in Urbana, Illinois.

NEW FACES IN THE SHOP

The Museum Shop recently welcomed three new employees: Anne Penzer, a native New Yorker, is clerical assistant in the Shop office; Robert Re, formerly of White Plains and a night student of art at Pratt Institute is on the 77th Street sales desk; and Doris Wessot, a former arts and crafts teacher in the YWCA, is a sales assistant in the Shop proper.

It is with sorrow that we record the deaths last month of two people who were close to the Museum family for many years

Mrs. Walter F. Meister, wife of our Deputy Director and Controller, died suddenly of a heart attack on June 13. Mrs. Mary C. Barry, mother of Catharine and Josephine Barry of the Department of Education, passed away on June 15 after a long illness.

Museum colleagues extend their deepest sympathy to the Meister family and the Barry family.

PROMOTED

The following promotions of scientific s staff members took effect this July 1: Dr. James A. Ford, Anthropology, from Associate Curator to Curator of North American Archeology; Dr. William K. Emerson, Chairman of Living Invertebrates, from Assistant Curator to Associate Curator; Dr. Donald F. Squires, Fossil Invertebrates, from Assistant Curator to Associate Curator; and Dr. Richard G. Van Gelder, Chairman of Mammalogy, from Assistant Curator to Associate Curator.

HONORS IN ORNITHOLOGY DEPT.

June 11 was Honorary Degree Day for the Department of Ornithology. Dr. Dean Amadon received a Doctor of Science degree from Hobart College, and that same afternoon Keuka College, fifty miles away, conferred a Doctor of Letters on Constance D. Sherman. A week earlier, on June 5, Dr. Robert Cushman Murphy served as Chief Marshall at the 193rd commencement procession of Brown University from which he graduated just fifty years ago.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Dr. Donald F. Squires, Fossil Invertebrates, is just back from two months aboard the Research Vessel "Vema" in the chilly waters where the Atlantic and Pacific meet below the southern tip

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of South America. The collecting expedition travelled almost to the 60th parallel south but was turned back by storms with 150 m.p.h. winds and 75-foot high waves. Despite this, and despite a collision with an Argentine oceanographic vessel, Dr. Squires' dredging and deep water sampling operations were extremely successful.

Dr. James A. Oliver, Director, and his family are on vacation touring the southwest and visiting museums....Charles M. Bogert, Herpetology, is spending the summer doing field work in Oaxaca, Mexico. He and his wife Mickey went first to Texas for daughter Pat's wedding on June 27.

The Stuart Keiths, Ornithology, are back from two weeks in Bermuda....Connie Sherman, Ornithology, flies to Europe in a few days to spend six weeks visiting friends in Spain, Switzerland, France, and England....Nan Keating, Natural History, soaked up a gorgeous tan on Sicilian beaches last month. Among her fellow passengers on the return flight from Rome to Idlewild was Jacqueline Kennedy.

Dr. Evelyn Shaw, Animal Behavior, left for Woods Hole in June to continue her field research....Dr. Jerome Rosen, Entomology, and his family headed for California, Utah, and Arizona to collect insects....In the same Department, Dr. Frederick Rindge and his family left for New Mexico and Colorado to collect lepidoptera....Other entomologists recently returned from the southwest include Marjorie Statham, Dr. Willis Gertsch, and Rudolph Schrammel.

Regular readers of the New York Times may have noticed the fine literary hand of Isabel Mount, on leave from Public Relations, in dispatches from Africa. Mrs. Mount and her husband Marshall are about midway through their year-long tour of the African Continent, observing contemporary art in the various countries, working on a Rockefeller Grant.

HEARD IN PASSING

Abul Khatami, Education, played host for the Museum to an interesting visitor on July 5, i.e., the Supreme Patriarch of Thailand who is spiritual leader of the world's 150 million Buddhists. The distinguished guest and his party of twelve asked many questions and expressed great interest in the Museum and Planetarium.

Born: To Elinor White Montgomery, formerly Exhibition, and her husband George, a son George Geoffrey Montgomery on June 30. G.G.M, who weighed in at 7 pounds, 6 ounces, is the first grandson for Museum President and Mrs. A. M. White, who also have two granddaughters. ...To Bernice McClure Attard, daughter of Val McClure, Building Services, a girl on June 23. Mr. McClure's new granddaughter is Elizabeth Mary Attard.

Married: George Deabreo, Building Services, to Miss Verna Vrooman on July 8 at Our Savior's Church in the Bronx.... Patricia Bogert, formerly Exhibition, to Millard Jeffrey Holbrook 2nd, on June 27 at the Unitarian Chapel of Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Holbrook, a native of Oregon, is a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force, stationed in Waco, Texas.

Joseph Amendolare, Building Services, and his wife Frances celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on June 16. They now have two charming youngsters, Joseph and Frances, Jrs., and hope to be homeowners soon....James S. Pickering, Planetarium, and his wife Meg were married forty years on June 18, and on July 3 Jim celebrated his tenth anniversary with the Planetarium.

The distaff staff of the Circulation Department gave a gala dinner party at a Yorkville restaurant on June 20th in honor of two of their number, Joan Mahoney who left a few days later for a vacation visit to her native Ireland, and Anna DeMarco who is being married this month to John Chomyak. Mr. Chomyak is with A. T. & T.

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MOSQUITOFISH AT KALBFLEISCH

If the Museum's Kalbfleisch Field Research Station experiences a mosquito plague in the next few weeks, staff members and students who are working there can blame it on Dr. Donn Rosen of the Ichthyology Department. But if his new project at the Station is successful, we will be able to thank him for a reduced mosquito population at the Station in the future.

Dr. Rosen is attempting to establish a cold-tolerant strain of the mosquitofish, *Gambusia affinis*, in the Station's spring-fed pond. These fish are descended from a cold-tolerant strain developed in Chicago in 1937 and maintained more recently in New Jersey by Dr. Charles M. Breder, Chairman of Ichthyology. *Gambusia's* native range extends from southern New Jersey to southern Illinois and southward to the Gulf and northern Mexico. However, because of its appetite for mosquitoes, it has been introduced widely in many parts of the world and has proved a very effective agent for controlling these unpopular insects. In observational studies, one 2-inch female *Gambusia* consumed 250 mosquito larvae in one hour.

The fifteen hundred goldfish who previously occupied Kalbfleisch Station pond (and also ate their share of mosquitoes) had to be removed before the *Gambusia* were introduced. Until the new occupants take hold, there may be a few extra mosquitoes around.

For discount tix to Ice Capades, Madison Sq. Garden, call Larry Pintner, ext. 263.

SPACE SHIP GOING UP IN R.M.

The Roosevelt Memorial second floor rotunda will be closed to the public beginning Tuesday, September 5, for the installation of the expanded MAN IN SPACE exhibition scheduled to open on Columbus Day, October 12. Already screened off at the north end of the hall is the steel framework of a model space station to be known as ARIES (Authentic Reproduction of an Independent Earth Satellite.)

A gift of the Martin Company, ARIES represents the kind of manned scientific laboratory that will probably be launched into orbit around the earth by the late 1960's. The model lab is a cylinder 41 feet in length and 15 feet in diameter. Revealed through its transparent shell will be the life-support system in which five men will reside for as much as 60 days in orbit while conducting experiments on a variety of bio-medical problems that man encounters in space.

The cylinder is divided down the middle by a floor which is common to the occupants on both sides; in other words, they will stand feet to feet. In the absence of gravity, their feet will cling to the floor by means of a plastic adherent material.

In the compartments of the space ship, Museum visitors will see five life-sized manikin astronauts utilizing the vehicle's equipment and facilities for eating, sleeping, recreation, and work. The display will also depict some of the studies on which the astronauts will be working

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such as metabolism and the recycling of oxygen, water, and food; protection from radiation and extremes in temperature; responses to gravitational changes; and the psychological effects of the space environment.

The model of the Mercury Spacecraft now on exhibit will be incorporated into the new exhibition, and a selection of new motion pictures on space will be shown.

Incidentally, the opening date of the exhibition, October 12, is also the tenth anniversary of the first space travel symposium to be held in the United States. It was held in this Museum's Department of Astronomy, the American Museum-Hayden Planetarium, and--as you may recall--there were lots of people around then who just shook their heads and called the whole idea completely visionary.

MUSEUM ARTIST EXHIBITS IN MEXICO

Robert A. Gartland, Graphic Arts Division, recently had a one-man exhibition of his watercolors at La Casa de La Cultura Jalisciense in Guadalajara, Mexico. Many Museum colleagues are familiar with Mr. Gartland's fine, sensitive paintings, realistic in style and generally depicting broad landscapes and scenes in nature. Several years ago he was represented in the Corner Gallery show of art by Museum personnel.

His exhibition in Guadalajara consisted of 38 watercolors that he had painted in recent years while touring Mexico, the United States, and Colombia. The opening of the show on July 12 was attended by numerous people interested in cultural exchange between Mexico and the United States, including the American Consul at Guadalajara.

FRANCESCA LAMONTE RETIRES

Francesca LaMonte, Associate Curator in the Department of Ichthyology, retired on July 31. At her emphatic request, there were no retirement celebrations.

Depending on a particular fish run, Miss LaMonte and the free-lance illustrator Nina Walters Williams, will work on fishes which the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution is collecting for them and sending by boat to Wickford, R. I., where Mrs. Williams now lives. Their summer's work should complete the drawings for the manuscript on which Miss LaMonte is working.

Miss LaMonte expects to stay in New York for the present and will be in the Museum frequently, although she is giving up her office.

"JOURNEY INTO NATURE"

The Museum's weekly radio program "Journey Into Nature" on WNBC has been aired regularly through the summer with new shows (rather than repeats, as was the case last summer) and mail response continues to show a large and loyal audience.

On forthcoming programs, Dr. Stanley Freed, Anthropology, will discuss India and its people (Aug. 20 and 27); and Dr. Wesley Lanyon, Resident Director at the Kalbfleisch Field Research Station, will talk about the Station's work (Sept. 3 and 10).

Other colleagues who will be heard on the program soon include Thomas D. Nicholson, Planetarium, on hurricanes; Hobart Van Deusen, Mammalogy, on bats; Gordon Reekie, Exhibition, on the Man In Space exhibition; and John Saunders on Museum expeditions of the past.

The program is heard every Sunday on WNBC-Radio at 11:05 a.m. The interviewer is Tex Antoine.

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COMINGS AND GOINGS

Joseph M. Chamberlain, Planetarium Chairman, went to Caracas, Venezuela, last month to help open the new Humboldt Planetarium in that city. Humboldt's Manager, Enrique Campdera, had spent a couple of months with us last spring studying operations at the American Museum-Hayden Planetarium. On his exchange visit, Mr. Chamberlain assisted in the preparation of the opening show at the new Planetarium and conferred with one of its chief sponsors, William H. Phelps, Jr., formerly a Trustee of The American Museum of Natural History.

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Dr. Lester Aronson, Chairman of Animal Behavior, left early this month for a 3-month trip that includes participation in two major scientific meetings: the Conference on Sex Behavior in Berkeley, Cal., organized by the National Research Council; and the Pacific Science Congres being held in Honolulu. At the latter gathering, Dr. Aronson will present a paper on Hormones and Reproductive Behavior in the Symposium on Endocrines in Fishes. Later he will work at the Marine Laboratory of the University of Hawaii, studying the ecology and behavior of pearl fishes. On his way home, he plans to visit the University of British Columbia where extensive research is in progress on fish behavior and endocrinology.

Also presenting a paper at the Pacific Science Congress is Dr. Norman Newell, Chairman of Fossil Invertebrates. On their way back from the meeting, Dr. and Mrs. Newell will visit Mrs. Newell's family in Dodge City, Kansas.

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[illegible] Appointments

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HEARD IN PASSING

Numerous books by AMNH authors have been translated into various foreign languages, but we doubt that many are available in Persian. Therefore, we were especially interested to recognize, by its jacket design, the latest edition of "Man And His Tools" by Dr. William A. Burns, Membership Chairman. First published in English by McGraw-Hill in 1956, the book has just been translated into Persian and may now be read from back to front by those who can decipher the curlicues of the modern Iranian tongue.

Married: Frank Hoffman, Jr., Building Services Division, to Beatrice Michaels, on July 22. Mrs. Hoffman is with the Salvation Army Day Nursery Program.
Born: To Barbara Willence, wife of Nolan Willence, Architectural Planning Division, a girl, Mona Elaine on March 25....To Liliana Di Palma, wife of Gaetano Di Palma, Graphic Arts Division, a boy, Gordon Gregory, on April 28. Welcome, and congratulations to all!

We were very sorry to hear that Louise Pedeberdot, Film Library, is again in Memorial Hospital. Colleagues who have been to see her report that she's resting comfortably and we hope that she'll be back with us before long.

One of our better anglers, Vice President C. DeWolf Gibson, put a new notch in his fishing pole this summer. While he and Mrs. Gibson were visiting Honorary Trustee and Mrs. Edgar M. Queeny in Canada, the "Veep" killed his first salmon--and that last verb is used advisedly, in case you didn't know. In the proper lingo of the sport, you hook most fish, but you kill a salmon.

Rita Ross, Education Department, returned early in August from one of the most exciting vacations we've heard about this summer. She toured Italy, Greece, and Turkey, and then swung around the Mediterranean to Africa where she covered nearly every country on that continent. Maybe we'll get a glimpse of this fascinating itinerary at a Camera Club program.

Speaking of vacations, Director James A. Oliver and his family can't seem to get away from natural history. On their five-week auto tour of the southwest and far west, the Oliver's travelled 8000 miles and renewed acquaintance with 76 professional colleagues at 20 sister institutions. They also caught two young bobcats in Arizona which they presented to the Southwestern Research Station, and took the temperature of one live rattlesnake in the wild. Talk about the proverbial busman!

Some old timers were reminiscing the other day about Dr. William Lord Smith who was in the Education Department here for many years. It was long before the days of SOUNDTREK, Guide-A-Phone, or built-in sound effects such as we have in the Montana jungle exhibit. But Dr. Smith, who frequently guided students and visitors through the exhibit halls, provided his own sound effects. While discussing the fauna in a habitat group, he would add to its realism by imitating the growls, grunts, screeches, chirps or whatever of the animals shown. It's said that he did this very loudly and extremely well. In addition, Dr. Smith had a theory, on which he often expounded, that every AMNH curator eventually came to look like the thing he studied. His own research interest was the tiger and apparently he was a good case in point for his theory. Even though we are all dizzy with the heat at the moment, the Grapevine will not indulge in the obvious temptation to play this game.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE WORKSHOPS

Do you know a youngster whose imagination needs more self-expression? Then you'll be interested to know that Jacqueline Riseman is again directing her Children's Theatre Workshops at 454 Riverside Drive. In the 1½-hour classes, children of 6 - 14 are divided into age groups in which they create funny situations and fantastic characters. The older children do scenes and learn to make sets, props, and costumes. Miss Riseman is a former director of the Boston Children's Theatre. If you'd like to know more about her workshops, call her at ext. 320 or at MO 2-0213.

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PRESIDENT OF PERU TO VISIT US

The striking temporary exhibit of ancient Peruvian art, now taking shape in the first floor annex of the 77th Street building (1-A), will be formally opened on Monday evening, September 25, by no less a dignitary than His Excellency, Senor Dr. Don Manuel Prado, President of Peru. Senor Prado and his wife will be in this country at that time for a state visit and the exhibit here was planned especially to honor their visit.

Under the direction of Dr. Junius B. Bird, Anthropology, the materials for the exhibit were gathered from some 40 museums and private collectors in the United States and Peru. They will represent not only the variety of ancient Peruvian art, but also its role in the everyday life of the people. Included are the oldest known patterned fabrics, some over 4000 years old, in addition to examples of later textiles, metal work, ceramics, stone carving, and wood sculpture. Some of these objects have never before been exhibited publicly.

The exhibit, which is jointly sponsored by the Museum and the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, will be on display until the end of the year.

EVENING COURSES OPEN TO EMPLOYEES

As in past years, Museum employees may audit free of charge the evening courses offered by the AMNH Department of Education, as well as those offered by the Planetarium, in cases where the course is not fully subscribed. Classes begin in late September and early October.

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NATURAL HISTORY LIBRARY IS ACCLAIMED

The Museum's newest venture in publishing, The Natural History Library, has met with an enthusiastic reception and promises to be a resounding success. The first 13 volumes in this paperback reprint series, published by Doubleday Anchor Books in cooperation with AMNH, are being released this month, and the initial book reviews are music to our ears. Typical is that of the Los Angeles Times which calls them "the best of the current paperbacks."

The series is designed to introduce the student and the general reader to the study of man -- his origins, his nature, and his environment -- and to the whole natural world, from sub-microscopic life to the universe at large. Only volumes of enduring interest in the life and earth sciences have been selected for reprinting. The books are chosen by an editorial board of Museum scientists, composed of Dr. Franklyn M. Branley, Planetarium; Mr. Charles M. Bogert, Chairman and Curator, Department of Herpetology; Dr. E. Thomas Gilliard, Associate Curator, Department of Ornithology; Dr. Gordon F. Ekholm, Curator of Mexican Archaeology, Department of Anthropology; and Dr. Bobb Schaeffer, Curator, Department of Vertebrate Paleontology; and in most cases the book carries a new foreword by a Museum staff member.

The Natural History Library is now available at the Museum Shop (and, of course, at bookstores throughout the U.S.). Prices range from 95¢ to $1.45. Twelve more books in the series will be published early in 1962, with additional titles to follow at the rate of 20 or more each year.

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The Museum curriculum this fall contains some new and timely lecture series including "Understanding Africa Today" and "Evolution of Man". Planetarium courses deal with astronomy, space exploration, navigation and meteorology. Schedules are posted on the cafeteria bulletin board.

Employees who are interested in taking Museum courses are requested to call Bruce Hunter, ext. 445, in advance of the first session to make sure that the class is not already full. Those wishing to take Planetarium courses should check in advance with Dr. Frank Branley, ext. 412.

REQUEST FROM OFFICE SERVICES: Please don't use staples to close inter-office envelopes; just tuck in the flap.

CREDIT UNION RECORDS COMMENDED

An examination of our Credit Union records, made by the Bureau of Federal Credit Unions late in July, showed that our records were in good shape and we received a high commendation. It was noted, however, that not enough of our members are making systematic savings. The savings feature is one of the great advantages of the credit unions. Even while you are repaying a loan, you can increase your CU shares, and earn interest, by putting aside a few dollars each pay period for savings. Under the payroll deduction plan, you'll hardly miss it in your salary check. Visit the Credit Union, Roosevelt Basement, any Mon., Tues., or Thurs. (except paydays) between 12 and 1.

Extra copies of recent back issues of the Grapevine are about to be disposed of. If you would like copies of any 1960 or 1961 issues, please call Kate Ogilvy, ext.311.

NEWS OF FORMER COLLEAGUES

It was very good to see Benjamin Edwards when he stopped by the Museum in September. Mr. Edwards, who retired from the Carpentry Shop some years back, is living in St. Petersburg, Florida (3901 Yardley Avenue, North). He hopes that Museum people will get in touch with him when passing through his neighborhood.

St. Petersburg seems to be headquarters for former AMNHers. Winnie Cullen who retired from the Museum Shop last spring is about to move into a trailer home there, just across the street from Alma O'Connor, formerly with Building Services.

KNITTING WOOL REQUESTED

If you have any used knitting wool (unraveled from sweaters, etc., or remnants too small to use), Harry Lange, Accounting, would appreciate your sending it to him. It will be used by women who are making afghans for a charitable project in his community. Thank you.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Rudolph Schrammel has resigned from the Department of Entomology after more than 20 years of service with the Museum. He will be very much missed and we wish him all the best in his new post with the John Hancock Insurance Company.

Robert Hellmann will leave the Department of Education October 1 to join the Teachers for East Africa Project of Columbia Teachers College. He will be located at Makerere College, Kampala, Uganda, where he will teach biology.

Ruth Delaney, secretary to the Director, leaves us at the end of this month to join her husband who has transferred to the University of Miami. We wish it weren't such a long way to Florida.

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MUSEUM-CITY RELATIONS

Edwin C. Meyenberg, Bursar, reports that the Museum recently received notification from the Bureau of the Budget of an upgrading on the following titles, effective July 1, 1961:

Up two grades - Senior Building Custodian, Principal Museum Instructor, Museum Technician, Museum Maintainer, and Assistant Accountant.

Up one grade - Clerk, Senior Clerk, Telephone Operator, Senior Telephone Operator, Staff Nurse, Motor Vehicle Operator and Senior Stenographer.

After approval by the Board of Estimate, the Museum-City Budget will be modified showing an increase of approximately $13,000. Subsequently, a payroll will be prepared retroactive to July 1, 1961.

Under the revised general pay plan regulations adopted by the Department of Personnel, all incumbents in the above titles will benefit by pay increases effective July 1, 1961.

The Administration is happy to report these welcome increases and will continue its efforts with the City to obtain necessary salary adjustments for those positions that have not been considered.

BOWLING LEAGUE STARTS SEASON

The AMNH Bowling League season begins officially on Thursday, October 5, and members will bowl each Thursday thereafter through next May 17, according to Lois Hussey, League President. Please note that the meeting day has been changed from Wednesday to Thursday.

Twenty-five people have signed up for the League to date and there is room for a few more. If you are interested, get in touch with Al Potenza, Secretary, immediately. September 21 and 28 have been scheduled as practice nights and scoring will not begin until October 5. Additional practice nights are scheduled for later in the season.

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Anne Giraud left the Planetarium in September after seven and a half years as secretary to Planetarium Chairman Joseph M. Chamberlain. She's looking forward to "just being a housewife", and we hope she'll come in from time to time to say hello.

Constance D. Sherman, Ornithology, has been given a leave of absence to accept an Assistant Professorship in Modern Languages at Queensborough Community College....Jennifer Chatfield, Education, will serve as Curator of Anthropology at the University of Colorado Museum in Boulder for the fall semester; she'll be back with us next February.

Two departures from Micropaleontology at the end of August -- Carol Turco and Arthur Pitschi. Both have accepted positions as science teachers....At the same time, the Department welcomed back Josephine Sperrazza who left us two years ago to do graduate work at N.Y.U.

The G. Stuart Keiths, Ornithology, are in Africa for nine months, studying cranes....In Entomology, Drs. Jerome Rozen, Frederick Rindge, and Willis Gertsch are back from successful field trips in the west, and Marjorie Statham has left for a month's field work at the Southwestern Research Station.

Tom Page, formerly in editorial production at Broadcast Information Bureau, is Ed Williamson's new assistant in production at Natural History Magazine. Mr. Page is a University of Minnesota graduate and he plans to be married in December.

The new secretary in the Public Relations Department is Nancy McCoy, a native of Tucson, Arizona and a night student at City College. After a baptism by fire (N.Y.'s longest summer heat wave, and the complete architectural reconstruction of the P.R. offices) Miss McC. is still smiling and plans to stay with us. Hallelujah!

Temporarily filling in for Isabel Mount in Public Relations is Virginia Coigney, television writer and former public relations director of the Compton Advertising Agency.

The two new faces in the Education Department are Judith Chernin and Ruth Radalinsky, graduates of Queens College and City College, respectively. Both biology majors, they will teach in the World We Live In Program.

Monica Wagner, new typist in Micropaleontology, is Viennese by birth and spent the last three and a half years studying in Germany. She also worked for a publishing house where she was in charge of, interestingly, the Horse Book Department. Her hobbies are riding and languages.

HEARD IN PASSING

Helen Hays, Ornithology, presented a paper on the Ruddy Duck, with an accompanying film, at a conference in Manitoba last month. As she was leaving New York, she put her suitcase on the sidewalk, went down the street to hail a taxi, and turned around to find the bag gone. Luckily, she had the film in her hands, and after buying some more clothes, she caught the next plane. When she got back, the suitcase was safe and sound at the police station.

We're sorry to hear that Rose Ismay, Entomology, will be out for a while. She's nursing a broken wrist....Thelma Pollick is back on the job but is watching her step. She fractured a bone in her foot this summer and was in a cast for several weeks.

As we go to press, word arrives that the stork has just stopped at the Southwestern Research Station in Arizona. Dr. and Mrs. Mont Cazier have a new son. Congratulations!....Nancy Gahan, Natural History Magazine, wife of Tony Gahan, Animal Behavior, has left the Museum to await the birth of their baby.

Bob Murray, Office Services, who makes a point of trying to catch television shows on which Museum people are appearing, saw Jim Pickering, Planetarium, discuss astronomy on the Betty Furness Show the other night. As usual, Mr. Pickering was great, and Mr. Murray called him up to tell him so. "Would you tell me if I was awful?" Mr. P. asked. Said Mr. M., "You bet I would!" And he would.

BICYCLES NEEDED

The Kalbfleisch Field Research Station at Huntington, Long Island is in need of several second-hand bicycles for use by students who are living and working at the Station, Dr. Wesley Lanyon, Resident Director, reports. One bike has already been donated and all other contributions will be gratefully received.

TRADING POST

For Sale: Hide-A-Bed Sofa, grey-green damask, very good condition. 35" x 72", sleeps two. $56.00. Anna Chomyak, ext. 487, or TR 3-6839 after 6 p.m.

Items for Sale: 1 limed oak desk; 2 white fiberglas Herman Miller chairs; 2 modern black end tables, step type; 2 white deep pile scatter rugs, 4 x 6; 1 Simmons extra-firm double mattress and springs. Call Ruth Delaney, ext. 501.

Friend of Museum wishes to purchase small, secluded country house, close to water, within 2 hours drive of N.Y.C. About $10,000. Call Kate Ogilvy, ext. 311.

Available now: Furnished room with bath in private apartment at 40 West 77th St. One person only, man or woman. $10 a week. Call Mrs. Shirley Camper, SU 7-8722.

CONFERENCE CENTER AVAILABLE

A letter from the National YWCA advises us that their conference and retreat center, "Altamont", in Millbrook, N.Y. (near Poughkeepsie) is available for use by other organizations and groups. It accomodates between 15 and 45 people and the basic rate for overnight and three meals is $8.75. Further information may be obtained by calling PLaza 3-4700, ext. 99.

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ESTHER AND THE METAL SHOP

When an angry young lady named Hurricane Esther recently threatened New York, we were happy to see that our Metal Shop was very much on the job protecting AMNH. Fred Bisso, Salvatore Funari, William Heslin, Donald Buckley, and Thomas Busardo were observed climbing all over the numerous roofs and towers of these sprawling buildings, inspecting gutters, shingles, windows, and tying down scaffolds that were in use at the time. We asked Shop Foreman Bisso if this was not an unusual activity and found that, for our Metal Shop, it's a routine practice done at regular intervals to insure a secure building. Routine or not, it sounds like quite a job and we greatly admire the five stalwart fellows who keep the lid on the Museum.

The 20% Christmas discount for gift items purchased by employees at any of the Museum Shop selling areas will be in effect from November 1 until December 25. Book discounts for employees remain at their usual rate -- 12% discount for over-the-counter purchases, and 10% discount for special orders.

Larry Pintner, Chief of Office Services, has a limited number of discount tickets for hockey games (N.Y. Rangers) and basketball (N.Y. Knickerbockers) at Madison Square Garden. Call him if you're interested.

SOCIAL SEASON STARTING

The date is Friday, November 17, the time 5:30 p.m., the place Roosevelt lower level. The occasion? Arthur Naylor, President of the Employees' Benefit Association, suggests we call it simply the EBA Fall Affair. A frolic, a ball, a hop, or wing ding -- whatever the tag, it's the big event of the AMNH social season and if you miss it, you'll be sorry.

A delicious buffet dinner, dancing to the music of Ted Anthony's Orchestra, excellent beer service (with bar maids), and lots of good fellowship until the wee hours -- all these are offered for just $1 a head. Ticket committee members will be canvassing the building in the next few weeks in an effort to reach every employee. Be sure to get your ticket, and see you on the 17th.

CREDIT UNION CHECKING ACCOUNTS

The Credit Union Supervisory Committee is currently sending verification forms to a partial list of the CU members. If you receive one, check to see that the amount shown in your account agrees with your own pass book record. Then sign and return the form to the Committee in the envelope provided. Please do not send your pass book to the Supervisory Committee. If you don't receive a verification form this month, don't worry; you'll be on a future list.

And if you're not a CU member, why not join now? Visit the Credit Union office, Roosevelt basement, any Mon., Tues., or Thurs., (except paydays) between 12 and 1.

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MR. GOODWIN RETIRES

George G. Goodwin, Associate Curator in the Department of Mammalogy, retired this month after forty-one years on the Museum staff. An authority in the study of recent mammals, he has done extensive field work in remote areas of the world and has contributed significantly to the Museum's outstanding mammal collections.

Earlier this year, Mr. Goodwin published an extensive study on the bats of Trinidad and Tobago, the most comprehensive of its kind ever prepared. He is also the author of many other books and articles, both technical and popular. During his more than four decades with the Museum, he has been a member of expeditions to Siberia, Africa, the Arctic, Iran, the Caribbean and many parts of the U. S. and Canada.

On the side, Mr. Goodwin keeps bees at his home on Long Island and is also a falconer of distinction. We don't see how he can find retirement dull, but we hope he will find time to come back to the Museum frequently in the future.

CONTRIBUTOR'S COLUMN

A reader recently forwarded to us a list of descriptive adjectives frequently used on personnel assessment reports, along with some unofficial definitions that should evoke a chuckle or two in most AMNH quarters. For example:

Assessment	Meaning
Hardworking	dirty lab coat
Ambitious	likes money
Forceful	shouts
Observant	watches the girls
Unobservant	near retiring age
Reflective	sleeps anywhere

MR. BADARACCO RETIRES

Victor J. Badaracco, Building Services, retired in August, 1961, after thirty-two years with the Museum. Originally employed in the Mason Shop, he transferred to Building Services in the early '30s and was in charge of a group of WPA workers assigned to the Museum for several years. In 1952, he became Supervisor of exhibition hall attendants.

Mr. Badaracco has been active on the Board of Directors and various committees of the Employees' Benefit Association, where his participation will be especially missed. Last year he underwent a major operation and was absent from the Museum for some months. Although he was back on the job for six months this year, his full recovery requires a long period of rest and relaxation. All the good wishes of his many Museum friends are with him. We miss that easy-going joviality with which he responded the other day when asked how he was enjoying his new-found leisure. "My name may be Badaracco," he said, "but I'm living the life of Riley!"

THE CRUISE OF THE JOLY-JELI

It's now been revealed that the rest of us missed the best cruise of the Labor Day weekend when four colleagues from the Electrical Shop hoisted anchor at dawn in Pelham Bay for a 150-mile voyage to Cutchogue, L.I. J. "Stitch" Krosche, captain of the Joly-Jeli III, reports that the planned course was through Long Island Sound and Plum Gut into Gardiner's Bay and thence to Little Peconic Bay. Unplanned deviations in the course depended on the first mate and navigator, Hugh Ohrenberger, and to some extent on the activity of the chief steward, J. J. Doyle, who attended to his duties with the utmost zeal. The destination was the Nassau Point residence of Paul Goodhouse who operated the ship's radar and radio. After a 55-minute stop for gas at Greenport, the well-fueled vessel was boarded by the Coast Guard and passed inspection with flying colors. The sun was nearly setting when, just 11 hours and 40 minutes after their dawn departure, the unflagging foursome cruised quietly into port. It was a memorable voyage, one that will doubtless become a legend in the annals of informal Museum expeditions.

NEW FACES

Dr. Karl F. Koopman has joined the Department of Mammalogy as an Assistant Curator. Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, he was previously on the staff of the Chicago Natural History Museum. His current research deals with African bats.

Frank DeFranco, new Advertising Director of Natural History, was formerly vice-president of a publisher's representative firm and prior to that was a sales specialist with the Melrose division of Schenley Industries. He replaces Bernard Soll who is now publisher and president of the theater magazine Showbill.

Wendy (short for Susannah) Huckel is the new secretary to Planetarium Chairman J.M. Chamberlain. Miss H., who comes from Old Greenwich, Conn., plays the piano and the french horn, and it's rumored that she's quite an artist as well.

Leslie Armour Taylor, new Assistant Librarian, is a Texan who comes to us with extensive experience both in geology and library science. He served in Bogota, Colombia, with Socony-Vacuum's Stratigraphic Research Lab and later with the National Geophysical Company. He has also been on the staffs of the N.Y. Public Library, and the libraries of Columbia University, St. Louis University, and the Bell Telephone Laboratories.

The Ornithology Department welcomes two new secretaries. Mary Stewart McCullen graduated with honors from Smith College last June where she was an English major. Her thesis bore the intriguing title "Etherege's Wits." Leila C. Morton just graduated from Central State College in Ohio where she received a degree in business as well as her MRS. She is a bride of one month and, as a wedding present, Uncle Sam has just called her husband's Reserve Unit for active duty.

Tamara Northern, new instructor in the Department of Education, studied anthropology at Frobenius Institute of Frankfort University in her native Germany. A specialist on Africa, she

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Dr. Paul S. Martin has joined the [illegible] of [illegible]. Born in Honolulu, [illegible] was [illegible] on the staff of the Chicago Natural History Museum. His current research deals with [illegible]

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has studied sociology in the Graduate Faculty of the New School where she is currently working for her Ph.D. in anthropology. On the side, she's a collector and connoisseur of pottery and painting.

COMINGS, GOINGS, & GATHERINGS

Charles M. Bogert, Herpetology Chairman, returned at the end of last month from Mexico where he collected some extremely unusual frogs, rattlesnakes, and lizards for the Department's live collection.

Dr. Helmut Adler, Animal Behavior, was chairman of a symposium on Current Theories of Migration at the AIBS meeting at Purdue University in August. The paper he presented was on Sensory Factors in Migration.

Dr. William K. Emerson, Chairman of Living Invertebrates, attended the summer meeting in Washington of the American Malacological Union and was elected President of the organization.

Dr. Richard G. Van Gelder, Mammalogy Chairman, is currently in Latin America where he is continuing his study of skunks in Mexico, Trinidad, Brazil, Argentina, Peru, and Venezuela. He'll return in December.

Dr. Charles M. Breder, Ichthyology Chairman, is in Florida for further field work in his study of Gulf Coast Fishes.... Dr. Donn E. Rosen of the same department returned in September from the University of Michigan where he and Dr. Reeve M. Bailey spent several weeks working on the revision of a family of new world fishes that includes 23 genera and 140 species, all the members of which give birth to living young. This extensive project, on which Drs. Rosen and Bailey have been working for eight years, is nearly completed.

The Graphic Arts Division would appreciate copies of old magazines containing pictures of any kind. Such pictures are clipped for their reference files which cover a wide variety of subjects. Send to Joe Sedacca, Graphic Arts.

It is with sorrow that we record the deaths of two former colleagues this month. Hattie Hawes, who retired from Building Services in 1941 after 25 years of service, died on October 4. Avery H. Kimmel, a machinist with the Museum from 1921 until his retirement in 1957, died on October 16.

EBA ASSESSMENTS & FREE RIDES

The two former colleagues whose deaths are reported above were members of the Employees' Benefit Association, as was May Sheehan, formerly of the Library, who passed away in July. Active EBA members may have noted, however, that no assessments were deducted from their paychecks for beneficiary payments in these three cases. The reason for this lies in our large EBA membership, George Floegel, treasurer of the organization, explains. A membership-wide assessment (50¢ per member) more than replenishes the drop in the death benefit fund caused by a beneficiary payment. Whenever the fund grows large enough to permit one or more payments without assessments, such payments are known as "free rides." We don't know when or how that term got started, but it aptly describes the bookkeeping procedure in instances where no EBA deduction appears on our paychecks.

HEARD IN PASSING

Definition of the month: Madeline Levy Cooper, recently returned to Animal Behavior after an absence of several years, tells the following story about her son Ricky, a precocious lad of three. On learning that both his parents were scientists, young Rick asked for a definition of the appellation. While Mrs. C. was trying to think of a concise answer, Ricky proposed, "A scientist is somebody who makes signs." (Naturally!)

Dr. Wesley Lanyon's appeal for bicycles for the Museum's Kalbfleisch Field Research Station, appearing in last month'. Grapevine, got a response from a practical joker who forwarded a very small, much used tricycle with a note "try this for size." No kidding, they need bikes at Kalbfleisch. If you have one, just paint your name on the fender and contribute it.

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This is an easy road, and perhaps your closest approach, to immortality.

We were very much concerned to hear that John Erlandsen, Paint Shop and Grapevine reporter, suffered a heart attack last month. As we go to press, he's well on the road to recovery and anxious to get back on the job -- but the doctors prescribe a few more weeks of convalescence. Meanwhile, everybody here is cheering for him....Illness also hit the Herpetology Department last month when William Hosmer had to take time out from his studies of the Australian collection. We're glad to see him back.

Born: to Tony and Nancy Gahan (Animal Behavior and formerly Natural History, respectively), a daughter, 7 pounds and ½ ounce, yclept Rebecca. Young Miss G. had the grace to arrive at the reasonable hour of 2:08 p.m. on Sunday, October 1.

Just off the press, and a natural for any young adventurers of your acquaintance, is Dr. William A. Burn's book "Exploring For Fun", subtitled "A Young Explorer's Handbook." Dr. Burns, Membership Chairman, explains map-making and direction-finding, first aid, and simple camp cookery, and tells you what to do if you get lost in the woods. The charming illustrations are by Joseph M. Sedacca, Chief of Graphic Arts.

Josephine Peters, Archbold Expeditions, Mammalogy Department, found a way to beat New York's outrageous weather this summer. After a two-month tour of Europe, during which she visited her family in Vienna, Mrs. P. reports "not a rainy day in the whole trip."... Post cards from Hazel Gay, Head Librarian, who retired last spring after 45 years with the Museum, tell us that she is seeing the United States by car and enjoying every moment of the trip.

Louis Ferry, Carpentry Shop Foreman, is not available for social engagements these Thursday evenings. He's teaching a course in carpentry and cabinet-making at the Passaic Adult Education School, and his students have become so enamoured of the subject and teacher that he's getting fan mail written in verse.

TRADING POST

Cars for sale:

1957 Oldsmobile convertible Super 88. Excellent condition. $1090. Call Bob Carson, ext. 379.

1955 Chrysler New Yorker Deluxe, light blue and white, radio and heater, 4 new whitewall tubeless tires, new battery, power steering, 18½ miles to a gallon. Mileage at end of Sept., 1961 -- 45,000. $700. Call Joe Sedacca, ext. 275.

Skates wanted:

A pair of ice hockey skates in good condition. Size 9. Call William Hosmer, ext. 357.

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"NATURAL HISTORY" WINS MAJOR AWARD

As we go to press, we have just heard the good news that Natural History Magazine has taken one of the nation's top honors for distinguished science writing. First prize in the magazine competition of the annual (1961) AAAS-Westinghouse Awards went to John Pfeiffer for his article "DNA: Master Substance of Life" in the December, 1960, issue. Helmut Wimmer, Planetarium staff artist, did most of the illustrations accompanying the article.

Mr. Pfeiffer is the author of three well-known books, "From Galaxies To Man," "The Changing Universe," and "The Human Brain." The DNA article was his first for Natural History. He has also coordinated, for the past two years, the magazine's annual section reviewing science books for children.

The second prize in the magazine competition of the Triple-A S-Westinghouse Awards went to The Saturday Evening Post.

NEW ALCOVE COMPLETES SANFORD HALL

The opening this month of the alcove in the northeast corner of the Sanford Hall of the Biology of Birds marks the completion of this extensive exhibition hall after more than fifteen years of construction and preparation.

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BLOOD BANK COMING

Last January, the Red Cross Bloodmobile came to the Museum and 72 of our colleagues rolled up their sleeves to give blood. During the past 11 months several of these colleagues, or members of their immediate families, have had serious illnesses requiring blood transfusions -- and the blood was available to them, free and immediately.

The Bloodmobile will be at the Museum again on Friday, December 1. You will soon receive a notice asking you to make a blood donation on that day. If you will sign it and return it to Nurse Margaret Johnston, she will schedule your appointment at an hour that is convenient for you. If you don't sign up, you and members of your family who might need blood urgently during the coming year will not qualify to receive it from the AMNH Blood Bank.

Among over 500 Museum employees, there should be more than 72 who are willing to contribute a pint of blood on behalf of their wives, husbands, children, parents, and Museum colleagues. Willingness is the main factor in Blood Bank participation. Of the 72 who signed up last January, 8 were turned down as donors for reasons of health but they nevertheless qualified as blood recipients. Even if you expect to be turned down, sign up this time. You owe it to yourself and to those who depend on you.

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The new alcove deals with several aspects of reproduction in birds, including display, pair formation, territories, and nests. Of particular interest is a panel on bird songs which incorporates tape recordings of the sounds made by various kinds of birds.

The Sanford Hall is named for Dr. Leonard C. Sanford, noted ornithologist and a Trustee and Honorary Fellow of the Museum, who devoted a large part of his life to building up the AMNH bird collections. He died in 1950.

Initial planning for the Hall was started in the 1930's, but it was not until after World War II that actual construction got underway. The major part of the Hall was opened in May, 1948, with Dr. and Mrs. Sanford in attendance. Since that time, several additional sections have been opened, including one on birth and development of young birds, given two years ago in memory of Ludlow Thomas Lanman by his sister, Mrs. Alexander M. White.

One of the first visitors to the newly completed alcove on reproduction will be Dr. Sanford's son, William Sanford. He will be here in connection with a meeting of the Committee for The Leonard C. Sanford Trust Fund which is devoted to supporting ornithological research.

AMNH PAPERBACKS TAPED FOR THE BLIND

We are very happy to report that two volumes of the Natural History Library, the paperback reprint series published by Doubleday & Company in cooperation with the Museum, have been selected by the Library of Congress for recording on magnetic tape for use by the blind. They are "The Exploration of the Colorado River"
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[illegible] ALCOVE CONTAINS MANFRED HALL.

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The new alcove deals with several aspects of reproduction in books, including display, part [illegible], [illegible], [illegible]. Of particular interest is a panel on bird [illegible] which incorporate type recordings of [illegible] made by [illegible] lords of [illegible].

The Manfred Hall is named for Dr. Leonard C. Manfred, noted [illegible] and a [illegible] and Chemistry Fellow of the Academy who devoted a large part of his life to [illegible] [illegible] died at [illegible].

Initial planning for this hall was [illegible] in the 1950's, but it was not [illegible] after World War II that actual construction got underway. The major part of the hall was opened in May, 1963, with Dr. and Mrs. Manfred in attendance. [illegible] time, several additional

[illegible] sections have been opened, including one on [illegible] and development of [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] history of [illegible] Thomas Jefferson by [illegible] Butler, the Albemarle [illegible].

One of the first visitors to the newly completed alcove on reproduction will be Mr. Bernard's son, William Bernard. He will be here in connection with a meeting of the Committee for the Leonard C. Manfred Award Fund, which is devoted to [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] Collection Moves

[illegible] are very happy to present back the volumes of the Medical History Library, the [illegible] [illegible] series [illegible] by Dr. Kennedy & Company in celebration of the Bicentennial, [illegible] by the Library of Congress for [illegible] on [illegible] are "The Exploration of the Colorado River

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by John Wesley Powell, and "The Mountains of California" by John Muir.

NEWS OF FORMER EMPLOYEES

Mary Patsuris, formerly of Vertebrate Paleontology, is now taking her M.A. in education at Columbia University. Ruth Norton, Public Relations, met her at the T.C. cafeteria the other evening and reports that Mrs. Patsuris is doing practice teaching with emotionally-disturbed children in New York's "600" schools and finds the experience most rewarding.

Erika Rawitscher Kunkel, formerly of Education, is doing botanical research on a fellowship at the University of California in Berkeley where she and her husband, a physicist at the University, recently bought a new house.

Born: to Mildred Parmenter Randino, formerly Contributors' Program, and her husband John, a daughter, Christine, in August; to Erica Prud'homme, formerly Exhibition, and her husband, a son, Hector Alexander, in September. Welcome and congratulations!

UNUSED WHEEL CHAIR IN YOUR CELLAR?

Classes for the handicapped, visiting the Museum by appointment with the Education Department, frequently include one or more children for whom wheel chairs must be provided during their visit. While the Museum has a number of wheel chairs, these are often in use by other visitors. The Department of Education, therefore, hopes to assemble a small fleet of such vehicles specifically for handicapped classes. Marguerite Newgarden recently contributed a wheel chair for this purpose and additional ones would be much appreciated. If you have one not in use which you would be willing to contribute (or lend on a long term basis), please call Education Chairman John R. Saunders, ext. 223.

BUTTERFLY MONOGRAPH PUBLISHED

The first copies of "Butterflies of the American Tropics; the Genus Anaea" by the late William P. Comstock have just been received here. Published by the Museum, this large handsome volume was printed in England after many years of research and preparation. The author, a Research Associate in the Department of Entomology, died in 1956. The book contains a foreword by Dr. Frederick H. Rindge and strikingly beautiful color illustrations by Marjorie Statham. It was edited by Ruth Tyler.

DR. COLBERT HONORED

Dr. Edwin H. Colbert, Chairman of the Department of Vertebrate Paleontology, will be named a Fellow of the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences at ceremonies in Rochester on November 15. The institution's Award of Fellowship goes to Dr. Colbert for his distinguished achievement in the museum field.

SO LONG AND GOOD LUCK

Two colleagues, each of whom had been at the Museum nearly 20 years, retired recently due to ill health. Louise Pedeberdot of the Film Library joined the staff in 1942. Her warm, outgoing nature and fine sense of humor have won her many friends in the Museum who are indeed sorry to see her leave. John C. Ottens of the Frick Laboratory has been with us since January 1943. His sunny disposition and great willingness to help others will be sorely missed by all who knew and worked with him. Our best wishes go with them both and we hope that each will regain good health soon. Friends may write them at the following addresses: Miss Pedeberdot - 103 Poplar Street, Ridgefield Park, N.J.
Mr. Ottens - % Ebinger, 50 Garner Lane, Bay Shore, N.Y.

We're also sorry to say so long to Olga Smith, Library Secretary for the past four years and Grapevine reporter. She left the staff early this month to take a prolonged vacation and plans to get a part-time job in the spring.

FOUND: A reel of magnetic tape which, according to the label, contains music of India and environs. Owner call Nancy McCoy, ext. 444 or 481.

HEARD IN PASSING

Every once in a while we hear from our friends in the television business that there are certain forms of wildlife that TV viewers would rather not look at. We never put much stock in the idea, and it turned out that we were quite justified the other day when Alice Gray, Entomology, appeared on "Watch Mr. Wizard" with her pet tarantula Blondie -- and really wowed 'em!

It was very good news to learn that Katherine Hrycak, Building Services, is resting comfortably after a major operation. She had several pretty difficult days but is now making good progress and we hope to see her back before too long.

Otto Lambert, Office Services, received a happy Halloween treat -- the birth of his first granddaughter, Donna Marie.

If you happen to have friends in Bengal, here's a Christmas book suggestion: "Experiments With Light", co-authored by Dr. Franklyn M. Branley, Planetarium, just published in an authorized Bengali translation.

Small world department: Isabel Mount of Public Relations, travelling with her husband in Africa on a year's leave of absence to do research, picked up the Nigerian Morning Post the other day and say a picture of the model space laboratory in Roosevelt Memorial Hall. She sent us the clipping which, incidentally, arrived in the same mail with another picture story on the "Man In Space" exhibit from a newspaper in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Kay Barry, instructing a class of very young students at the Brontosaurus skeleton, asked the children to note the animal's small, blunt teeth. "What do you think these teeth show?" Miss Barry asked. "Do they give you any ideas?" Everyone thought for a moment and then a little girl offered this thought: "It looks like she's saying, 'Look, Mom, no cavities!"

NEW FACES

Marie Arnoldi, new Library Secretary, comes to us from the Guggenheim Museum where for the past 3½ years she has been secretary to the director and then to the vice president of that institution. A graduate of Bucknell University, she spent her junior year at the University of Zurich. She also did graduate work in the history of fine arts at Columbia and at the University for Foreigners in Perugia, Italy.

Barbara Adler, new secretary to Dr. James A. Oliver, Director, was formerly with Panorama, the film division of Columbia Records. A Manhattan resident, Mrs. Adler was also an assistant editor with Harry Abrams, Inc., publishers of art books.

Micropaleontology reports two staff additions: Leon Maynard, clerk-typist, has taken over the duties of Mary McKenna who has returned to the General Accounting Division; and Tom McGuire is handling Micro's printing and photography...The new face in Entomology is John Woods...Myra Lazarowitz has joined the Museum Shop as clerk-typist; she's studying at Hunter College at night.

Seven college students from the New York area are with us for the current academic year under the National Science Foundation Foundation-Undergraduate Research Program. From Barnard College are: Martha Grossner, working with Dr. Dorothy Bliss, Living Invertebrates; Katherine Kalty, working with Dr. Sidney Anderson, Mammalogy; Susan Seideman, working with Dr. Robert Carneiro, Anthropology; Sara "Debbie" Nemser, working with Dr. Lester Aronson, Animal Behavior; and Susan Edelstein, working with Dr. Evelyn Shaw, Animal Behavior. Mary Lou Swift of Sarah Lawrence College is also working with Dr. Shaw, and Joseph T. Fevoli of City College is working with Dr. William Tavolga, Animal Behavior.

As part of the joint program between the Columbia University Geology Department and our Department of Fossil Invertebrates, two Columbia graduate students will be with us for the next several months. They

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are John Cutler, who will be working on the Bryozoan collections, and Thomas Waller, who will curate a collection of Tertiary clams.

Currently doing graduate work in the Department of Animal Behavior are Sue Gilbert of the University of Wyoming and Harriet Kaplan of New York University.

A home wanted for a 1-year old Doberman-German Shepherd male dog. Raised in family, obedience trained. Moving and must sacrifice. Call Don Squires, ext. 446.

COMINGS, GOINGS & GATHERINGS

Dr. Charles Vaurie, Ornithology, returned last month from a six months study trip in Europe where he worked in museums in England, France, Denmark, Sweden, West Germany, East Berlin, and the Soviet Union. He reports that he was received everywhere with the greatest cordiality and cooperation, and was provided with the full-time services of technicians in Russia. It is believed that he is the first American Ornithologist to go to the U.S.S.R. for the purpose of study. In September he was honored by being elected a Corresponding Member of the Deutsche Ornithologen Gesellschaft.

Mrs. Patricia Vaurie, Entomology, accompanied her husband on the trip reported above to work on the revision of several insect groups. While in London, the Vauries lunched with Dr. Constance Sherman, who was on vacation abroad and is now on leave from Ornithology to teach modern languages at Queensborough Community College.

Dr. Dorothy Bliss, Living Invertebrates, is back from six weeks in Europe where she presented a paper at the Third International Symposium on Neurosecretion held at the University of Bristol, England. Following the conference, she went to France and Germany where she visited several research laboratories and museums. She was accompanied by Mrs. Mary Weitzman of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine who is also a guest investigator at AMNH. Their return trip on the S.S. United States was far from monotonous, as the ship passed through several oceanic storms, including Hurricane Frances. It was a wonderful voyage, however, according to Dr. Bliss, and she even enjoyed the hurricane.

George Petersen, Exhibition, has just spent several weeks in Haines, Alaska, collecting for the Bald Eagle group to be included in the new Hall of North American Birds...Dr. Evelyn Shaw, Animal Behavior, presented a paper at the International Ethological Conference at Munich, Germany, in September, and then went on to tour the Greek islands which she highly recommends to all...Dr. Donn Rosen, Ichthyology, spent four days last month studying type specimens in museums in Boston and Washington. In trying to cover so much territory in so short a time, he found that he spent more time in the air than on the ground.

Dr. Norman D. Newell, Fossil Invertebrates, spent the week of October 30th at the meetings of the Geological Society of America in Cincinnati. On November 4, he gave his presidential address to the Paleontological Society of which he was president for the past year. Mrs. Valerie Newell, Fossil Invertebrates, flew to Cincinnati for the event...Charles Falkenback, Frick Laboratory, has returned from four months of field work in Texas and Wyoming.

Recent travels in the Entomology Department: Dr. Jerome G. Rozen spent a week at the Museum's Southwestern Research Station in Portal, Arizona...Dr. Willis J. Gertsch and Wilton Ivie made a seven-week collecting trip through the mountains of California and the southwest...Dr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Rindge spent a week in New Orleans where they were joined by Dr. Rindge's parents from California... and Dr. Herbert Ruckes worked for several days on the insect collections at the United States National Museum in Washington.

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[illegible] acquired for a 1-year old Dalmatian-[illegible] male dog. Raised in [illegible] obedience training. Housed and [illegible] life. Will [illegible].

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[illegible] Tinkle, Herpetology, [illegible] accompanied her husband on his trip [illegible] abroad to work on the problem of [illegible] lizard groups. While in London, the Tinkles lunched with Dr. Chatterjee [illegible], who was on vacation abroad [illegible] on leave from Orthinology to teach [illegible] languages at Leesborough [illegible].

Dr. Dorothy Bliss, Living Invertebrates, is back from six weeks in Dublin where she presented a report at the Eighth International Symposium on Neurosecretion [illegible] at the University of Dublin. [illegible] Following the [illegible], she went to France and Germany where [illegible] lectures. She was accompanied by her [illegible] of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine who is also a guest investigator at AMNH. Their return trip on the S.S. United States was far from monotonous, as the ship passed through several oceanic storms, including Hurricane Donna. It was a wonderful [illegible], and she even enjoyed the hurricane.

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August G'vine.) Following the Pacific Science Congress at the University of Hawaii, he joined the Congress's field trip through the islands of Maui and Hawaii. On his way home, he stopped in Vancouver to visit the Biological Laboratory of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada.

Offered as a gift: "The Century Dictionary and Cyclopedia," 11 volumes (not including the Atlas volume, but including two supplementary volumes). Main set dated 1904; supplementary volumes dated 1909. Clothbound and in fairly good condition. If you can use this set, call Ruth Tyler, ext. 484.

HOW YOUR MONEY IS PROTECTED IN YOUR CREDIT UNION

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TRADING POST

Skates wanted: Used ice skates for children, sizes 1 to 3. Call Evelyn Shaw, ext. 373.

Car for sale: 2-door 1954 Chevy, $59.95. (Green Stamps or Triple-S Stamps accepted.) Car is in B-1 condition; new battery and generator, good tires, broken window. Call Paul Sondaar, ext. 329.

Castro ottoman for sale: single bed folds into good-looking wooden cabinet with drawers. Only slightly used. Call Cynthia Westerman, ext. 385.

Wanted: Small gentle dinosaur, preferably Stegosaurus. To be pet for children. Call Mrs. Dinah Saur, Department of Fossil Follies, ext. 000.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Many of our happiest customs, our finest attitudes and our most cherished memories are those associated with the traditional observance of the Christmas holiday season. Charles Dickens, in his immortal classic, A CHRISTMAS CAROL, brings out the full flavor and meaning of this season. To Scrooge's characterization of Christmas as "humbug", Bob Cratchit replies in words true to the spirit most of us share at this time. "It is a good time: a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time."

The Administration and the Board of Trustees hope that the Holiday Season will be just such a time for each of you and that the New Year will be filled with good times for you and your loved ones.

James A. Oliver, Director

MUSEUM-CITY RELATIONS

At the New York City Board of Estimate Executive Session held Tuesday, November 28, on the proposed 1962 Capital Budget, Edwin C. Meyenberg, AMNH Bursar, made a skillful presentation on behalf of the Museum urging reconsideration of the Bureau of the Budget's recommendation that the Museum's 1962 Proposed Capital Budget and the 1963-1967 Capital Program be reduced as follows:

Alterations and Improvements to Buildings, etc.
Year 1962 - $134,850.

Alterations to Existing Electrical and Heating Systems
Year 1962 - $ 55,500.
Year 1963 - $158,000.

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PLANT SAFETY COMMITTEE

A Plant Safety Committee, under the chairmanship of Plant Manager Paul Grouleff, was activated in November and will henceforth meet regularly every month to consider safety hazards and accident preventive measures. Committee membership will include department representatives who will be rotated from time to time.

Under our safety program, the details of every injury sustained in the Museum or Planetarium, and requiring attention in the form of physical assistance or medical treatment, should be reported within 24 hours on a copy of the Museum form "Report of Injury". This includes injuries to employees, outside contractors employees working here, and visitors in both the public and staff areas of the

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The Budget Director's recommendation had resulted from the fact that certain Capital Budget Projects for 1961 and before had not yet been completed. In view of this condition and of studies made by the Bureau of the Budget, the deductions in the 1962 Capital Program had appeared warranted. In a series of meetings with the staff of the Department of Parks, however, the Museum had been assured that a large number of its projects would soon go forward.

Park Commissioner Newbold Morris also spoke in the Museum's behalf. The Budget Director then recommended appropriation of $100,000 for Alterations and Improvements to Buildings from available accruals and restoration of $215,500 for Alterations to Existing Electrical and Heating Systems advanced from the 1963 Program to the 1962 Capital Budget in order that the Museum may complete Stage II of the conversion from D.C. to A.C. and the conversion of the heating system from coal to oil firing.

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The Park Department has awarded contracts for general improvements in various areas This work will include Sections 2 and 4 on the fifth floor to provide storage rooms, offices, a laboratory and work space for the Department of Anthropology. This is the area previously occupied by the Library, which was recently moved to newly constructed quarters on the 4th floor of Section 1. Work on the third floor, Section 2 will provide about 300 square feet of additional office space in the Bursar's present office. Total appropriation was $96,500.

GRADUATING SPEECH

[illegible] - Late Spring, Public Relations
[illegible] - Jamie Scallan; Public Relations

[illegible] - Catherine Mahoney

[illegible] - Tuttle Lab
[illegible] - Willie Sorrelle
[illegible] Van Leuven
[illegible] - Jamison Fletcher
[illegible] Wells
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[illegible] - Rance Griffen
[illegible] - Jeremy Brown
[illegible] Shaw
[illegible] - Jerry Bowerman
[illegible] - Mark Mellen
[illegible] Shaw
[illegible] - John Bilandzic, Andrew Brown, William Sorrelle
[illegible] - Peter Jones
[illegible]

[illegible]-CAMP PLANNING, continued from [illegible]

[illegible] Budget Director's recommendation had [illegible] that certain [illegible] Budget Requests for Land and [illegible] had been [illegible] conference. In [illegible] of the difficulty of making [illegible] decision on the budget, the [illegible] Director's Original Proposal [illegible] and management. In a sense of [illegible] with the staff of the Department [illegible], however, the Museum has been [illegible] would soon go forward.

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[illegible] permanent paper models in various areas. This year with Trustee contributions 2 and 4 on the Fifth Floor to provide growing [illegible] offices, a laboratory and work [illegible] for the Department of Anthropology. This is the area presently occupied by the Lab [illegible], which will shortly move to [illegible] constructed quarters on the 4th floor of Section I. Work on the 4th floor, because Trustee Ardity provides about 3/4 million feet of additional office space in the Museum's research wing. Thus, expansion [illegible].

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building. The person responsible for making the report of injury in each of these categories is specified in a recent memo to all department and division heads.

In addition, all employees are urged to report in writing to the Chairman of the Safety Committee any safety hazard they may observe in the Museum or Planetarium.

ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREES, PLEASE

The use of natural trees or branches as Christmas decorations in any public place (which includes all parts of the Museum) is strictly forbidden by fire regulations. This applies to all trees containing pitch, whether or not they have been treated with so-called flameproofing.

GREATER NEW YORK FUND

When you read this, you will probably have already made your 1961 contribution to the Greater New York Fund. John R. Saunders, Fund drive chairman for the Museum, hoped to have all contributions in the first week in December. If you have not been contacted by your department representative, however, you can still send your check (made out to Greater New York Fund) to Mr. Saunders.

Last year, Museum employees gave a total of $805 to the Fund. We hope that figure will be increased this year and, more important, let's extend our participation well beyond the 50 per cent of employees who contributed last year.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Why not resolve to start saving a little extra for that rainy day -- at the AMNH Credit Union where your money works for you. To begin your payroll deductions with the start of the new year, visit the Credit Union office in Roosevelt lower level before Christmas. Open 12 to 1 every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday (except paydays).

MUSEUM PARKING REGULATIONS

For some time a committee appointed by the Director has been reviewing the parking situation at and around the Museum. The purpose of the study has been to provide ample parking facilities for employees when their work requires them to be here.

The proposed regulations should enable us to operate an orderly, effective parking system for all who need it, provided everyone cooperates and the privileges are not abused.

These regulations will become effective on January 1, 1962. At that time, the Custodian will begin registering all vehicles that will be using Museum parking areas. Individuals will have until March 1st to complete this registration. After that date, any new employees or anyone who has not had occasion to use the Museum parking areas prior to that time, will be required to register immediately with the Custodian.

PARKING REGULATIONS FOR THE MUSEUM YARD

1. Only registered cars of employees will be admitted. These cars will carry official markers.

2. Temporary parking privileges for visitors on Museum business may be arranged with the Custodian.

3. Parking applications are to be renewed yearly, during the month of February, in the Custodian's office.

4. Parking hours will be: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; closed Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.

5. Parking will be permitted only in authorized areas and spaces. Fire regulations prohibit parking in other places.

6. Parking in the Roosevelt ramp is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Employees who are required to work in the Museum buildings after 5:00 p.m., or on Saturday and Sunday, may park their cars in the ramp. At no time shall cars be parked in areas of the ramp designate as "No Parking" areas. On some occasions the entire ramp may be so marked.

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7. Overnight and weekend parking is prohibited except under emergency conditions and then only with the permission of the Custodian.

8. All cars interiors and trunks are subject to inspection by the Custodial Department.

9. The Museum assumes no responsibility for vehicles parked on the premises or for their contents.

10. Violation of these regulations will result in loss of parking privileges.

HAIL AND FAREWELL

Dr. Donald P. Squires, Fossil Invertebrates, left the staff on December 1 to go to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington where he will be Associate Curator in the Division of Marine Invertebrates. He will be in charge of their coral collection. We wish him lots of luck.

The Education Department has added two new teachers to its staff. They are Willa Friedman, a graduate of Queens College where she majored in biology, and Joyce-Ruth Corn who took her B.A. at Hunter where she majored in psychology.

Georgea Atkinson, George Goodwin's new secretary in the Library, was formerly with the Research Library of the American Committee for Liberation, a radio station in Europe broadcasting to the U.S.S.R. A student of foreign languages, she comes originally from Hibbing, Minnesota in the Mesabi Iron Range.

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The other evening at the Planetarium, two women came up to Kay Barry and one of them began, "I'm in outer space, but my friend here isn't and she would like to be. Do you think anything can be done about it?" After the initial shock, Miss Barry realized that of course the woman was referring to the Planetarium's evening course called Exploring Outer Space."

JOHN PURCELL LEAVES STAFF

John F. Purcell, Editor of Natural History magazine and Manager of Publications, resigns from the Museum this month to become an editor in the Books Division of Time, Incorporated. Mr. Purcell joined us as Natural History Editor in 1957. Under his direction, the magazine has entered new fields of popular interest and won several awards, both for content and appearance. Its circulation has increased from 80,000 to approximately 130,000.

Early this year, Mr. Purcell was appointed head of an extensive new program of popula publication involving new books by Museum authors, reprints of classics in the natural sciences, and handbooks on AMNH halls and exhibits. He is no stranger to Time, Inc., having been a writer and foreign correspondent for Life magazine for ten years. In his new post he'll work on the Book Division's Nature Series.

We're going to miss him very much and we wish him great success in his new venture.

VISITORS' PARKING FIELD REHABILITATED

Rehabilitation of the parking field between the Planetarium and the power house is nearly completed and it is expected that the site will be reopened for use early this month.

Under a new arrangement with the City, the field is to be operated by the Museum for the convenience of Museum and Planetarium visitors. It will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily, except Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings when it will remain open until 10:30 p.m. During these hours, there will be a $1 parking charge for cars, $2 for busses. Vehicles that remain after hours will be towed away and their owners fined.

The site has been closed to the public since January, 1959, when, because of its badly rutted surface, it was deemed unsafe for use. The new parking field is paved and well-lighted and includes a ticket booth at the entrance.

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Burning Question of the Month: Why is the Xerox machine in Office Services labeled Beatrice?

CLAUDE CROSS

Claude Cross, Education Department, who died suddenly of a heart attack on November 25, had been a chauffeur with the Museum for 36 years. Better known as "Charlie" to his many friends here, he had driven the city's streets daily since 1924, carrying circulating exhibits to and from the schools, and he never had a traffic accident. His death came as a shock to his colleagues with whom he had been on the job the preceding work day. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Parr returned last month from a ten-day visit to San Antonio, Texas, where our Senior Scientist was asked to advise on several aspects of that city's new museum. Mrs. Parr tells us that Texas hospitality is everything they say it is, even to the air-conditioned Cadillacs.

Dr. Charles M. Breder, Chairman of Ichthyology, and Dr. Richard G. Van Gelder, Chairman of Mammalogy, return this month from extended field work in Florida and South America, respectively.

Drs. Jerome Rozen, Chairman and Willis Gertsch and Frederick Rindge, Entomology, attended the meeting of the Entomological Society of America in Miami late last month.

READING CLINIC NEEDED?

It seems that lots of us can't read. One of the doors to the Main Cafeteria in the Roosevelt lower level is clearly marked "Exit Only". It has been suggested that a line be added: "This means employees too" -- but that might give the public an unfortunate impression of the people who work here.

The problem is that employees persist in entering the cafeteria by way of the exit in order to avoid going through the line which is now marked by a railing extending from the west door to the food counter. When visitors see the exit sign being ignored, they naturally follow suit, and the result is a traffic impasse at the cash register. Even when the place is not crowded, this two-way traffic creates a hazard -- as well as good grounds for annoyance on the part of those who obey signs. Okay?

HEARD IN PASSING

Dave Quinn, the Merry Milkman from Nanuet, New York has gone out of business. All during the milk strike, Mr. Quinn came tooling in daily with gallons of local lacteal fluid for his oppressed companions in the Planetarium. His loyalty and his connections with a large and fruitful herd in Rockland County kept several families in milk and out of trouble. Your correspondent has been asked to express their gratitude to Dave, the Fountain.

Another bulletin from the same correspondent reads as follows: All of us have blind spots and temporary mental aberrations. Your reporter suffers severely from these weaknesses, and as a result, when our own Sophie Milkowska of the Planetarium Box Office suddently became Mrs. Danny Lupero last March 19, not a word of this event reached the Grapevine. Belatedly, but most sincerely, we wish Sophie and Danny the best of everything and lots of it! (To which it must be added that the G'vine editor was also off base in believing with absolute certainty that this good news had appeared in the April issue -- until investigation proved otherwise. Happy novemlunarversary, Mr. and Mrs. L.)

Joseph Negron, Building Services, and his wife recently attended services at St. Agnes' Convent, Sparkill, N.Y., where their daughter was invested as Sister Mary Norma in the Order of Dominican Sisters. For the time being, she will remain at Sparkill as a teacher, but the Negrons hope that she will soon receive a teaching assignment closer to their home in the Bronx.

There's no excuse now for anyone mistaking the identity of Nancy McCoy, Public Relations. Jack Carewe, Building Services has made her an official-looking desk sign, handsomely lettered "The Real McCoy"... Joyce-Ruth Corn, new instructor in

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Education, has a musical background. She used to write reviews for Roberta Peters' Music Club Journals.

It's good to have John Erlandsen, Paint Shop, back with us and looking better than ever. He made an excellent recovery from the heart attack he suffered a couple of months back, and we hope he'll continue to feel fine...James Lee, Planetarium, has been hospitalized with a major operation from which he's now recuperating. We all miss him and hope to have him back soon...The many Museum friends of Shirley Neilson, wife of Ernest Neilson, formerly with Anthropology, were concerned to hear that she recently suffered a stroke in Florida. We understand that her condition has improved in the last few weeks, and all our best wishes are with her.

If you want the latest news from the Old Sod, have a chat with Patrick O'Dwyer of the Planetarium who flew to Tipperary for a 2½-week vacation last month. It was his first visit in 34 years to his native Ireland where his five brothers live.

As we go to press, Robert F. Mathewson, Resident Director of the Lerner Marine Laboratory at Bimini, is in the Museum for a week of conferences -- his first visit here since his appointment last February. We all envy that gorgeous Bimini sunburn!

TRADING POST

Items for Sale

Westinghouse electric roaster, broiler, and grill with many accessories. Like new. $15. Charles Falkenbach, ext. 354.

Beautifully mounted South American Jaguar skin rug in open-mouth pose. Call Nicolas Gusakovsky, ext. 482.

Ladies' Helbros wrist watch. Practically new. $25. Call Nancy McCoy, ext. 444.

Unusual furniture and accessories. Call Marvin Chasin, CA 8-1998.

1958 Vespa Motor Scooter with towing attachment. In good condition. Call Mrs. Burckhardt, WA 4-6928.

GRAPEVINE

OF THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

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VISITOR FROM NEW GUINEA

One of the most interesting, and interested, visitors to the Museum this month is Mrs. Ailsa Hall of Nou Nou on Goodenough Island off the coast of eastern Papua, New Guinea. On her first trip to the United States, she is renewing friendships with Mammalogy Department scientists with whom she worked in New Guinea on two Archbold Expeditions.

Mrs. Hall handled many of the business details of the 1953 and 1956 expeditions to New Guinea and acted as hostess to the scientists returning from the field to expedition headquarters on the island of Samarai. It was during the 1953 expedition that Geoffrey Tate, now retired, suffered a series of strokes and was in critical condition at Samarai for some weeks. Due largely to Ailsa Hall's devoted attention, Mr. Tate survived that ordeal and was finally able to be air-lifted back to America.

A native of Australia, Mrs. Hall has lived in New Guinea since she was three years old. She speaks Motu, the main Papuan language, as well as many of the dialects that are spoken in local communities throughout eastern Papua and the islands. At Nou Nou she runs a copra trading post, buying the dried cocoanut meat from Papuan growers and forwarding it to the big trading companies which supply the makers of soap and shampoo.

As a house guest this month of the Hobart Van Deusens in Montclair, N.J., and the Geoffrey Tates in Brooklyn,

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CREDIT UNION ANNUAL MEETING

(The following is addressed to all members of the AMNH Employees' Federal Credit Union.)

Dear Member:

The Annual Meeting of the AMNH Employees' Federal Credit Union will be held on Friday, January 26, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 319, Roosevelt Memorial. The agenda will include the election of officers and reports from the President, Treasurer, and Credit and Supervisory Committees. Coffee and cake will be served.

In accordance with Article VII, Sec. 4c, of the By-Laws, revised Oct. 1959, the annual dividend rate will be announced at this meeting.

Anne Montogmery
Secretary

ANTIQUES IN YOUR OFFICE?

If your office contains an ancient chair, desk, cabinet, typing table, or other piece of Museum equipment that might be on its last legs, please don't throw it away without consulting Kay Beneker, Exhibition. Miss Beneker who is, among other things, Keeper of Memorabilia for AMNH, is on the lookout for office furnishings and fixtures that pre-date World War I. She's interested in any kind of equipment that represents that

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Slides, Films, Photography, Projection - Helen Jones
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Mrs. Hall is covering the metropolitan area with a full schedule of sightseeing and theater-going. She hopes to fly to Florida later this month to visit Leonard Brass.

We're delighted to welcome her and look forward to paying her a return visit in Nou Nou someday.

OVER THE TOP

Contributions to the Museum's 1961 drive for the Greater New York Fund totalled $864.25 as opposed to $805. a year ago. The number of contributors was 344, an increase of 42 over last year. John R. Saunders, Chairman of Education, is Fund Drive Chairman for the Museum.

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era of Museum operation, including pen and ink stands, pencil sharpeners, glue pots, or what have you. Could it be that she's contemplating a Centennial exhibit showing the office of a Museum scientist in the early days?

NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES

The office of Philip Miller, Custodian, was moved in mid-December from the lower level of Section 9 to the first floor of Roosevelt Memorial. Headquarters for Custodial Services is now located directl behind the 24-hour attendants' desk and checkroom, in the office formerly occupied by Building Protection. The vacated space on the lower level will be taken over by the building supervisors

JOHN OTTENS

John Ottens, who retired last October after 19 years with the Frick Laboratory, died on December 11. He was 67 years old. Mr. Ottens' skill with his hands and his meticulous attention to detail made him an invaluable member of the Lab staff. "He could always figure a way to do something we needed done," Charles Falkenbach reports. "No request was too big for him."

A veteran of the First World War, Mr. Ottens was not talkative about his military service. It is understood, however, that he was one of the first flyers during World War I to fly over New York City and take aerial photographs.

His colleagues wish to express their sympathy to his sister, Mrs. Ann Ebinger of Bay Shore, L.I., with whom he lived at the time of his death. As Mr. Falkenbach said, he will be greatly missed by his fellow employees, not only for his professional ability, but for his kind and generous nature and constant willingness to help others.

FIRE RESCUE PERFORMED BY COLLEAGUE

The six-alarm fire which raged through ten adjacent houses in Queens on the night of January 5 did not cause a single death or serious injury, thanks in part to the efforts of Raymond Kaplan of our Exhibition Department.

Mr. Kaplan, who lives in Flushing, was passing the scene of the fire as police were trying to evacuate 75 occupants from the flaming buildings. Lending a hand, he helped to guide several people to safety, most of them elderly or bed-ridden. As the fire spread, he ran through the halls of the adjacent houses, rapping on doors to arouse the occupants. In reporting the fire, the next day's papers described and pictured Mr. Kaplan's valiant rescue work.

The son of Abe Kaplan, Exhibition, Raymond Kaplan joined the department staff in 1960 following his graduation from Forest Hills High School.

WELL DONE

Dr. Oliver forwards the following letter for the attention of all:

January 8, 1962

Dear Sir:

Yesterday, Sunday, January 7, 1962 my family and I attended the Museum at a very crowded time, but the service and cordiality of all the guards and elevator men was above and beyond the call of duty!!

We had a little problem as we brought our ten month old daughter along, as well as two older children, plus a baby carriage!

Your people were wonderful and so is the Museum. A very Happy New Year and a very peaceful one.

Sincerely,

Doris Saias

DR. KOOPMAN TO STUDY RARE BAT

Dr. Karl F. Koopman, Mammalogy, will fly to St. John in the Virgin Islands this month to spend two weeks investigating the bat fauna. He will try to obtain examples of the six known species of bats recorded from this island, the most interesting of which is the red fig-eating bat. The form was first described in Europe in 1816 from a skin and skull of unknown origin. Some years ago, Dr. Harold Anthony found this bat in sub-fossil form in Puerto Rico, and in 1958 the animal was discovered alive on St. John. Dr. Koopman hopes to learn additional facts about the ecology and habits of the rare bat.

The last member of the Mammalogy Department to work on the island of St. John was George G. Goodwin during the Ottley Puerto Rican Expedition which investigated a number of West Indian islands in 1926.

PLANETARIUM ON TV

The American Museum-Hayden Planetarium will be the setting of a special television show on Astronomy and the Space Age on Wed., Jan. 17, from 7:30 to 8 p.m. over Channel 7. The program was filmed at the Planetarium last week and presents a roundtable discussion against the background of the black light lunar landscape. Dr. Franklyn M. Branley and three other astronomers will talk with ABC science editor Jules Bergman about recent advances in our knowledge of space and the exciting developments that can be expected in the near future.

CHANGES IN MAGAZINE STAFF

With the departure of John Purcell from the Museum, Managing Editor Ed Williamson assumes responsibility for the publication and overall operation of Natural History. Helene Jordan has been named Executive Editor.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

During the Christmas season, Drs. Lester Aronson, Evelyn Shaw, and William Tavolga, all Animal Behavior, headed off in different directions -- Dr. Aronson to the AAAS meetings in Denver where he delivered a paper on the evolutionary changes in the hormonal and neural bases of reproductive behavior; Dr. Shaw to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute where she continued her studies of schooling behavior; and Dr. Tavolga to the Lerner Marine Laboratory at Bimini to further investigate fish sounds.

Others attending the Triple-A S meetings included Dr. Margaret Mead, Anthropology; Ruth Norton, Public Relations; Dr. William K. Emerson, Living Invertebrates; and Dr. Bobb Schaeffer, Vertebrate Paleontology.

Alice Gray, Entomology, travelled to the west coast to spend the holidays in Los Angeles and Berkeley....In the Education Department, Catherine Pessino also vacationed in California, while Marguerite Newgarden spent two enjoyable weeks in not-so-sunny Florida.

SO LONG AND GOOD LUCK

Henry Seelman left his job in the Film Library after five years to move to New Holland, Pennsylvania, where he recently bought a house. His colleagues will miss him greatly and wish him lots of luck in his new endeavor -- dealing in early American antiques.

The Education Department says farewell to three members this month. Edna Prestia moved to Florida where her family is living; Mary Lopez stopped working to prepare for the arrival of her baby in March; and Martin Daly joined the Marine Corps, reporting for duty at Parris Island on January 3.

As usual our efficient Personnel Office was way ahead of most organizations in distributing employees' 1961 withholding tax statements the first week in January. Much appreciation to Adrian Ward and his able staff.

NEW FACES

The new assistant in the Film Library is Edna Szmodis, formerly medical secretary in the examining clinic at Memorial Hospital. A native of the Pennsylvania Dutch country, she is a pianist and composer and records songs in the Latin tempo.

Clara Henning joined Vertebrate Paleontology in November as secretary to Dr. Bobb Schaeffer. Originally from Hamburg, Germany, Miss Henning has been in this country for the past six years and was formerly Technical Assistant in the Periodicals Division of the New York Public Library.

Mary Harmer, new secretary to Director James A. Oliver, comes from London. Before joining us she was with the New York office of a British steel manufacturing concern.

The new designer in Exhibition is Judith Borgogni who comes to us from Raymond Loewy Associates. She had previously been at the Smithsonian Institution for several years, designing exhibitions.

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The Education Department welcomes two new members in its Adult Education Division: Gertrude Twomey as secretary, and Helmut Schiller as an instructor. Mr. Schiller is a graduate of City College where he majored in biology.

Linda Nye, new preparator of Lepidoptera in Entomology, comes from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and attended Beloit College in Wisconsin....Andy Turchinsky, just out of the Marines and doing graduate work in biology at Fordham, is working as a part-time preparator of Lepidoptera.

Ed Winer, a student at Bard College, is currently doing field work on birds in the Department of Animal Behavior.

HEARD IN PASSING

The Vertebrate Paleontology Department had what was undoubtedly the oldest Christmas tree in New York. A fossil Sabal palm, over 70 million years old, was decorated by members of the department for their annual Christmas party. The tree had been collected by Drs. Barnum Brown and Junius Bird in 1936.

Heartiest congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Cushman Murphy, Ornithology, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next month. Their half century together is a shining example to four colleagues who have been married in the past few weeks -- Thomas Page, Natural History; Dr. Carl Gans, Herpetology; George Goldschlag, Animal Behavior; and Michael Cigliano, Building Services. Mr. Goldschlag and his bride (formerly Shelly Berman, but not the comedian, obviously) toured Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. He's currently on a two-month leave of absence. Mr. Cigliano married the former Elaine d'Angelo and they went to the Poconos for a honeymoon. Mrs. C. is the daughter of Sam d'Angelo, Animal Behavior, whose son, Phil, is about to become one of New York's Finest.

Preston McClanahan, Exhibition, and his wife are the parents of a 6 lb. 5 oz. boy, born on Christmas Day and named Noel, of course. Congratulations!....Sam Kuster, Building Services, was recently elected Master of his Masonic Lodge, Tablernacle 598.

The prolific Dr. Franklyn M. Branley, Planetarium, author of 40-odd science books for young people, is at it again -- this time as editor of the Science Reader, an excellent low-cost book for juniors, just published by the Reader's Digest.

As we start the new year, our best wishes are with several colleagues who are on the sick list: Leonard J. Brass, Mammalogy, is recovering from an operation in Walker Memorial Hospital at Avon Park, Florida....Marie Peck, Anthropology, is recuperating successfully after an operation in New Haven, Connecticut....Harry Mirollo, Animal Behavior, was struck by a car at the end of December and is recovering at Jacoby Hospital, Williamsbridge Road and Pelham Parkway in the Bronx. (Visiting hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. 7 - 8 p.m.; Thurs., Sat., Sun 2 - 3 p.m.)....Valerie Newell, Fossil Invertebrates, is recuperating at home following a fall in which she suffered a broken leg. She'll be in a cast for some weeks....Ronald Bohn, Animal Behavior, will be hospitalized for the next several months with tuberculosis. It was through the recent Museum visit of the Health Department's mobile x-ray unit that Mr. Bohn's condition was detected early enough for fast effective treatment. He is at Ray Brook State Hospital, Ray Brook, Essex County, New York....John Othmer, Building Services, is at Kingsbridge Veterans Hospital for an operation. For the time being, he is giving up his usual weekend volunteer work -- leading Boy Scout hikes and field trips -- but he'll be back with it come spring. He is Scout Council Chairman in his district....Isabel Mount, on leave from Public Relations, flew back from Africa early this month for surgery necessitated by an eye injury....To all of these friends, we wish a fast return to good health.

An incognito reporter for this publication advises us that he recently attended a wedding reception where Bill Judge, General Accounting, and his wife were the sensation of the dance

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A recent letter from Bob and Betty Hellmann, formerly of the Education Department and now in Africa, tells us that they are enjoying their life and work in Kampala, Uganda, where Bob is in the U.S. State Department's teaching program. (Only sour note was the report that Bob waked up one morning last month to find that all his clothes had been stolen during the night by a sneak thief. He has now taken out clothing insurance, presumably on a new wardrobe.)

Peter Zacek sends New Year's Greetings to all AMNHers. His friends here will be glad to know that he has fully recovered from an illness of several months and is again doing reupholstery and restoration of antiques at 418 East 75th Street, phone LE 5-2310.

The concensus is that Louis Benesh, Chief of General Accounting, is a great guy to work for. He's always aware of a job well done. The other day he gave gold pens to three members of his department who had been here for 25 years or more to show his appreciation for their good work. They are Harry Lange, Bill Sherman, and Bill Baker.

The most interesting (if not entirely accurate) business card we have ever seen came with Christmas greetings to Dorothy Bronson, Office Services, from a friend who retired a few years ago from Building Services. It read:

Joseph A. O'Kane
No Business - No Money

No Address No Phone

Happy New Year, Joe, from everybody!

TRADING POST

SUMMER SUBLET: Three bedroom, completely furnished apartment, dish-washer, hi-fi, cross ventilation, 11th floor for rent May 1st to August 1st (or part thereof). Stone's throw from Museum. $275 per month, but owner will listen to reason if interested party is careful, responsible, etc. Call Mrs. Coigney, SU 7-7231.

GRAPEVINE

OF THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

XIX, No. 2 FEBRUARY 1962

COMFORT FOR ASTROLOGY VICTIMS

The American Museum-Hayden Planetarium, an organization which is rather strictly devoted to the study and teaching of astronomy, found itself in the peculiar position last weekend of giving comfort and reassurance to the bedevilled.

The occasion was an apparently compact grouping of several planets near the sun at the time of the February 4-5 total solar eclipse. This completely natural phenomenon of no particular significance had thrown the astrological cult into an uproar, and widespread press coverage of dire predictions for mankind were lining the coffers of crystal ball-gazers from New Dehli to Manhattan.

Somewhat reluctantly, our astronomy staff found itself pulled into the act to explain that the planets were simply doing what they had done and would continue to do for billions of years.

At the weekend, the Box Office was well-prepared for the flood of calls. Many of the callers were just curious, but others were downright scared. Were the planets going to collide? Was this the end of the world? Parents wanted to know if they should let their children go outdoors. Others asked if it would be safe to go to work by Monday. The staff on duty -- Henry Ehlenberger, Sophie Milkowska Lupero, Patrick O'Dwyer, and Patricia Benson -- did their best to calm the jittery nerves. When the straight scientific explanation failed to allay apprehension, they tried kidding

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CREDIT UNION NEWS AND PLANS

A healthy year-end dividend for 1961 of 4 and 3/4 per cent on Credit Union Savings was announced at last month's Annual Meeting of the AMNH Employees Federal Credit Union. In reporting the dividend, CU President John Saunders said that the organization had been commended by the Credit Union National Association for its efficient operation and wise management of funds. Mr. Saunders also expressed appreciation to the Museum Administration for handling payroll deductions for Credit Union members.

A new system of machine accounting, under which members will no longer use pass books, was installed in the Credit Union at the first of the year, Mr. Saunders said. Henceforth, each member will receive a quarterly statement of his account for his own records. His year-end statement will constitute a complete record for the year. Members who wish to keep their old pass books for any reason may have them brought up to date as of December 31, 1961, but no entries will be made for transactions after that date.

The following persons were elected Credit Union Directors for a 2-year period: Philip Miller, Harry Lange, Kate Ogilvy. George Tauber was elected to the Credit Committee for a 2-year term. At the organization meeting of the Directors immediately following the Annual Meeting, the following officers were re-elected for 1-year terms: President - John Saunders; Vice President - Rita Ross;

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and cajolery: "No, the planets won't collide, and I'll bet you're smart enough to know it." One woman asked Mrs. Benson if she, too, were not worried about dying at any moment. "Frankly," said Mrs. B. "we're all too busy here to worry about dying this afternoon!"

There was one happy result. On Saturday, Nancy McCoy, Public Relations, came in to the Box Office to help answer the phones. The regular staff agreed that they would like a compact grouping of planets every weekend if Miss McCoy would join them each time.

While we're justly proud of AMNH's fine fossils, we were a little startled by a recent fan letter from a 6th grader to Marguerite Newgarden, Education. It began "I know my class was very fortunate to have a guide as preserved as you are."

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Secretary - Anne Montgomery.

The Credit Union's Financial and Statistical Report for December 31, 1961 is reprinted on page 6 of this issue of the Grapevine.

TELEPHONE TROUBLES

Many of us here have had the experience, during a phone conversation, of suddenly finding a third voice on the line -- an incoming call from the outside that is intended for one of the two parties already on the line. The limitations of the Museum's venerable antique switchboard sometimes make it difficult for our patient and long-suffering telephone operators to avoid such mix-ups. It was probably this same switchboard some 25 years ago that helped Per Höst, the Norwegian zoologist, land a job with

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the Museum. He tells the story in his book, "What The World Showed Me." On his first visit to the U.S. back in the 1930's, he applied for a job with an AMNH expedition. Having been granted an interview, he phoned the Museum to confirm the appointment. While waiting for the call to go through, he suddenly heard voices on the line and mention of his own name. The conversation (to which he listened without interrupting) was between two Museum people who were discussing the expedition budget and the amount that could be allowed as salary for the new member. As it was a considerably larger amount than he had planned to ask for, the job applicant came to his interview well prepared!

THANKS FROM GREATER N.Y. FUND

The following letter was received by John R. Saunders, Chairman of the AMNH drive for the Greater New York Fund.

January 16, 1962

Mr. John R. Saunders
American Museum of Natural History
79th Street & Central Park West
New York 24, New York

Dear Mr. Saunders:

It is a pleasure to extend the thanks of The Greater New York Fund Board, as well as my own personal appreciation, to the employees of the American Museum of Natural History, who contributed to the Fund.

Each year brings better understanding of the Fund and its agencies to those of us who work or live in New York, and this results in broader and more generous support.

May I also express our deep appreciation to you and your associates who have given leadership to the campaign within your organization.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney C. Brown
Chairman, Public Service Division
The Greater New York Fund

EDITH KENDALL

The death of Edith Kendall on January 18, as the result of a stroke, came as a severe shock to her friends and colleagues in the Museum. Mrs. Kendall had been with the organization for 27 years, having started as a clerk under the Work Projects Administration program here in 1935. In 1939 she joined the regular staff and in the succeeding years served as secretary in various departments including the Planetarium, Natural History Magazine, Exhibition, and most recently Plant Operation and Maintenance. She is survived by a sister and a brother, both of Chicago. Mrs. Kendall had many good friends in the Museum, and all who knew and worked with her were deeply saddened by her sudden passing.

BOB STITZEL

It is with sorrow that we report the death last month of a former colleague. Bob Stitzel, who retired from the Machine Shop in 1955, passed away on January 29. Mr. Stitzel came to the Museum as a carpenter in 1920. A skilled craftsman, he later transferred to metal work and did many of the ornamental brass frames in the exhibit cases. At the time of his death, he and his wife were living in the Bronx. His friends here extend their deep sympathy to Mrs. Stitzel.

BOOKS FOR ASIAN STUDENTS

The Asian Foundation, whose purpose is to strengthen educational, cultural, and civic activities with private American assistance, has asked us to contribute to its program of Books For Asian Students. The books collected will be sent to colleges and vocational schools in Pakistan, Thailand, Ceylon, and other countries. Particularly needed are college and high school texts, in good condition and published after 1945, on practically any subject. Works by standard authors published before 1945 (Plato, Goethe, Dickens, Emerson, etc.) are also requested. If you have any such books you would like to contribute to Asian students, please send them to John Saunders, Chairman of the Department of Education.

IMPORTANT

If you have recently moved, married, or changed your beneficiary, be sure that the Museum Personnel Office knows of the change so that they can keep your personnel record up to date. If you are living alone, it is especially important that Personnel have the correct address of your beneficiary. When one of our colleagues died recently, it was extremely difficult to locate her relatives because she had not advised Mr. Ward's office of their change of address. In addition, it's a good idea to carry in your wallet or pocketbook the names, addresses, and phone numbers of at least two people who can be reached if you are suddenly incapacitated.

DISCOUNTS FOR ANTIQUES SHOW

Discount tickets for the National Antiques Show at Madison Square Garden, Feb. 28 through Mar. 8, are now available from Larry Pintner, Office Services. The show brings together 200 exhibits from around the world and includes everything from porcelains and furniture to greeting cards and typewriters. Admission with discount ticket is $1, as opposed to regular cost of $1.55.

SO LONG AND GOOD LUCK

Grant L. Kitchings, III, watchman in Custodial Services until Uncle Sam called him in December, is now in training at Fort Dix. He'll be on military leave from the Museum until the completion of his service.

The Photographic Division said goodbye last month to Fred Schultz and Hans Behm. Mr. Schultz plans to start his own photographic business, in which we wish him lots of luck.

Herpetology will say so long to two colleagues this month. Marian Schmied, Scientific Assistant, has decided to devote more time to her family, and Muriel Lea, who has been assisting William Hosmer with the Australian collections, has been called home to Australia due to illness in her family.

COMMENTS REQUESTED

In order to evaluate the response of Museum employees to the staff cafeteria, the Administration would appreciate any comments and suggestions you care to make about the food, its preparation, variety of choices, etc. If you have definite opinions one way or the other, please send them in writing to Anne Montgomery.

TRIPLETS IN HERPETOLOGY

The Department of Herpetology celebrated the birth of triplets on January 11 to Barisia viridiflava. Unfortunately, two of the young alligator lizards died shortly after birth, but the third appears to be a healthy specimen. The Department hopes to raise the youngster, since this particular dwarf species is quite rare in collections. The mother was obtained at an elevation of 10,300 feet in the Sierra de Juarez in the state of Oaxaca, Mexico, this past summer by Department Chairman Charles M. Bogert.

On a recent Sunday morning, Jimmy Philburn was on duty at the front door phones when a caller inquired, "Do you have free films playing there today?" Mr. Philburn replied, "Never on Sunday." "Good!" said the voice on the phone, "I've been trying to catch that show all over town."

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Dr. Walter Fairservis, Anthropology, returned at the end of January from two months of field work in India and Pakistan. As a guest of the government of India, he attended an international conference on the archaeology of Asia, held in connection with the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Archaeological Survey of India.

Dr. Lester Aronson, Chairman of Animal Behavior, went to Ottawa last month to

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address a meeting of the Canadian Fishery Biologists on the role of experience in orientation in fishes.

Dr. Karl Koopman, Mammalogy, visited two interesting caves during his recent field trip to collect bats in the Virgin Islands. One of the caves, which could be entered only by boat, proved to be a new collecting locality for the genus Brachyphylla, a fruit-eating bat.

HEARD IN PASSING

The smiling face of Jack Garvey, Planetarium, has been much missed in recent weeks; he's at home recuperating from an operation. Harry Mirollo, Animal Behavior, continues to make a satisfactory recovery from his broken hip. We hope they'll both be back with us before long.

Isabel Mount, on leave from Public Relations, is making a good recovery from the emergency eye operation which necessitated her return from Africa last month. At this writing she's still in the hospital, but expects to be going home in a few days. She's very grateful to all her friends here for their concern and many kindnesses during her hospitalization.

Sherrill Baehler, Planetarium, took off February 1 for what sounds like a dream tour of the Mediterranean shores. Her itinerary includes Italy, Greece, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, the Sudan, and Spain. Egypt will come in for the major share of Mrs. Baehler's attention as she is an ardent amateur Egyptologist and can even read some hieroglyphs. She's accompanying her husband who's on a business trip to these far-off lands.

Josephine Sperrazza, now Mrs. Robert Kail, has returned to Micropaleontology on a part time basis, after honeymooning in the Caribbean.

Ailsa Hall, Mammalogy's visitor from New Guinea, spent ten days in Florida last month, seeing the Archbold Biological Station and environs and visiting Leonard J. Brass in the hospital. Mr. Brass recently underwent a serious operation and Mrs. Hall reports that his doctor is pleased with his normal recovery. Mrs. Hall was entertained by Richard Archbold and by Frank and Helen (Hunt) Rinald, both of whom worked here prior to their Florida assignment.

NEW FACES

Carol Ward, the new secretary in Animal Behavior, is a long-time friend of many AMNHers who are delighted to see her back She last worked at the Museum fifteen years ago. For the information of new-comers, she is Mrs. Adrian Ward, wife of our Personnel Chief.

Another returning employee last month was Dick Grossman, Micropaleontology, who is now handling circulation for the quarterly publication Micropaleontology. A former lab worker in Micro, he recently began his thesis problem for an M.S. in Geology at NYU.

John Glasser, the new film inspector in the Film Library, is an avid spelunker and mountain climber. He's a member of the National Speleological Society.

Richard McPheter, who has been with Custodial Services as an elevator operator since last May, transferred this month to Office Services, replacing John Maloney who is now with the Education Department as chauffeur...In the Planetarium Guest Relations Office, Muriel Crane is temporarily filling in for Sherrill Baehler who's on vacation.

Marilyn Slear, new secretary in Exhibition and Graphic Arts, is a graduate of New York University, School of Education. For the past six years she has been a supervisor and training director with John Wanamaker. An amateur photographer, she also enjoys travelling and dancing and is interested in dress design.

TRADING POST

Items for Sale

12½-horse power Buccaneer outboard motor and tank. Very good condition. Original instructions and parts catalog included. John Ignatieff, ext. 201.

17-foot folding sail boat. Brand new. Original cost - $448. Will sell for $275. Nolan Willence, ext. 419.

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Items Wanted

8 mm. 400-foot reel movie projector. New or used. Rudy Bonen, ext. 378.

Live young guppies, to feed to hungry pipefish. Send to Catherine Pessino, Natural Science Center, ext. 281.

Need a Maid?

Young woman available for housework on alternate Tuesdays. $1.25 an hour, plus carfare. Does thorough cleaning, floor-waxing, laundry (machine or hand) etc. Excellent references. Call Kate Ogilvy, ext. 311 or 444

AMNH EMPLOYEES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

FINANCIAL and STATISTICAL REPORT
December 31st, 1961

ASSETS

Loans to Members	$ 161,213.00
Cash on Hand and in Bank	12,807.50
Investments, Savings & Loan Associations	15,000.00
Investments, Savings Banks	10,000.00
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	443.28
Total Assets	$ 199,463.78

LIABILITIES

Members Shares	$ 176,432.87
Reserve for Uncollectable Loans	15,783.04
Accounts Payable	39.90
Undivided Dividends	7,207.97
Total Liabilities	$ 199,463.78

Statistical Information

No. of Acc'ts. Dec. 31st, 1961	511
Loans issued Jan. 1st. - Dec. 31st, 1961	361
Loans issued since organization	11,111
Loans charged off since organization	$ 551.47
Recoveries on loans charged off	285.28
Net loss since organization	$ 266.19

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TELEMETRY CONFERENCE HERE

An invitational Interdisciplinary Conference on the Use of Telemetry in Animal Behavior and Physiology in Relation to Ecological Problems will be held at the Museum March 28 - 31. More than fifty scientists who are using biological telemetry in their work will present papers. The Conference is being sponsored by the Museum, the Foundation for Instrumentation Education and Research, and the Office of Naval Research, in cooperation with the American Institute of Biological Sciences and the Instrument Society of America. Museum members of the Committee on Arrangements are Dr. James A. Oliver, Dr. Wesley E. Lanyon, Dr. Lester R. Aronson, and Dr. William N. Tavolga.

On the last day of the Conference, Saturday, March 31, a summary session will be open by invitation to all interested persons including Museum employees. Tickets for this session, which will include exhibits and demonstrations of biological telemetry instrumentation, may be obtained from Dr. Aronson's office, ext. 262.

CU NAMES SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

The following members of the AMNH Credit Union have been appointed to the organization's Supervisory Committee for terms of one year: Louis Ferry, Chairman; Thelma Pollick, Secretary; and Edward A. Burns. The job of this Committee is to make periodic audits of the Credit Union's books.

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

Illness or accidents in the families of several employees have resulted in heavy use recently of the Museum's Blood Bank. Fortunately, because of the mass donation by employees when the Red Cross Bloodmobile visited us in December, our Blood Bank has been able thus far to meet the needs. But it now needs replenishing.

If you did not give blood in December, you would not have been able to draw on the Blood Bank had you or someone in your immediate family been seriously ill this winter. You can acquire this valuable insurance now by making an appointment, through the Museum Nurses, to give blood at the Red Cross. Those who did make donations in December are now eligible to give again. If enough employees sign up, the Museum will provide transportation to and from the Red Cross Blood Center during working hours. Telephone Nurse Margaret Johnston, extension 466.

MUSEUM-CITY RELATIONS

On March 8, 1962, the Board of Estimate of the City of New York passed two resolutions:

1. Appropriating $785,000 for Stage II of the electrical conversion.

2. Appropriating $177,000 for Improvements to First Floor, Section 9, New Hall of Biology of Invertebrates.

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It is expected that work will start within the next few months.

It is with sorrow that we record two deaths during February. Louise Pedeberdot, who retired from the Film Library last fall due to ill health, passed away at Memorial Hospital in New York on February 11. Dr. James H. McDunnough, Research Associate in the Department of Entomology, died while doing field work in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

RENOVATION OF SERVICE ENTRANCE

The Museum's service entrance on Columbus Avenue will undergo renovations soon to improve the convenience and safety of access to the Museum yard. The plan calls for widening the driveway both at the street level and at the approach to the underpass. In addition, the former dump area in the yard will be leveled for parking use.

HONORS

Dr. Junius Bird, Anthropology, has been decorated by the Peruvian Government with a medal making him a Grand Official of the Order of Merit for Distinguished Services to Peru. The presentation, made by Peruvian Ambassador Fernando Berckemeyer at his suite at the Plaza Hotel on March 2, was in recognition of Dr. Bird's extensive archaeological research on Peru as well as for the Museum exhibition "Art and Life In Old Peru" which Dr. Bird supervised.

Dr. Edwin H. Colbert, Chairman of Vertebrate Paleontology, was invited to give the annual Sigma Xi lecture at Brown University, March 8....Dr. Bobb

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Schaeffer, Vertebrate Paleontology, was recently elected a Trustee of the Tenafly Nature Center Association.

CALLING ALL CHESS PLAYERS

It has occurred to a few lonely chess players in the Anthropology Department that perhaps there are enough others in the Museum who enjoy the game to start up a chess club. We envision a club that would be open to all: women as well as men, beginners as well as grandmasters, the energetic and agressive as well as the quiet and contemplative.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of such a chess club is invited to attend an organizational meeting on Thursday, March 29 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 419, Roosevelt Memorial. If you are interested but cannot attend a meeting at that time, you may express your interest and opinions by getting in touch with Nick Amorosi, ext. 228, Lew Brown, ext. 280 or Bob Carneiro, ext. 431.

NEW FACES

Thomas McKinney, a graduate of City College, has joined the Department of Education as an Instructor. Mr. McKinney majored in geology...Another new face in the same Department is Robert Covais, Office Assistant, who is completing his senior year at Hunter with a sociology major. Mr. Covais, whose interests include Italian Renaissance art and Bolivian folk music and dance, was formerly with the N.Y. Public Library.

Margaret Hanson, new secretary in Ornithology, enjoys drawing and painting. A graduate of the University of Florida, Mrs. Hanson comes to us from McGraw-Hill Book Company where she was an editing supervisor.

Natural History welcomes two new staff members: Associate Editor Karen Soderquist who comes from Seattle, Washington, was formerly with Mechanical Engineering magazine. Production Assistant Rhoda Nathans, formerly of Detroit, Michigan, likes to paint in her free time.

Eva Varga, new Scientific Assistant in Herpetology, comes originally from Hungary where her father was a herpetologist and professor of Zoology in Budapest. She and her husband, an engineer, now reside in Mt. Vernon.

Marilyn Galusha, new Scientific Assistant to Dr. Malcolm McKenna in Vertebrate Paleontology, graduated last June from Vassar College where she majored in Hispanic studies. She has spent the past three summers collecting with Frick Laboratory field parties in the western United States.

THE MURPHYS CELEBRATE

At the time of their 50th wedding anniversary on February 17, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Cushman Murphy, Ornithology, were spending a week at one of their favorite retreats, the Federal Wildlife Refuge on Bull's Island, South Carolina. They had the 5,134 acres of the island almost entirely to themselves, the only other human inhabitants being the warden and his family. Their closest associates were deer, otters, raccoons, fox-squirrels, 12-foot alligators, wild turkeys and 84 other species of birds.

Dr. and Mrs. Murphy walked an average of ten miles a day in subtropical forest and on the beaches and marshes. As they wound up their anniversary holiday and headed back for New York, their second great-grandchild was born on the Pacific coast.

TWO LONG-TIMERS RETIRE

Later this month we will say so long to two retiring colleagues who have been with the Museum for many years -- Charles Falkenbach of the Frick Laboratory, and Ray Fuller of the Carpentry Shop.

Mr. Falkenbach joined Vertebrate Paleontology as a preparator in 1916 and during his first few years made field trips to Cuba with Dr. Barnum Brown and to Jamaica, B.W.I., with Dr. Harold Anthony. He left the staff in 1920 and returned the following year to the Frick Laboratory where he has remained and is today Assistant Curator. Since 1924 he has been in the field every summer, travelling extensively in the west and southwest

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as well as to Ecuador for six months. His principal research interest has been the oreodonts and his final manuscript on this group of extinct mammals is now being typed for publication some time next year. In addition to his Frick Lab assignment, he holds the posts of Field and Laboratory Associate in this Museum, and Research and Field Associate in the University of Nebraska State Museum.

Following his retirement, Mr. Falkenbach and his wife Margeryie will move to New Mexico where they are building a home 28 miles north of Santa Fe. Mrs. Falkenbach came from that area originally and it was there that they met and were married in 1924 when Charlie was on a field trip. Their address will be Fairview, N.M., and they hope that AMNHers will drop by to say hello whenever they're in the vicinity.

Ray Fuller came to the Carpentry Shop on a temporary basis in 1934 and joined the permanent force two years later. A superior cabinet maker and machine hand, he has fashioned all kinds of exhibition cases and fixtures, as well as equipment for offices and laboratories. "He is an expert craftsman," says Louis Ferry, Carpentry Shop Foreman, who adds, "It will be hard to replace him."

Mr. Fuller is an enthusiastic hunter and fisherman as well as an expert on hunting dogs, of which he has raised several. After his retirment, he and his wife will move to their farm in Massachusetts. We envy the long hours of leisure he will be spending in the fields and woods and along streams where we know he will find much enjoyment.

We hope that Messrs. Falkenbach and Fuller will both be back to say hello occasionally. Meanwhile, we wish them all the best!

All those interested in obtaining discount Circus tickets, call Larry Pintner, ext. 263.

DR. BURNS HEADS TEXAS MUSEUM

Dr. William A. Burns, Chairman of Membership, resigned from the Museum at the end of February to become Director of the Witte Memorial Museum, San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. Burns came to the AMNH in 1940 as a member of the Public Instruction staff. His first job was to make a survey of the science program in the Boys Clubs of New York, and when it developed that no such program existed, Dr. B. undertook to organize one. He subsequently served as Assistant Chairman of Public Instruction, Assistant to Director A. E. Parr, and Editor of Man & Nature Publications, before becoming Membership Chairman. He was instrumental in the introduction of the Museum's GUIDE-A-PHONE service in 1954 and of SOUND-TREK last year.

An active participant in employee organizations including the Employees' Benefit Association and the Camera Club, Dr. Burns also served as Chairman of the Museum's Blood Bank and was at one period Editor of the Grapevine.

In his new post, Dr. Burns heads a museum that combines natural history, history, and art (early American and Texas contemporary.) Its collections include the world's largest canary yellow diamond, a display of Spanish fiesta costumes, and a fleet of vintage automobiles. He invites all AMNHers travelling in the southwest to stop by. The address is The Witte Memorial Museum, 3801 Broadway, San Antonio 9, Texas. Meanwhile, we will certainly miss Bill Burns and his wife, our ex-colleague Adelaide Jordan, and we wish them much good fortune in their new venture.

More Education Dept. Fan Mail: A very original compliment was contained in a letter to Marjorie McKenzie from a young student who wrote to say how much he had enjoyed his class visit to the Museum. "We learned at school," he said "that every new experience makes a new fold in our brain. After spending the day with you at the Museum, I came home with my brain all wrinkled up."

COMINGS, GOINGS AND GATHERINGS

Dr. William K. Emerson, Chairman of Living Invertebrates, is in Baja California at this writing making collections of living and fossil marine invertebrates. His studies constitute a continuation of the work he initiated in that area on the "Puritan" Expedition in 1957.

Dr. Dean Amadon, Chairman of Ornithology, and George Petersen, Preparation Supervisor in Exhibition, spent several days last month scouting the southern New Jersey shore to select a site for the large habitat group on shore birds in the Hall of North American birds. They studied locations from Barnegat Light to Cape May, and decided on a bay near Brigantine where they made photographs and began the collection of foreground material. The exhibit will show nesting activities there on about May 20th.

Dr. and Mrs. James A. Oliver recently visited the Museum's field station at Bimini in the Bahamas. While there they were the guests of Trustee Michael Lerner, Founder of the Lerner Marine Laboratory, and Mrs. Lerner. Dr. Oliver reports that scientific activities at the Lab are booming and that the new Resident Director Robert Mathewson and his wife have things well under control. New porpoise pens are now being installed under a grant from the Office of Naval Research. When completed these will be the largest enclosures for porpoises anywhere in the world. Dr. and Mrs. Oliver measured, marked, and released 400 live young green turtles as part of the program to restock the green turtle in the Bahamas area. Dr. Oliver reports that the fishing, weather, and food for which Bimini is famous are all still excellent.

Dr. Evelyn Shaw, Animal Behavior, also spent a couple of weeks at Bimini last month, working on schooling behavior in fishes....Jennifer Chatfield, on leave from Education, will continue her temporary assignment at the University Museum, Boulder, Colorado, until June. As Visiting Curator of Anthropology, she is writing up the Melanesian collection of that institution.

Chairman John Saunders of the Education Department recently played host to a group of twenty people from the National Parks Service who visited the Museum as part of their training program.

Dr. William King Gregory, Curator Emeritus of Fishes and Aquatic Biology, and his wife are currently doing field work at the Lerner Marine Laboratory at Bimini. Before leaving New York, the Gregorys came into the Museum to lunch with Director Oliver and Controller Meister and see old friends in the coffee room.

HEARD IN PASSING

Members of the Exhibition Department on the fourth floor of the Power House spent a recent lunch hour making bets with one another on the number of cars that could be contained in the new visitors' parking field next to the Planetarium. Most of the estimates were well above the field's actual capacity of 110 cars, with Ray de Lucia's guess more than tripling that figure. When asked how he could have been so far off, he explained that of course he was thinking of Volkswagens.

Thomas Hogan, Building Services, entered the hospital last week for an operation and we hope he's well on the road to recovery by now. He's at Victoria Memorial Hospital, 92nd Street and 8th Avenue, Brooklyn....Catherine Mahoney, General Accounting, is at home after a stay in the hospital for treatment of a slipped disc. She has been greatly missed and, hopefully, will be back at the Museum by the time this appears.... Harry Mirollo, Animal Behavior, is now home from the hospital and continues to make a good recovery from his broken hip.

Born: To Lee Boltin, Natural History, and his wife, a daughter Julia on Feb. 13; to Mary Lopez, formerly Education, and her husband, a daughter Catherine Anne, also on Feb. 13. Congratulations!

Married: Nancy Rita Savin, formerly Vertebrate Paleontology, to Manuel Wilheim in Bloomfield, Conn., on Jan. 28.

TRADING POST

Items for sale

Portable Magnavox television, 19-inch screen. Only 3 months old, perfect condition. Cost $189. Owner going west and will sell for $145. Charles Falkenbach, ext. 354 or 301.

1956 Jeep Station Wagon. 4-wheel drive, heavy duty clutch, radio and heater. Good condition. $1,200. F. Hoffman, ext. 428.

Rental

Beautiful apartment with swimming pool, tennis, boating club on premises. 3½ large rooms plus screened terrace. $155. 1-year sublease or 3-year lease, available May 1. Buying house and must move. Contact Ruth Ogilvy, ext. 442 or 247, or IN 3-2740.

Russian translator available. Will do translations at home. Call Alexander Holub, ext. 238.

Raymond Duncan, the world-famous poet-actor, will present a performance of his spontaneous creation "Green Lights" at Carnegie Hall on Wednesday evening, April 11.

One of our Museum Colleagues, Bridget Merle of Anthropology, is Mr. Duncan's granddaughter, and she has offered to provide free tickets to all Museum employees who are interested in attending the performance. If a group of 8 people would like to attend together, Mrs. Merle will arrange for them to have a box. Telephone her for tickets any weekday morning, 9 to 12, at extension 453.

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THE LUCK OF THE RIENZIS

Saturday, March 31st, started out like any ordinary Saturday for the Rienzi family of Astoria, L.I. Louis Rienzi, oiler in the Museum's Power Plant for the past 13 years, decided it would be a good day to get a haircut. Son Ronald, who started as an attendant with Custodial Services in January, came in to work. At 11 A.M. Mr. Rienzi, Sr., was sitting in the barber's chair when a neighbor's son came running in with a message from Mrs. Rienzi. At first he thought it was a joke. Irish Sweepstakes? Sure, he and his wife had been buying tickets for years, and when Mrs. Rienzi bought that last ticket, Ronnie had contributed to its purchase by taking the family out to dinner. But whoever heard of a race being over at 11 o'clock in the morning? Then he remembered that the race was in England where it was already 4 P.M. Meanwhile, Ronald Rienzi got the word by phone at the back of the Museum auditorium where he was on duty for the telemetry conference. A man of remarkable restraint, he spoke quietly into the phone, "Yes, I heard you....Okay, Mom, I said I heard you." The word was official: the Rienzis had just won $140,000.

The question they have been asked most frequently, naturally is "What are you going to do with it, after taxes?" Their answer: it goes in the bank. They were going to buy a new car in June anyway; they still will but not before June. Otherwise Louis Rienzi says "I think I'll just keep working and once in a while

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MINERALOGISTS GATHERING HERE

Eighty-two mineralogists from 20 foreign countries, including the U.S.S.R., Japan, and New Zealand, gathered here at the Museum on Saturday, April 14, to start a four-day field trip to sites of mineralogical interest in N.Y., N.J., and Pa. They are in this country to attend the Third General Congress of the International Mineralogical Association in Washington, D.C., April 18-20. They'll be back at AMNH on Wednesday, April 25, during a post-Congress tour of museums.

FIRST MODERN COELACANTH AT MUSEUM

The first specimen of the modern coelacanth Latimeria ever to reach the Western Hemisphere has been the object of much interest and admiration from all quarters of the Museum since its arrival in the Ichthyology Department's second floor laboratory last week.

Although quite dead, this example of the famous "living fossil" is excellently preserved and constitutes an addition of major importance to the Museum's study collections.

The five-foot fish was caught by a fisherman off the Comoro Islands in the Indian Ocean on January 7. It was taken to one Georges W. Garrouste who is the only physician on an island of 70,000 inhabitants. Dr. Garrouste, together with the President of the Comoros Government Council, Dr. Said Mohamed Cheikh, presented the rare catch to us as a gift. In return, the Museum will make a contribution to the Comoros Government;

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we'll buy something we really want and were never able to afford before."

All their colleagues here join in hearty congratulations to the Rienzis on their good fortune.

CREDIT UNION STATEMENTS

By now, all members of the AMNH Employees Federal Credit Union have received first quarterly statements of their accounts. The new system of machine accounting, which makes pass books unnecessary, was instituted by our CU in January. The statements received by members this month show the balance in each account, both savings and loans, as of March 31. The loan balance appears on the left side of the sheet while shares are shown on the right. The system is new to all of us and if you have any trouble reading your statement, consult a member of the Credit Union Supervisory Committee which consists of Louis Ferry, Thelma Pollick, and Edward A. Burns. If you have any comments you would like to make about the new system, please send them in writing to the Credit Union Treasurer, Harry Lange.

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part of it will go to the fisherman, and part to Dr. Garrouste's hospital.

SERVICE DRIVEWAY ALTERATIONS

Paul Grouleff, Plant Manager, reports that alterations on the service entrance driveway will be started on April 18. Every effort will be made to minimize inconvenience to Museum personnel; however, there will be no parking in the area known as "the dump" during the period of construction.

APPRECIATION TO ATTENDANTS

As everyone knows, a visitor who has a complaint about the Museum is more likely to sit down and write us a letter about it than a visitor who has had a good experience here. But, happily, there are some people in the latter category, as the following letter to Director James A. Oliver shows:

Dear Sir -

I'd like to express my gratitude to your staff for their kindness in recovering a purse I lost in the mob and confusion on Washington's Birthday. Fortunately the purse was found by an honest man, turned over to a very pleasant young guard in the Man In Space Hall, and put under lock and key by another guard. I was terribly upset at the time. I'm sure I thanked them, but I would appreciate your showing this note to them.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Helen M. Harty
Haworth, N.J.

P.S. I wish there were a more remunerative way of thanking them -- however, this is not easy on a teacher's income!

JOURNEY INTO NATURE

The Museum's weekly radio program "Journey Into Nature" continues to have a large and loyal following and, according to letters received here and at NBC, is making new friends regularly for AMNH. On recent programs listeners have heard from Colin Turnbull, George Whitaker, Dr. Robert Carneiro, Dr. Wesley Lanyon, Dr. Franklyn Branley, and Dr. Robert Cushman Murphy. On April 15, Dr. Ethel Tobach, Animal Behavior, will discuss the uses of telemetry in biological research as reported at the recent interdisciplinary conference here. On Easter Sunday, James S. Pickering of the Planetarium will talk about the astronomical origins of Easter and Passover. The following week, April 29, Charles M. Bogert, Chairman of Herpetology, will be interviewed on some interesting aspects of the breeding behavior of frogs. And on May 6, Dr. Harry Shapiro, Chairman of Anthropology, will discuss his study of the people of Pitcairn Island, the study which resulted in his book "The Heritage of The Bounty", recently reprinted in the Natural History Library paperback series.

Tex Antoine is the host each week on "Journey Into Nature". The program is heard Sunday mornings from 11:05 to 11:30 on WNBC-radio.

DON CARTER'S GOOSE

Some colleagues who recently dropped in to see T. Donald Carter and his wife at their country home in New Jersey report that the nesting season is in full swing at the Carter bird sanctuary. The woods and pond are alive with a great variety of handsome ducks and geese, to say nothing of the beautiful peacocks which our Assistant Curator Emeritus of Mammals is now raising. Most fascinating member of the whole menage is the tame Hutchins's Canada Goose which Don raised from a gosling and which now follows his master around like a pet dog. As Don and his guests approached the pond, the little goose came waddling up, quacking a friendly welcome. A few moments later the quacking suddenly became loud and urgent and the bird began running up and down the bank of the pond like a watch-dog keeping a stranger away. Out on the water, a large male swan was rapidly approaching the shore, his partially raised wings and lowered head indicating great displeasure at the intrusion of visitors to his nesting grounds. The goose was less than half the size of the swan, but as the latter stopped, glowering, at the water's edge, the brave little goose rushed forward feinging an attack. The swan was too quick for him, and a moment later the smaller bird's head had disappeared into the larger's mouth and both animals were thrashing around in the water with the goose on the losing end of the battle. At a gentle kick in the rump from Mr. Carter, the swan let go of his victim who crawled back up the bank, squawking angrily but unhurt. Thereafter, he stayed at his master's feet and continued to berate the swan from a safe distance.

While Don appreciates the unusual devotion and protectiveness of his watch-goose, he

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won't rely on it to protect his sanctuary from natural predators during nesting. As eggs are laid, he will gather them and hatch them in incubators to assure a healthy increase among his wild bird tenants.

CELIA P. MURPHY

Celia P. Murphy who died on March 10, 1962, was with the Museum for 32 years until her retirement in 1948. She joined the staff as a secretary in 1916 and, during the greater part of her employment, served with the Membership Section. She lived in the Museum neighborhood during those years, and later moved to Great Neck, L.I., where she had relatives.

Miss Murphy's colleagues recall her as a quiet, gentle person who spoke little about herself and was an assiduous reader. Small in stature, she dressed with style and was always impeccably groomed. While she was not highly gregarious, she made many friends during her long service here, and she is remembered with much fondness.

HEARD IN PASSING

We're very glad to hear that Joe Sedacca, Chief of Graphic Arts, is making a good recovery from his recent illness. He's at home now after several weeks of hospitalization.

Valerie Newell, Fossil Invertebrates, is still nursing that leg injury of a couple of months back, but she won't let it slow her down. We hope she'll be able to throw away the crutches soon.

REMINDER FROM LA ROCHELLE

La Rochelle Pharmacy, at the corner of 76th Street and Columbus Ave., offers a 10% discount on all purchases by Museum employees. Their experienced cosmetician is familiar with her full line of products in creams, lotions, and perfumes, and is available for free consultation. Charge accounts are invited, and if you are unable to get over to La Rochelle, feel free to call them and they will deliver your order. Their phone is TR 7-4185. When purchasing, be sure to mention your Museum affiliation so that you will receive your discount.

ARRIVALS, DEPARTURES & TRANSFERS

Katia Magid, Micropaleontology's varitypist for the past ten years, is now devoting most of her time to the translation of Russian material for the Department's publications. Monica Wagner, who joined Micro as a typist last August, takes over the varityping duties. A new addition in the same Department is Arlette Malivernier, recently arrived in this country from her native France. Miss Malivernier is a typist for the editorial staff.

Tamara Northern, instructor in the Education Department, leaves the Museum soon to become a research assistant at the Museum of Primitive Art. A specialist in African ethnology, she previously worked with Colin Turnbull, Anthropology, in the preparation of plans for a projected African Hall at this Museum.

Animal Behavior said so long recently to Harold Silverman, Scientific Assistant since 1957, who has gone to New York University Medical College where he will work on problems of heat stress.

New faces around the Museum this month include Vera Jones, secretary in the Adult Education Division, and Thelma White who is working with Dr. Evelyn Shaw in Animal Behavior. Mrs. White, a sailing and skiing enthusiast, formerly worked in radio communications at an airfield in California.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Dr. Karl F. Koopman and Dr. Sydney Anderson, both Mammalogy, leave the Museum April 16, to work in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, for several weeks, collecting mammals from parts of the state that are not represented in existing collections. Their particular objective is to study the ecology of pocket gophers along three selected transects in an attempt to resolve a long-debated question about the number of species in this highly variable group. Dr. Anderson is in the process of

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completing a report on the mammals of Chihuahua which he has been studying since 1956.

Dr. Charles M. Breder, Chairman of Ichthyology, has returned to his field studies of the fishes of the Gulf Coast for the spring spawning season. The work, which is partially supported by the National Science Foundation, includes the analysis of fish choruses that attend spawning activities. Parts of the study are being done in collaboration with the Cape Haze Marine Laboratory, and Dr. Breder is being assisted on the project by his wife. Later this month, Dr. Phyllis Cahn, Research Fellow in Ichthyology, will join in the work for about two weeks.

Dr. Donn E. Rosen, Ichthyology, returned recently from Ann Arbor where he spent several weeks working with Dr. Reeve M. Bailey of the University of Michigan on their joint monograph on the family Poeciliidae. The publication, which will contain 250 illustrations, will later be incorporated into the long-awaited Breder-Rosen book on the reproductive characteristics of fishes.

Dr. Jerome Rozen, Chairman of Entomology, and Dr. Frederick Rindge of that Department have both visited the United States National Museum in Washington in recent weeks to examine type specimens... Dr. Hubert Ruckes of Entomology is currently in Central America for three months to work at the U.S. National Museum's Biological Station on Borro Colorado, Panama, and to collect Hemipter in Costa Rica.

Dr. Norman D. Newell, Chairman of Fossil Invertebrates, last month attended a convention of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists in San Francisco. His next meeting is a field conference on Permian reefs to be held in West Texas under the sponsorship of the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogist.

Angelina Messina, Micropaleontology, is just back from Jamaica, West Indies, wher she attended the Third Caribbean Geological Congress in Kingston.

TRADING POST

Apartment wanted to sublet for NSF student and wife, last week of June to Sept. 1. Also, summer job wanted for student's wife for the same period. Typist, has degree in elementary education, primary grades. Call Dr. Evelyn Shaw, ext. 373.

Free of charge and just in time for Easter: two European rabbits, beige-orange. Call Thelma White, ext. 265.

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Overheard in the Hall of Fossil Mammals: A young man of 10, inspecting the fossil rhinoceros bones in the rock, turned to his grandfather and said, "Look, an original do-it-yourself dinosaur kit!"

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MISS MUHLEMAN RETIRES AFTER 45 YEARS

The retirement this month of Marjorie B. Muhleman marks the official close of a Museum career that involved working with nearly every department of the institution during the administrations of five Directors and three Presidents of the Museum. But, happily, Miss Muhleman has no intention of deserting her many close friends and associates here. She was back the day after her retirement for the 25-Year Dinner, and she now looks forward to the opportunity to really see and enjoy the Museum.

Miss Muhleman started as a photo clerk with the Education Department in October, 1917. Later she worked with Membership, and served briefly as secretary to Frederick A. Lucas. For 27 years she was secretary to Vice Director Wayne M. Faunce and, following his retirement, went to Office Services for a few years before becoming secretary to Dr. Harold Anthony and most recently Dr. Richard G. Van Gelder in Mammalogy.

On May 8, Museum friends including several retired colleagues gathered in the staff dining room for a tea in Miss Muhleman's honor. During her 45 years of service, she never found time hanging heavy on her hands, and with her extensive interests in books, music, and art, (to say nothing of collecting limericks), we are sure she will find the coming years full and richly rewarding. It's very good to know that we'll continue to see her often.

25-YEAR CLUB BIGGER THAN EVER

Membership in the Quarter Century Club hit a new high this year as 19 more AMNHers reached the 25-year service mark and were welcomed into the Club at its 13th Annual Recognition Dinner on May 9. There are now 183 members of whom 86 are pensioners and 97 are active employees.

New inductees ("this year's graduating class", as Dr. Junius Bird termed them in accepting Museum Life Membership on behalf of the group) were, in addition to Dr. Bird, John A. Enright, Paul Goodhouse, John J. Hackett, Arthur A. Heinimann, Walter T. Lambert, Edward McGuire, Malcolm W. Mackay, Edward T. Malley, Louis A. Monaco, Robert E. Murray, Lambert E. Pintner, John J. Ryan, James Scally, Harry J. Tappen, Beryl E. Taylor, and James M. Williamson. Inducted in absentia were Charles M. Bogert, and Thomas J. Ford.

Vice-President C. DeWolf Gibson greeted the members on behalf of President A. M. White who is currently on a fishing trip in Ireland. Director James A. Oliver then introduced the new members and each was presented with a certificate of Life Membership by Controller Walter F. Meister. Some happy reminiscences from the youngest oldster present, Dr. Barnum Brown, wound up the dinner and the members adjourned for nightcaps and farewells until another year.

We were delighted to see such a large representation of Club members who have

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retired from active duty. Ethel Timonier was back for the first time in several years and looks as beautiful as ever. She was recalling how, as a little girl some 70 years ago, she used to visit the Museum constantly from her home across the Park, and how happy she was later to join the staff.

Henry Ruof has started his summer work at the Catskill Game Farm and already has a healthy tan...James Flood, looking very fit, is working as a special policeman at St. Clare's Hospital in Manhattan...Johanna Scharf continues to devote her interest to music. Her singing group, the New Rochelle Men's and Women's Chorus, recently gave a concert at the Glen Island Casino.

William A. Nalty is working with a brokerage firm downtown. Just after his retirement in 1960, Bill and his wife had a wonderful vacation trip through California and New Mexico...Jacob Shrope, who missed last year's dinner, was back with us, having celebrated his 80th birthday in April. He and his wife are enjoying their grandchildren immensely... It will be an active summer of boating and gardening for Fred Wernersbach and his wife Marie. Fred recently put his boat in the water at the insistence of his granddaughter who wanted to take a land-lubber pal for her first sail.

Dorothy Shuttlesworth has just published her tenth book, this one on dogs, and she has two more ready for fall publication (cats and rocks). She's also working on a book about ants and an anthology of nature writing for teen-agers Speaking of teen-agers (and the swift flight of time), Dorothy's daughter is now in high school and her son is finishing his first year of college!

John Lambert now has 16 grandchildren. His colleagues remember well his three

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charming daughters, Kathleen, Margaret, and Theresa, who used to tap dance (the real Irish step dance) at Museum parties in the Education Hall. They all have their own families now.

Robert McMorran and his wife do a lot of travelling these days, to Canada and Florida and back, visiting their children and grandchildren. Next month they'll attend a grandchild's graduation in Buffalo and then go on to visit another part of the clan in Binghamton.

There were many others we couldn't interview because they were surrounded by people wanting to talk with them in that happy atmosphere of long companionship and "spirits young and gay", as Dr. George H. Childs put it in his fine poem written for the occasion. But we'll try to catch them next year.

E.B.A. ELECTS

At the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Employees' Benefit Association, held April 18, 137 ballots were cast for the election of officers and members of the Board of Directors. Results were as follows:

President - Emil Kremer; Vice-President - Paul Goodhouse; Treasurer - George Floegel; Secretary - Barbara Ann Harrison. Elected to the Board were Nicholas Amorosi, G. Robert Adlington, and James S. Pickering. Rudolph Bonen and John Erlandsen served as tellers for the ballot tabulations.

Treasurer Floegel reported that the EBA's books for the past year had been audited by George Decker. Membership Committee Chairman Trudy Neger reported that 44 new members had joined the organization during 1961.

As it has done since 1908, the EBA continues to serve an important function--the immediate payment of $200 to the beneficiary of a member upon the member's death. All of us owe a vote of thanks to the officers and directors who devote their time to this work.

DR. SCHNEIRLA HONORED

Dr. Theodore C. Schneirla, Animal Behavior was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences at the organization's 182nd Annual Meeting in Boston on May 9. The Academy, chartered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts during the American Revolution, has approximately 1800 members who are national and international leaders in the sciences and arts. Dr. Schneirla is a widely recognized authority on problems of psychological development, socialization, and learning in animals.

JOHN ENRIGHT RETIRES

John Enright, Senior Attendant in Custodial Services, retired on April 30 after twenty-five years of service with the Museum. In recent years he was assigned to the 77th Street entrance where (perhaps because of his previous experience as a New York cab driver) he greeted visitors with a friendly conversational manner that made him our "Mister 77th Street." Just before his retirement, he was ill for a few days. The following letter written at that time comes from a Brooklyn College biology teacher and his wife, who teaches at Hunter. It says just what his colleagues feel about John Enright.

Dear Mr. Enright:

Last week was my turn again to take my students through the Museum halls. I had looked forward, as usual, to seeing you again at the entrance, to chat a while and to catch up on past events. How sorry I was to hear that you were not feeling well, but I hope that by now you are your old self again. Please take it easy for the remaining few days. Do you realize that it has been more than 20 years since we first met at the Museum? How time flies.

My wife and I want to take this opportunity to tell you how much we have enjoyed your unfailing courtesies, your helpfulness in the past. We shall miss you at the entrance and we wish for you in the years to come not only good health but a well-deserved rest with your

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family. We are sure that your fellow associates will miss you and we wanted you to know that many people from outside the Museum like ourselves will retain the most pleasant memories of our associations with you.

Accept our sincere good wishes, and may our paths cross again.

Dorothy and John Keur

(Amen! -- The G'Vine)

NEWS OF FORMER COLLEAGUES

A letter from Betty Emery, retired Museum Nurse, to Joseph Saulina, Membership, tells us that Mrs. E. is currently visiting relatives in the Bavarian Alps, the part of Germany from which her parents came originally. Her letter describing the snow-covered mountains outside her window, the valleys teeming with wild flowers, the ancient castles, the music festivals, and the delightful family with whom she's living, made us doubt that she'll be back as scheduled at the end of this month. It sounds like an unforgettable holiday!

Mabel Colahan, formerly Mammalogy, has good reason to be proud of her son, Tom, who is known to many of his mother's friends here. He has just been awarded his Ph.D. in History from Columbia University. Dr. Colahan is Associate Director of Admissions of Columbia College.

NEED CASH?

The AMNH Employees Federal Credit Union has it for you! The two main reasons we have a Credit Union are (1) to encourage us to save regularly, and (2) to help us get loans when we need cash. And cash money talks. With cash in your hand you can shop for that hi-fi set, a new or used car, a power mower, or what have you. Get the cash at the Credit Union and then go out and shop for the "best buy" in whatever you are buying. Maybe you need cash to pay up bills, or to take your vacation. Whatever your needs for cash -- use your Credit Union's loan facilities. The CU office, Roosevelt building lower level, is open every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (except pay days) from noon til 1.

KAREL SMETANA

Friends and colleagues of Karel Smetana, Custodial Services, were shocked and saddened by his sudden death on April 23. Although he had been hospitalized several times in the past two years for a heart condition, his bouyant good humor always seemed to indicate good health. Mr. Smetana came to this country in the early 1950's from his native Czechoslovakia to which, for political reasons, he was never able to return. His wife and children remained there and it was his hope that they could eventually join him in this country. His colleagues remember the occasion, a few years ago, when Mr. Smetana approached Antonin Novotny during the Czechoslovakian President's visit to the Museum and asked his help in obtaining passports for Mrs. Smetana and the children. Novotny promised to look into the matter, but the passports were never issued.

GOINGS AND COMINGS

Dr. William K. Emerson, Living Invertebrates, returned recently, with a handsome tan, form a 6-weeks collecting voyage in the Gulf of California where he was malacologist on the Vermilion Sea Expedition sponsored by the Belvedere Scientific Fund of San Francisco... Dr. Wesley E. Lanyon, Ornithology, spent last week doing field work in Baja California and will be working at the Southwestern Research Station in Arizona until the end of the month...Dr. Willis J. Gertsch, Entomology, is serving as Acting Director of the SWRS following the resignation of Dr. Mont Cazier. Other entomologists recently in the field include John Woods at SWRS, and John Pallister who has been visiting his home territory near Cleveland...Dr. Norman D. Newell, Fossil Invertebrates went out to Houston, Texas, this month to talk with a group of citizens who are planning an oil exhibit for their museum, patterned after our Hall of Oil Geology.

SO LONG AND GOOD LUCK

Seymour Couzyn, sculptor in the Department of Exhibition, recently left us to take

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on an interesting project in Pennsylvania. Working with a doctor at Warren State Hospital, he will do sculptures of the nervous system to be used in medical education. His first project will be a large model of the brain.

Nolan Willence of the Planning Department has joined the staff of a display company here in New York. Before coming to the Museum two years ago, he was a trumpet player with several major philharmonic orchestras.

HEARD IN PASSING

Instead of coffee breaks, they're taking bird-watching breaks in the President's Office these days. Our naturalist Veep, C. DeWolf Gibson, reports that he, Laura Witmer, and Ethel Smith had spotted a total of 14 species out of their windows a few weeks ago. By now the count is probably considerably higher.

It's very good to see Bob Fearman, Power Plant, again after his long hospitalization. He's lost a lot of weight, but not his sense of humor and we hope he'll continue to feel better every day...For the first time in several weeks the full complement of Planetarium personnel is off and running. All their invalids have recovered -- Dan Berlitz, John Coalter, Jack Garvey, and Joe Connors -- and they're welcomed back collectively...His colleagues helped John Coalter celebrate his 65th birthday on May 1st. He has celebrated more than 30 birthdays at the Museum and Planetarium.

Congratulations to Dick and Fran Zweifel, Herpetology, whose daughter Ellen, arrived on April 15. The Zweifel family leaves this month for Panama City which will be their headquarters for two months while Dr. Zweifel studies the frog fauna in various tropical areas of Central America...Congratulations, too, to Jim Scally, Custodial Services, whose eleventh grandchild, Shawen Patrick Clinton, arrived two days after Easter and weighed in at one ounce short of 8 pounds.

Malcolm Mackay, Power Plant, and his wife take off shortly for an extensive tour of Scotland including the Shetland Islands...Patrick O'Connell recently transferred from the Exhibition Department to the Power Plant where he is an oiler.

The mother of Helmut Wimmer, Planetarium artist, arrived at Idlewild on May 2, from Munich, Germany. Mrs. Wimmer has lived 70 years in Munich and this is the first time she has been more than twenty or thirty miles from home. Helmut quoted her first remark as she left the plane: "Am I <u>really</u> in America?"

TRADING POST

Museum staff member and his wife, who live in the country, wish to rent simple and inexpensive room in New York which they may occupy one or more nights a week. Call Kate Ogilvy, ext. 311.

Temporary room near Museum needed for new employee, young woman, arriving in N.Y. early June. Call Kate Ogilvy, ext. 311.

Available Free

7 kittens. 4 all black; 1 tabby & white; 1 gray & white; 1 black & white. Sexes undetermined. Will need homes in about a week. Call Isabel Mount, Code 201 OL 3-2629. (Jersey City)

One large handsome orange cat. Call Bea Brewster, ext. 274.

Items For Sale

New Olympia German portable typewriter. In original packing, never used. Retails for $119. Asking price - $90. Call Tom Newbery, ext. 337.

French Provincial couch, white and gold. Excellent condition, 3 years old. $125. Call Eileen Palanker, ext. 395.

1956 Oldsmobile hardtop. Black with red interior, 5 new white walls, radio, heater. Excellent condition. One owner. Call Catherine Mahoney, ext. 292.

Rentals Available

3½-room apartment at 900 W. 190th St. 15th floor, new building. Unobstructed

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view of Hudson River. 1 block to 8th Avenue subway; 5th Avenue bus at corner. $158 per month includes gas. Call Tom Newbery, ext. 337.

Fire Island cottage, July 4 - Labor Day, $800. Secluded spot in small colony between Davis Park and Water Island. One mile from ferry. Comfortable new building with modern decor and complete furnishings except linen. Sleeps 4 on beds, 3 more on cots. Large free-standing circular fireplace. Beyond electric service, but bottled gas provides hot water, refrigeration, cooking and lights. Ample running water. Shower. 8-foot rowboat included. Call Jamie Jordan, ext. 473.

Vacation cabin near Conn. shore (100 miles from NYC) available during June. $35 a week. Combination living and sleeping room with fireplace, pullman kitchen. Electricity, shower, 2 studio couches. Complete furnishings including linen. One mile from beach. Call Kate Ogilvy, ext. 311.

House For Sale

Attractive remodeled frame house in small Conn. town (100 miles from NYC) on Long Island Sound. 3 bedrooms plus large upstairs "dormitory". Central heating. Country surroundings, but still only a few minutes walk to stores, post office, library, movie. Near Rail Road station and New England Thruway. About a mile from beach. Excellent public schools. $15,000. Call Kate Ogilvy, ext. 311.

Wanted To Buy: Old sewing machine in working order. Call Tom Page, ext. 440.

LET'S GO BOWLING!

A Grapevine Special Supplement
by the AMNH Bowling League Reporter

The last regular meeting of the Museum Bowling League was held on April 26, at which time officers were elected for the new season beginning next October. Those chosen were: Nick Amorosi, President; Paul Goodhouse, Vice President; Al Potenza, Secretary; and Farrell Carney, Treasurer. They have our best wishes!

May 17th brings to an end this bowling league season, as to tournament play. Some members will bowl through the summer. May 24th is the evening of the league's annual dinner. As usual, it will be at Mayer's Parkway Restaurant - the expected turn-out, thirty or more. Trophies will be awarded to First and Second Place teams; High Series - Men and Women; High Average - Men and Women; High Game - Men and Women.

The absence of Catherine Mahoney, Charlie LaSalla and Peter Zacek, due to illness, and Irene Nagyhazi during the season, naturally affected the team standings. However, it has been a hotly contested race from the opening bell early last October, right down to the finish!

Since the start of the bowling league in the Museum several years ago, the number of teams has increased from four to six. This year was for enjoyment and real good fellowship, the best. We all, in the league, extend our sincere thanks to Lois Hussey, President - for organization; Mary McKenna, Vice-President - A for effort; Al Potenza, Secretary - a stickler for detail; Farrell Carney, Treasurer - none better.

Our thanks too to the dinner committee: Chairman Ed Hoffman, Trudy Neger, and Paul Goodhouse; Trophy Committee: Chairman Bill Barbieri and Nick Amorosi; and the Team Selection Committee: Bob Adlington, Farrell Carney, Bill Forbes, Al Potenza, Don Serret, and Ed Hoffman - splendid jobs by all!

This year's teams were as follows: ALLEY CATS: T. Neger, G. DiAbrio, H. Harding, F. Carney. CHEETAHS: H. Ohrnberger, L. Brown, N. Amorosi, A. Potenza. GAZELLES: J. Krosche, F. Ohrnberger, N. Forbes, A. Naylor. GOPHERS: L. Hussey, P. Goodhouse, M. Neger, E. Hoffman. LAMBS: C. Pessino, D. Hoffman, N. Barbieri, B. Adlington. WOODCHUCKS: M. McKenna, S. DiBella, P. O'Neil, D. Serret. Departments represented were Bookkeeping, Personnel, Anthropology, Fossil Invertebrates, Mechanical, Printing, Custodial, and Education. Come on you other departments, let's make it a 100% representation.

Would you like to be a member next season? If you are a 200 bowler, a 60 bowler, or never lifted a bowling ball before, we would be very happy to have you join our family. There are three requirements: I. Be there Monday nights - October through May, when possible. 2. Pay your dues. 3. Be a good sport. Each year, after the season, the teams disband and new team personnel is determined by averages so that when play again begins, teams are of equal strength.

As previously mentioned, six teams participated; we can now extend it to ten. Arrangements have been made for new alleys next season, not that we were unhappy at Manhattan Lanes but the new place has made us a deal that was impossible to turn down. So, come next October.

The Museum Bowling League will square off at Stadium Lanes, opposite Yankee Stadium. Join us and, once a week, get some real fun out of life!! For information, ask any one whose name has herein been mentioned.

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BIRD PRESERVATION GROUP MEETS HERE

The International Council for Bird Preservation, oldest international conservation group in the world, will hold its Thirteenth World Meeting at this Museum beginning Monday, June 11. Delegates, all noted ornithologists from some 30 of the 50 countries represented in the Council, will discuss such problems as hazards to air traffic created by birds, the growing use of pesticides, pollution of the seas by oil, as well as the protection of endangered species of birds around the world. The meetings will continue through Friday, June 15, and will include field trips to the Jamaica Bay Bird Sanctuary, Theodore Roosevelt's home at Sagamore Hill, and the New York Zoological Park.

MUSEUM-CITY RELATIONS

Bursar Edwin C. Meyenberg reports that contracts have been awarded in the sum of $162,884 for general construction and electrical improvements in the Hall of the Biology of Invertebrates. It is expected that construction will start on June 6.

FOREIGN MUSEUM SPECIALISTS VISIT US

Representatives of Museum in 16 foreign countries toured the exhibits and some backstage areas of the Museum on Saturday, May 26, under the guidance of Gordon Reekie, Chairman of Exhibition. The group was in this country under the sponsorship of ICOM (International Committee of Museums) to attend the

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"DATING THE PAST WITH ATOMS"

The fascinating activities that have been going on lately in the Corner Gallery will culminate with the opening, on Tuesday, June 12, of a major temporary exhibition, "Dating The Past With Atoms", which will remain on view for about a year. Our Exhibition staff has devised a variety of extraordinary display techniques to tell the story of how radioactive elements are used to determine an accurate calendar of events in the nearly five billion-year history of the earth.

The centerpiece of the exhibit is a dramatic "black light" display symbolizing man's new concept of the vastness of time. Spiraling down from the darkness of the domed ceiling is 280 feet of aluminum tubing banded with brilliant fluorescent colors representing the successive geological periods. A 1-inch color band at the bottom of the spiral stands for the approximately 1,500,000 years of man's existence on earth.

The exhibition is a cooperative project of the Museum, the Lamont Geological Observatory, and the Frick Laboratory.

DR. COLBERT ABROAD FOR TRIASSIC STUDIES

Dr. Edwin H. Colbert, Chairman of Vertebrate Paleontology, left May 25 for a four-month trip that will take him to Europe, Israel, South Africa, and England. Under a grant from the National Science Foundation, Dr. Colbert will be studying Triassic stratigraphy and collecting

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American Association of Museums Annual Meeting in Williamsburg, June 4-8. They included museum officials and staff members from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Ethiopia, Finland, India, Israel, Japan, Nigeria, Peru, Poland, Sierra Leone, Switzerland, Tunesia, and Uganda.

WILLIAM STUBBS RETIRES

William L. Stubbs, Electrical Shop, retired at the end of May having completed 19 years of service with the Museum. His friends and colleagues gathered for a Tea in his honor on May 28 and wished him happy traveling this summer as he and his wife tour northern New England. Next fall they plan to head south, perhaps to Mexico. But New York will remain their headquarters for the time being, so we look forward to seeing Bill between trips.

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fossils in the field as well as examining specimens in museum laboratories. In addition, he will deliver papers to the South African Association for the Advancement of Science, the Paläontologische Gesellschaf in Germany, and will attend the Tenth Symposium on Comparative Anatomy and Vertebrate Palontology in Newcastle, England. Mrs. Colbert will join Dr. Colbert in South Africa in July.

HONORS

Congratulations to Thomas D. Nicholson, Planetarium, who last month earned his doctorate in education from Fordham University. When he learned that the final revision of his thesis was due at an earlier date than he had expected, Dr. Nicholson worked on it steadily for three days and nights and then enlisted

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the assistance of Phoebe Pierce who completed typing the manuscript at 4 a.m. (or was it 6 a.m.?) just hours short of the deadline.

Leonard J. Brass of the Archbold Biological Station was awarded an honorary doctorate by Florida State University on June 2. In reporting the honor to Museum staff members, Director James A. Oliver pointed out that Dr. Brass had contributed more than any other individual to our knowledge of the flora of New Guinea.

ON THE ROSTRUM

Dr. Bobb Schaeffer, Vertebrate Paleontology, will give a series of four lectures early next month at the National Science Foundation Institute on Comparative Anatomy at Harvard.

John C. Pallister, Entomology, recently addressed the 156th Annual Convention of the Medical Society of the State of New York on the topic, "Unusual Earthly Forms of Life and Extra-terrestrial Implications."

Dr. Harry L. Shapiro, Chairman of Anthropology, was host at the Museum on June 6 to participants in the Third Seminar for Science Writers, sponsored by New York University under an NSF grant. Following a tour of the Hall of the Biology of Man, Dr. Shapiro addressed the group on "Social Change in Modern Culture."

"JOURNEY INTO NATURE"

"Journey Into Nature", the Museum's Sunday morning radio program, will continue through the summer. During the coming six weeks, Tex Antoine, program host, will interview Museum scientists on a variety of timely subjects. Alice Gray, Entomology, will discuss the current emergence of the Periodical Cicada. Dr. Franklyn M. Branley, Planetarium, will talk about the U.S. program to send a manned space vehicle to the moon. On two successive programs, Colin M. Turnbull, Anthropology, will be interviewed on cultural patterns and traditions in Africa as they relate to the sweeping social and political changes on that continent today. Dr. James A. Oliver, Director, will draw on his herpetological background for two programs, one dealing with snakes the other with the green turtle and current efforts to preserve this species from extinction. The show is heard every Sunday morning at 11:05 on WNBC -- AM and FM.

AMNH TRAVELLERS

As the season approaches for field work, as well as summer vacations, numerous colleagues are off on interesting journeys From Fossil Invertebrates, Dr. Norman D. Newell, Chairman, and G. Robert Adlington, Specialist, have headed for the Berry Islands in the Bahamas where they will work with members of the Geology Department of Columbia University on a study of marine sediments. From Animal Behavior, Dr. Evelyn Shaw and Dr. William Tavolga have left for the Lerner Marine Laboratory at Bimini to continue their studies of fish schooling behavior and fish sounds, respectively. In the same Department, Dr. Ethel Tobach has just returned from field work at Bimini.

Vertebrate Paleontologists Walter Sorenson and Gilbert Stucker are in Utah and Colorado collecting Triassic fishes. Dr. Malcolm McKenna and George Whitaker of that Department leave shortly for the Huerfano Basin of Colorado where they will collect Eocene mammals. Dr. Jerome Rozen, Chairman of Entomology, is at the Southwestern Research Station in Arizona, continuing his work with bees.

Three colleagues are taking advantage of the special charter flight to Europe and back, sponsored by the American Association of Museums. Flying to Rome on June 13th are Gordon Reekie, Chairman of Exhibition, who will leave the Eternal City a few days later to visit Scotland, and Ann Montgomery and Alice Pollak, who will travel through several European countries and wind up in London for the return charter flight.

Plant Manager Paul Grouleff will return to active duty in the U.S. Navy for two weeks of his vacation. Captain Grouleff will be taking the Convoy Commodore Course

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at the Naval Base in Norfolk, Virginia, starting July 22.

Bob Gartland, Graphic Arts Division, has taken a six months leave of absence to travel and paint in Europe. He's currently in Spain. Marilyn Galusha, Vertebrate Paleontology, leaves later this month for Spain and Italy with stopovers in London and Paris. In Animal Behavior, Sue Gilbert is going home to Wyoming for the summer.

HEARD IN PASSING

A hearty welcome back to Dr. Lester Aronson, Chairman of Animal Behavior, who was very much missed during his illness. His colleagues are delighted to see him looking so well after his hospitalization.

The whole Accounting Department is beaming with pride on behalf of George Wehner whose son, Ensign Joseph L. Wehner, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with honors on June 6. Naturally, Mr. Wehner was present for the occasion. Ensign Wehner is well known to his father's colleagues, having visited the office many times while he was growing up.

Congratulations to Frank Hoffman, Custodial Services, and his wife Beatrice on the birth of their son, Franklin William Hoffman III, on May 24 (which happened to be the wedding anniversary of his grandparents.) To celebrate the event, Mr. Hoffman presented a large chocolate cigar to his colleague, Gil Powers, who doesn't smoke.

ARRIVALS, DEPARTURES, & TRANSFERS

Latest addition to the editorial staff in the Micropaleontology Department is Leane Sloane, typist for the catalog publications. Gladys Davis, Department Secretary, leaves the staff this month after three years with Micro.

It's good to see Carl Sorensen around again. He's back with the Vertebrate Paleontology laboratory on a part time basis....Bill Wolters, formerly with Custodial Services, has transferred to the Exhibition Department.

TRADING POST

Apartments for rent

Sublet June 25 through Labor Day, cool studio apartment with garden. Museum neighborhood. $85 a month. Call Bea Brewster, ext. 274.

Greenwich Village (West 11th Street) -- Charming 3-room apartment, floor through. High ceilings, two fireplaces, garden view. $225 a month. Call Sandra Slauson, ext. 442.

Sublet available for 1 year or for academic year 1962-63. 3-bedroom furnished apartment in Kingsview, a middle-income cooperative in downtown Brooklyn. 1 block from Long Island University, close to all subways including Independent. Faces Ft. Greene Park, public tennis courts, excellent shopping facilities. Monthly rent $156.60 includes gas and electricity. Phone Mrs. Lewis, MA 5-1399.

GETTING YOUR MONTY'S WORTH?

One of the big commercial banks in New York is currently circulating a promotion piece advertising their "Big 4%". It says, "On new accounts or savings with us less than a year, we pay 3½%. Then, after a year, it's the BIG 4%" (their caps.)

As savers in the Museum's Credit Union know, our CU's latest year-end dividend was 4 and 3/4 per cent on all savings regardless of how long they had been on deposit. And CU savers don't have to bother with trips to the bank, making out deposit slips, etc. Their savings accumulate automatically -- and painlessly -- through payroll deductions.

If you are not already taking advantage of the Credit Union, why not start now. The CU office, Roosevelt Memorial lower level, is open for business every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 12 to 1.

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MAMMALOGY STAFF PICNIC

(An exclusive report by Grapevine correspondent Dorothy D. Bronson)

The Mammalogy Department has a delightful way -- at a certain time of the year, on a certain day, and in a certain place -- of expanding to include many museum members and former museum people both in and out of the department.

You guessed it -- the Carters' picnic held in their woods and country home in Kinnelon, New Jersey, where 62 people gathered on that weatherwise perfect Saturday, June 9. The hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. T. Donald Carter and Don's sister is well known. There is no set pattern. Unlimited hot dogs, hamburgers, potato chips, hot coffee, ice cold sodas, home grown strawberries, and all kinds of delicious food, seem to be forthcoming ad infinitum. Surely this is picnic heaven for the small fry, as well as their elders. It just goes on and on! It is topped by ice cream and cookies and I even saw a couple of small boys turn down extras on that finally.

Some people enjoy exploring the surrounding paths through the woods, some go out in the row boat on the small pond, admiring the swans and geese. The athletes play fast and furious sets of ping pong or pitch horseshoes. Everybody marvels at the ease with which the peacocks fly through the air and light on the upper branches of the canopy of trees, and at their raucous calls. Finally two or three of them condescend to light on the earth, spreading their

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CHARLES FALKENBACH

Charles H. Falkenbach, who died on June 8, 1962, had been a member of the Museum staff for forty-six years when he retired from active duty due to ill health last March. At the time of his death he was on terminal leave from his final post as Assistant Curator of the Frick Laboratory. He and his wife, Margeryie, had moved to Fairview, New Mexico where they were building a home.

Mr. Falkenbach started working here at the age of 14 as an apprentice preparator of fossil skeletons. While still in his teens he went on Museum expeditions to the Caribbean and later to South America. He joined the Frick Laboratory in 1921 and during the past thirty-eight years spent every summer doing field work in various parts of the United States. He collected thousands of specimens of extinct mammals and published a number of papers on his work. He was also a Research and Field Associate of the University of Nebraska State Museum.

Hundreds of his colleagues, both active and retired, were devoted to Charles Falkenbach. He was the kind of deeply generous, unaffected man whose greatness as a person was recognized by all who knew him well, and many did.

It is with sorrow that we also record the death on June 4, 1962 of Dr. William Beebe, noted naturalist, explorer, and author, who was for many years a Research Associate in the Department of Ichthyology.

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gorgeous plumage and allowing themselves to be photographed.

Within the long low gracious house itself, the many oil paintings by our Perry Wilson, the silhouette animal lamp shades, the well-filled book shelves plus some beautiful antiques and picture windows keep one intrigued. There are many mementos of Don's long association with natural history.

Both inside and out, live animals wild and domesticated reign over the place. The children as well as adults were interested in the incubator of young turkeys in the kitchen. It is the animals' home as much as Mr. and Mrs. Carter's. There are a few cages where some breeding stock are pent up and the geese, perhaps only for the duration of the children's and visitors' stay.

Green, leafy, quiet except for happy voices and much conversation, it is a beautiful, never-to-be-forgotten spot.

SAFETY PROGRAM RECOGNIZED

Recognition of the Museum's good safety record came last month both from the City of New York and from the State Insurance Fund. A decrease of 7.7% in accident frequency at AMNH in 1961 earned us a Certificate of Safety Achievement, presented by Mayor Wagner on June 22. A letter from the Director of Safety Service of the State Insurance Fund notified Paul Grouleff, Plant Manager, that the Museum had been selected to receive the 1962 Accident Control Engineering Award.

The gloomy note in the safety picture is that while the accident frequency rate decreased last year, the severity rate was up. Employees lost a total of 158 working days due to accidents in 1961, as opposed to only 49 days in 1960. Let's cut that number back this year. Remember to report in writing to Mr. Grouleff any safety hazards you observe anywhere in the Museum.

NEW ASSOCIATE CURATOR

Dr. Roger Lyman Batten, who joins the Department of Fossil Invertebrates as Associate Curator this month, is no stranger to AMNH. While working for his Ph.D. at Columbia University in the early 1950's under the guidance of Dr. Norman D. Newell, he did his research here. And back in the summer of 1948, he worked as a field assistant to Dr. Bobb Schaeffer.

Dr. Batten comes originally from Hammond, Indiana, and grew up in Chicago. During World War II, he saw combat with the U.S. Army Infantry, was wounded in action, and was captured by the Germans at the Battle of the Bulge. After the war he took his B.A. at the University of Wyoming. For the past seven years he has taught invertebrate paleontology and micropaleontology at the University of Wisconsin. He's 39 and single.

MAILING OF PAY CHECKS TO VACATIONERS

If you wish to receive your pay check while you are on vacation, it can be mailed to you by the head of your department or your department secretary, not by the Personnel Office. It is suggested that those responsible for mailing checks be sure to wrap the check in a piece of paper when inserting it in the envelope, as a precaution against possible pilfering.

GREAT & GROWING FRATERNITY

The Credit Union National Association, at its annual meeting in Wisconsin in May, reported that credit union savings across the country went over the $5 billion mark for the first time in 1961. During the year, over 800,000 new members joined the nation's 20,902 credit unions to make a record total of 12,838,888 members. Our AMNH Credit Union accounts for some 400 members, but there are still many Museum employees who are failing to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to save for a rainy day. If you are among them, the Credit Union invites you to discuss membership any Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday between 12 and 1 at the CU Office, Roosevelt Memorial lower level.

STAFF CHANGES IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Dr. Walter A. Fairservis, Anthropology, left the Museum last month to assume his new post as Director of the Thomas Burke Memorial Washington State Museum in Seattle. He will also be associated with the Department of Anthropology at the University of Washington. The Fairservises have bought a house (with a separate guest house!) on a lake just outside Seattle. Their entourage which left New York on June 27 included -- in addition to Dr. F, his wife Jan, and their three children -- two cats, two dogs, and an unspecified number of turtles, all travelling in a Microbus.

The new face in Anthropology is that of Shirley Blancke who will be working on Old World archaeology. Mrs. Blancke, who lectured last year at Hunter College, took her B.A. in Archaeology and Anthropology at Newnham College, Cambridge University.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Members of the Ornithology Department attending the Thirteenth International Ornithological Congress at Cornell University last month included Drs. Dean Amadon, Wesley Lanyon, R. C. Murphy, James P. Chapin, E. Thomas Gilliard, Charles Vaurie, Helen Hayes, and Eugene Eisenmann. Also attending the bird gathering was Patricia Vaurie of Entomology. Among other travelling entomologists last month were Dr. Nicholas Obraztsov who worked with collections at the Smithsonian in Washington, and Dr. Frederick Rindge who with his wife and daughter is spending two months collecting in the Black Hills of South Dakota and the Rocky Mountains.

Dr. Dean Amadon, Chairman of Ornithology, is currently spending two months in Australia and on the Great Barrier Reef, studying birds of prey. On the trip home he will visit various ports of call around the world.

Dr. Charles M. Breder, Jr., Chairman of Ichthyology, returned in June from extended field work on the west coast of Florida....Dr. Donn E. Rosen went to Washington for the meetings of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists and addressed a symposium on the higher classification of teleosts....Dr. Phyllis H. Cahn spent two weeks at the Lerner Marine Laboratory at Bimini studying the schooling habits of fishes in collaboration with Dr. Evelyn Shaw of Animal Behavior. Back home, visitors to the Ichthyology Department included Dr. Eugenie Clark of the Cape Haze Marine Laboratory, and Dr. Reeve M. Bailey of the University of Michigan who worked with Dr. Rosen on their revision of the Poeciliidae.

Alice Gray, Entomology, attended the 25th reunion of her graduating class at Cornell University the weekend of June 9-10 and made a speech to her fellow alumni. Her subject: The AMNH.

Jennifer Chatfield returns to the Education Department this month after a six months leave of absence spent at the Museum of the University of Colorado where she catalogued ethnographic collections....Judy Chernin and Ruth Radalinsky returned to the Department early this month from a training session at the Audubon Camp in Maine.

Other Education staff members now in distant places include Chris Schuberth who is doing field work at the Southwestern Research Station in Arizona; Ken Chambers who is visiting his father in England; and Lois Hussey and Catherine Pessino, now visiting museums across the country on their way to a camping trip in Rocky Mountain National Park.

HEARD IN PASSING

Ernestine Vilusi, Custodial Services, has a beautiful two-year-old German Shepherd named Kutsi (which means puppy in Estonian.) A self-assigned guardian to her mistress, Kutsi is extremely gentle and friendly to all visitors, but she leaps to Mrs. V's defence the moment anyone appears hostile.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to John Healy, Herpetology, who is currently hospitalized with a back ailment. We hope to see him around soon.

Married: Judy Borgogni, designer in the Exhibition Department, and Irving

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W. Appletaum, a criminal lawyer, on June 28th. Best wishes!

Congratualations to Joseph A. Amendolare, Custodial Services, and his wife Frances who celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary in June. Mr. Amendolare came to the Museum in July, 1956 as a groom of two weeks. Recently he has been writing poetry and submitting it to various magazines. We hope to see some of his work published one of these days.

NEWS OF FORMER COLLEAGUES

The following communique from Texas brings us up to date on the activities of Dr. William A. Burns, former Membership Chairman at AMNH, and now Director of the Witte Memorial Museum in San Antonio: "In addition to planning three new exhibition halls, I am on the Board of the Local Art League, Red Cross, Children's Symphony, Children's Music Fair, Little Theater, Conservation Society, School Board, the Alamo Grotto of the National Speleological Society, and the Mexican-American Art Council. Have a daily column in the San Antonio Express-News called Witte Museum Question Box, a Saturday morning children's TV show, have managed radio and TV news spots, and an occasional Sunday feature in the local press. In short, I'm having a ball! Best to all."

Marian Schmied, former Scientific Assistant in the Department of Herpetology, will spend two months this summer sightseeing in Europe and promises to drop in at the Museum on her return in the fall.

Three former members of the Ichthyology Department were back at the Museum for brief visits last month: Dr. Vladimir Walters, now at the University of California in Los Angeles, and his wife Lisa Hamilton Walters; and Dr. Perihan Sadoglu, formerly of Istanbul, Turkey, and now at Brown University.

On a recent trip to Canada, Herpetology Chairman Charles M. Bogert and his wife stopped to see former Vice Director Wayne Faunce and his wife at their home in Stowe, Vermont. Mr. Bogert reports that he wasn't able to convey much recent news of the Museum to the Faunces -- as they are regular readers of the Grapevine.

TRADING POST

1950 D Nickels wanted. Will pay $3 each. Call Larry, ext 450.

APARTMENT NEEDED. Reasonably priced 2-bedroom Manhattan apartment for Dr. L. L. Short, Research Fellow in Ornithology Department, for period from August 27 to January 15. Has two well-behaved daughters, aged 3 and 4. Call Jean Shaw, ext. 286.

SUBLET AVAILABLE. College professor will sublet individual private furnished apartment consisting of one small bedroom with bath in desirable residential Hotel des Artistes (West 69th near C.P.W.) for long or short period. Quiet court room, 16th floor, telephone, excellent 24-hour services, restaurant in building. $20 weekly, $80 monthly. Cost includes electricity (direct current). References and $80 security required. Immediate occupancy. For inspection call EN 2-6700.

Surplus copies of issues of the Grapevine dating back to September, 1961, are about to be thrown away. If you would like extra copies of any of these issues, please notify Kate Ogilvy before August 1.

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END OF SUMMER THOUGHTS

Irrespective of the equinox, we can always tell when summer is almost over by the way Anthony Maloney, Custodial Services, changes his friendly greeting from "Had your vacation yet?" to "How was your vacation?"

The pleasures of our travels and long days of relaxation at beaches, in the country, or at home will soon become memories to be relived in photographs and conversation. We would like to devote a full issue of the Grapevine, with pictures, to the interesting and exciting things that AMNHers have been doing this summer -- but that would be usurping a prerogative of the Camera Club.

One vacation of which we would especially like to see pictures was the Montgomery-Pollak tour of Europe which, from their accounts, rivaled "Innocents Abroad." Alice Pollak, Museum Shop Manager, and Anne Montgomery, Manager of Guest Services, took advantage of the low-cost round trip charter flight sponsored by the American Association of Museums. (Incidentally, the flight will be offered again next summer -- details in a future G'vine.) If your laughing muscles need exercise, just ask Miss Pollak to tell you about their chair-lift ride up Gruenwald Mountain in Switzerland. Each time they reached a station that seemed to be the top of the mountain, attendants swung them around in their chairs and shot them off

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MARINE FISH TRACKED BY SOUND

An important break-through in the Ichthyology Department's Tuna Tracking Project occurred this month when the movements of a large marine fish were tracked for the first time by means of submarine ultrasonic signals. Dr. C. M. Breder, Department Chairman, reports that a successful test of the new system was made off the Florida coast on August 3 by Mark Rascovich, Research Fellow, who is working on the project under the supervision of George A. Bass, Field Associate.

For test purposes, a 300-pound shark, taken on a rod and reel near Palm Beach, was tagged with a capsule containing a miniaturized transmitter which automatically sends an ultrasonic signal under water. The animal was then released and tracked by a boat carrying special range- and direction-finding equipment. The movements of the shark were easily followed as it travelled approximately a quarter of a mile from the boat and then "cruised" close to the bottom, 90 to 125 feet below the surface, covering a criss-cross pattern over an area of about one square mile. The capsule was still transmitting a loud and clear signal when, after four hours of tracking, the boat left the scene in order to return to the shore before dark.

The new tracking system was designed under contract to the Office of Naval Research as part of the long range Tuna Tracking Project which has been under development in the Ichthyology Department since 1959.

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on another upward-moving cable. When they looked down from the snow-covered peak, Miss Pollak said, "the town below was just like a miniature village under a Christmas tree."

Or -- if you want your spine chilled -- ask Miss Montogomery to tell you about the train ride from Geneva to Paris when their seats turned out to be at the other end of the train and there were no porters. Walking through the moving train carrying five pieces of luggage, Miss M found herself on an open platform between two cars just as the train entered a tunnel several miles long. It was pitch dark, and between the bags piled around her feet and the small handrails on either side, Miss M managed to hold her ground on the swaying and bouncing platform until daylight appeared. Reunited in the next car, the two travelling companions laughed til their sides ached.

Echoes of this and other vacation adventures will be heard around the Museum for a long time to come.

ICHTHYOLOGIST JOINS STAFF

Dr. C. Lavett Smith, who joined the Department of Ichthyology as Assistant Curator last month, finds that New York in summer is quite a contrast to his last location, a Pacific island. Dr. Smith was an associate professor of zoology at the University of Hawaii during the past academic year, having taught the previous year at the College of Guam.

A native of Hamburg, N.Y., Dr. Smith was graduated from Cornell in 1949 and did his graduate work at Tulane and the University of Michigan. His primary research interest is in perch-like fishes including sea basses and their allies. His doctoral dissertation, completed in 1959, deals with the systematics of the groupers inhabiting American waters. While serving with the Army Medical Service Corps, he did research on the snail hosts of blood flukes in Puerto Rico. Dr. Smith, his wife and two children now live at College Point, L. I.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Walter Roman, new secretary to Plant Manager Paul Grouleff, comes originally from Camden, N. J., where he was active in baseball and basketball during high school. Later, while serving with the Navy in China during World War II, he introduced students at Nanking University to the game of touch football. Mr. Roman's other interests include tennis, swimming, reading, and cub scouting. He is married and has an eight-year old son, Tommy.

Margaret Bullitt, new Scientific Assistant in Herpetology, took her B.A. at the College of Wooster. A native of Swarthmore, Pa., she's now living in Manhattan. She's interested in most animals, but reserves a special fondness for dogs.

Welcome back to Murray Altman, Living Invertebrates, who has been with the U.S. Army for six months. Mr. Altman spent the first portion of his training duty at a camp in New Jersey and the remainder in Texas -- but he prefers New York.

Welcome back, also, to Gertrude Toomey, Education, who left us last spring to go to Florida. Her colleagues are very glad to have her back.

Coast to coast exchange: The new face in the Film Library belongs to George Blivens who comes from California. He replaces film inspector John Glasser who has gone to California.

Ellen Holt has resigned her post as preparator in Entomology to continue her studies in Virginia.

DISCOUNTS FOR ICE CAPADES

Discount tickets are now available from Larry Pintner, Office Services, for the Ice Capades of 1963, which will start at the end of this month at Madison Square Garden. The tickets, which allow you a reduction of approximately one third off the regular price, can be used at weekday evening performances and at some weekend matinees.

FAMILIAR FACES IN NEW PLACES

Jerry Thurmann, formerly with Custodial Services, has transferred to Living Invertebrates where he is now research assistant to Dr. Meredith L. Jones. Mr. Thurmann will be working on the deep-sea collections made by the Research Vessel "Vema" which have been received from the Lamont Geological Observatory.

Thomas Hayden has also left Custodial Services to become an artist in the Graphic Arts Division. Before his transfer, Mr. Hayden had been doing art assignments for the Entomology Department.

Sidney Berman, formerly with the Frick Laboratory, has moved over to the Photographic Division. Congratulations and good luck to all in their new posts.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Dr. William K. Emerson, Chairman of Living Invertebrates, presided at the annual meeting of the American Malacological Union in St. Petersburg, Fla. early this month. Also attending were Dr. H. E. Coomans and William E. Old, Jr. of the same department. Dr. Coomans, who was accompanied by his wife and daughter Cindy, went on to visit friends in Miami Beach after the meetings, while Mr. Olds visited shell shops on both coasts of Florida before returning to New York.

Other travelling members of the Living Invertebrates Department include Dr. Meredith L. Jones who collected in Texas early this month and is now at the Lerner Marine Laboratory in Bimini, and Dr. Horace W. Stunkard who is continuing his studies of parasitic worms at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass. Dr. Stunkard reports that the work, which is aided by an NSF grant, is progressing nicely.

Joseph Amendolare, Custodial Services, leaves early in September for two weeks of Navy duty at Newport, R.I. A fireman in the Naval Reserve, he will be taking courses in damage control. Later this fall, he expects to take exams for his Petty Officer rating.

Dr. Jerome Rozen, Chairman of Entomology, is spending several months doing field work at the Southwestern Research Station in Arizona where he is accompanied by his family.

Charles M. Bogert, Chairman of Herpetology, and Mrs. Bogert are spending August and Sept. in Oaxaca, Mexico, particularly in the Sierra de Juarez where Mr. Bogert hopes to add to the collection of rare salamanders discovered there last summer.

A card from Cicely Breslin reports that life at the Southwestern Research Station is interesting and fun. She is serving as librarian there for the summer, and also has time to do some painting and to take care of a baby coyote.

Joyce Ruth Corn attended the Tenth International Congress of the History of Science Society at Cornell and in Philadelphia this month.

HEARD IN PASSING

Dr. Harry L. Shapiro, Chairman of Anthropology, whose daughter Harriet enters her junior year at Barnard this fall, has been appointed Chairman of the Barnard College Parents Committee.

John Saunders, Chairman of Education, is happy to have his son Paul back in this country for his senior year at Fordham. Paul returned recently from Europe, having spent his junior year in an honors program at the Institute of Political Science in Paris.

Married: Kenneth Chambers, Education, and Antoinette Priore of McCall's Magazine. Congratulations and very best wishes!

Born: to President and Mrs. Alexander M. White, a grandson Jonathan White Montgomery, the second son of Elinor White Montgomery (formerly Exhibition Dept.) and her husband George. The newest member of the family arrived on July 17 and is named for Mrs. White's father. A very warm welcome to him!

Small world department: On her five-week trip to Europe, during which she visited eleven countries, Josephine D'Orsi of the

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Film Library met Gordon Reekie, Chairman of Exhibition, coming out of a bank in Rome.

Helmut Schiller, botanist in the Adult Education Division, photographed orchids in the bogs of Vermont early in July, then went on to observe other aspects of nature at the Audubon Camp in Maine.

We're delighted to see Margaret Connolly, Custodial Services, back on the job and looking healthy and rested after her hospitalization.

Members of the Herpetology Department were happy to see Irene Ruibal, former department secretary, who stopped by recently en route to Puerto Rico where her husband is doing field work this summer ..... Congratulations to another former colleague in Herpetology, Jay Cole, who was married in June.

It was a pleasure to see John Enright, recently retired from Custodial Services, when he stopped in to say hello the other day. He looked wonderfully healthy and tanned, having just come back from a vacation in the Allegheny Mountains.

TRADING POST

Apartment available, 1½ rooms, air cond., dishwasher, convenient transportation to Museum. 416 East 81st St., Apt. 3C. Immediate occupancy. Call Wendy Huckel, ext. 358, or RE 4-5193 after 5 P.M.

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NATURAL HISTORY PRESS ESTABLISHED

Members of the editorial staff of the long-awaited Natural History Press set up shop in the Museum early this month, and public announcement of the new publishing enterprise will be made on September 28.

During the spring and summer the Trustees, Director, and members of the Staff worked closely with Doubleday & Company, Inc. to set up The Natural History Press which will help to further the educational goals of the Museum on a national scale. Doubleday brings to the Press and to the Museum's publication program the services of a diversified publishing house.

The Press will publish both books and periodicals for the elementary, high school, and college student, and for the growing audience of adults with a serious interest in the many facets of natural history and the life sciences. One of its first projects will be the Museum handbook series, a group of short, well-illustrated paperbacks written primarily by Museum scientists. The first volumes are scheduled for publication in the autumn of 1963.

The magazine Natural History will continue to be published by the Museum, and its editorial staff will work closely with the editors of the Press to extend the magazine's high standards in the fields of science, education, and publishing into all projects of the Press. The Press is also developing a new national periodical for use in improved science teaching in schools, and still other publications to further the growing needs of science education are planned.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

As we all know, The American Museum is a large, complex organization with some 23 acres of floor space as well as four far-flung field stations. I wish it were possible for me to get around to all parts of the Museum regularly and see each of the more than 600 employees who keep it functioning, but such a hurried tour would not provide much time for a leisurely exchange of views. To overcome partially this communications problem, I am initiating a series of monthly messages in the Grapevine.

The Museum is really the responsibility of each of us in terms of our different areas of operation. The institution plays an important role in the lives of the two and one-half million people who come here each year, and those whom we reach through our many extension services and publications. At this time, when there is so much work to be done in the areas of science and education, I would like to ask each of you to consider your own job and re-evaluate your own efforts, with the aim of functioning with a maximum of effectiveness and efficiency during the year ahead.

James A. Oliver
Director

THE YELLOW VERSION TEAM

The atmosphere of quiet concentration in Room 323 of Roosevelt Memorial should dispell any mistaken notions that the Yellow Version Team is somehow involved either in sensational journalism or fall fashion design. The eleven people who have been working there since last July are engaged in the Biological Sciences

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Already in residence in the Press office on the second floor, off the Corner Gallery, are James K. Page, Jr., an editor at Doubleday Anchor Books who will edit the Museum Handbooks, and his editorial assistant, Nancy Dravneek. Editor-in-Chief of the new enterprise is Roy A. Gallant, author and former managing editor of Aldus Books, London, who will join us on October 8. Publisher of the Press is Richard K. Winslow, science editor of Doubleday.

The editorial activities of the Press will be guided by a scientific-editorial board headed by Dr. Franklyn M. Branley, Associate Astronomer at the Planetarium, and composed of Museum and Doubleday staff members. Business activities, including the production, distribution, and promotion of books, will be handled by the Press through its association with Doubleday.

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Curriculum Study which was established three years ago by the American Institute of Biological Sciences to contribute to the improvement of biological education.

The central effort of the BSCS has been the preparation of three complete general biology courses for secondary schools -- the Blue, Yellow, and Green versions of BSCS High School Biology. Each version includes a text, a laboratory manual, tests, and teachers materials. The team working in the Museum is doing the final revision of the Yellow Version, using the comments of teachers and students with whom an experimental edition was tested last year.

While each of the three versions is a complete, year-long course in biology, they differ from one another in emphasis. Major emphasis in the Green Version is on ecology, in the Blue Version it is on the molecular level of biology, while in the Yellow Version the greatest emphasis is on the cellular level of the science.

Supervising the work of the Yellow Version Team is Dr. John A. Moore of Columbia University and a Research Associate in our Department of Herpetology. Members of the team, all distinguished biologists, are Drs. Donald Bucklin, University of Wisconsin; Bentley Glass, Johns Hopkins; William V. Mayer, Wayne State University; George Schwartz, Forest Hills High School; and Wilson N. Stewart, University of Illinois. Working with the team in Room 323 are Donald Meyer, a senior editor at Harcourt Brace, publishers of the Yellow Version; Louise Wolf, photo editor; Joseph Whitten, artist; and Louise Windish and Betty Penner, secretaries. The group plans to complete their work here by the end of January, and publication of the final hard-cover edition is expected by early fall, 1963.

Attention, all bowlers, including brand new beginners: You have 'til September 24 to sign up for the Museum Bowling League. Call one of the following -- Nick Amorosi, 228; Al Potenza, 428; or Bob Adlington, 516.

TWO LONG TIMERS RETIRE

This month we say "so long" to two colleagues who have earned retirement. Otto Lambert leaves his post in Office Services having completed 24 years with the Museum. Mr. Lambert joined Custodial Services in 1938 and was on duty in the auditorium for several years where he took in hundreds of film and lecture programs for school children and members, as well as Sunday afternoon concerts for the public. He moved about 15 years ago to Office Services where he has come in contact with nearly every employee because, among other duties, he handles our personal phone bills and cashes our personal checks.

Charles C. Henderson, who joined Custodial Services in 1944, will be very much missed on the night watch force where he has worked through the wee hours until 7 A.M. He has two sons, one of whom recently joined his father for a short period as a member of the night force. Mr. Henderson has been in poor health lately and it is hoped that after a few months of rest and relaxation he'll feel like his old self again. His Museum friends who gathered for a tea in his honor in the Portrait Room on September 18 wished him a fast return to good health.

As both Messrs. Lambert and Henderson plan to remain in the New York area, we'll look forward to seeing them whenever they have time to drop in and say hello.

DR. ADLER'S TRAVELS

Dr. Helmut E. Adler, Animal Behavior, attended the annual convention of the American Psychological Association in St. Louis recently where he presented a paper on "The Accuracy of the 24-hour Clock of the Starling." The work had been done in collaboration with John Gianutsos of Animal Behavior. A few days after his return to the Museum, Dr. Adler and his wife were off to the Symposium on Animal Orientation held at Garmisch-Partenkischen in Germany, September 17-21, under the auspices of the International Union of Biological Societies. His talk there is on "Psychological Factors in Animal Orientation."

"JOURNEY INTO NATURE"

Responses by letter and phone to "Journey Into Nature" programs indicate continually growing interest in the Museum's weekly radio show on WNBC. This past Sunday, listeners heard Dr. James A. Oliver, Director, discuss his main scientific interest, snakes. On September 23, Dr. Dean Amadon, Chairman of Ornithology, talks about the Great Barrier Reef of Australia from which he recently returned. The following Sunday, September 30, Dr. Wesley Lanyon, Ornithology, will describe his use of a new radar device to measure the speed of flight in birds. And on October 7, Dr. Oliver will be heard again, this time on the Green Turtle and efforts to preserve the species from extinction. The "Journey" series, for which Tex Antoine is host, is heard every Sunday at 11:05 A.M. on WNBC-Radio. (Air time was changed to 2:05 P.M. on September 16 and 23 because of political broadcasts on those mornings.

RICHARD REIDY

The many Museum friends of Richard Reidy who retired from Custodial Services three years ago were greatly saddened to learn of his death on September 9, 1962. Mr. Reidy served the Museum for 32 years until his retirement due to ill health in 1959. Just prior to retirement, his regular post was elevator operator in Roosevelt Memorial, and his colleagues will recall that he insisted on continuing in his job for many months despite a painful arthritic condition. His generous nature and cheerful manner endeared him to many who wish to express their deep sympathy to his wife and family.

MUSEUM-CITY RELATIONS

Edwin C. Meyenberg, Bursar, reports that persons in the following titles who are scheduled to receive retro-active pay may expect their checks early in October: Supervising Attendent, Senior Attendent, Attendent, Supervising Instructor, Senior Instructor, Instructor, Supervising Clerk, Assistant Superintendent of Construction, and Storekeeper.

NEWS OF FORMER COLLEAGUES

A letter from Pvt. Grant L. Kitchings, on military leave from Custodial Services, tells us that he's now stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, as a clerk typist in the Quartermaster Section. He gets the Grapevine every month and enjoys reading news of his co-workers to whom he sends best regards. He hopes to get a leave around Christmas time, before going overseas, and will drop in at the Museum to say "hello" to all his friends.

Dr. Mont A. Cazier, former Director of the Southwestern Research Station at Portal, Arizona, has been appointed to the faculty of Arizona State University in Tempe.

Catherine Mahoney's resignation from General Accounting last July after fifteen years with the Museum failed to make the Grapevine because Miss Mahoney, as departmental reporter, didn't report. We lost her to the Space Age when she moved over to IBM to study programming of computers. We wish her lots of luck in her new career.

Ben Edwards, who retired in the late 1940's from the Carpentry Shop after many years with the Museum, delighted his friends here with a surprise visit the other day. Mr. Edwards, who remains indefagitable at 80, drove up from Florida where he now lives at 3901 Yardley Ave. North, St. Petersburg. He gets together occasionally with other retired AMNHers in Florida and would like to hear from any colleagues who find themselves in his vicinity.

HEARD IN PASSING

While a number of AMNHers have been struggling manfully through the worse-than-average hay fever season this month, it's been cheering to welcome back several colleagues who were laid low for longer periods. John Healy, Herpetology, is on the job again after a long recovery from a back operation; Frank Lombardi, Fossil Invertebrates, is back after hospitalization for a hip ailment; Dominick Caggana is again in the Print Shop full time after a seige of illness that lasted several months; and John Hackett has returned to Office Services having proved a fast winner in a bout with pneumonia.

Our thoughts are very much with those still on the sick list, including Charlotte Stove, Office Services, who has been out for three months. We miss her a lot and hope she'll be back with us soon.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Dr. Donn E. Rosen, Ichthyology, spent two weeks in August on a collecting trip in Vermont and New Hampshire. While there he was a house guest of Hobart M. Van Deusen, Mammalogy, who was a splendid guide to the many interesting localities of the area. Dr. Rosen collected 23 quarts of fishes and two quarts of amphibians in which were included numerous color variants of the green frog.

Herpetology wished bon voyage on September 6 to William Hosmer who returned to Australia where he will continue to collect for the Museum. His extensive monograph on our present Australian herpetological collections will be published as a Museum Bulletin.

Dr. Frederick Rindge, Entomology, was hospitalized after his return from a summer of collecting in the Black Hills of South Dakota and the Rocky Mountains. We understand he's now at home and feeling better. We hope he'll be back with us soon.....Marjorie Statham of Entomology is at the Southwestern Research Station helping Dr. Jerome Rozen with his studies on bees of the area.

From Fossil Invertebrates, Dr. Norman D. Newell, Chairman, Dr. Roger L. Batten, and Melvin Hinkley left on August 21 to spend a month collecting fossils in Texas .....Beatrice Brewster of the same department has returned from Fontainebleau, France, where she spent the summer on a scholarship studying music.

Nellie Reilly, Custodial Services, vacationing in the Catskills, went to the races at Saratoga and lost $3 on a horse who didn't come in. As far as she knows, he's still running.....And Arthur Sharp, Electrical Shop, spent his vacation in the mountains of eastern Pennsylvania where he enjoyed lots of hiking and climbing. On one climb, however, Mr. Sharp's young son unexpectedly ran into a wasps' nest; "That's a mountain we won't forget!" he reports.

FAN MAIL

Since everyone appreciates a pat on the back from time to time, we would like to share the following comments from a couple of recent letters from visitors to the Museum:

An executive of a large pharmacuetical firm in New Jersey writes, "I have visited your museum several times recently, and it's absolutely magnificent! Aside from the world of information to be gained, your people do a beautiful job on your displays."

A mother wrote, after her first visit here with her son, "Every one of the attendants on duty were most courteous and so ready to answer any questions...Of the many different places we have visited in New York City, nowhere else was there a more completely courteous staff than we encountered at the Museum today."

TRADING POST

For Sale: Table model Emerson TV, 19-inch screen, repair guarantee, $35. Also, sofa-bed, chairs, mirror, chest, all for $40. Other miscellaneous items. All must be sold by Fri., Sept. 28. Fernando Pires, ext. 386.

Apartment Wanted: Furnished sublet for one person, from now until spring. Excellent references. Call Kate Ogilvy, ext. 444.

AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

The Administration has announced the establishment of a certificate of award to be presented by the President on behalf of the Board of Trustees to employees for service to the Museum beyond the call of duty. A handsome certificate and lapel rosette have been designed and a committee will soon be appointed to screen candidates for the awards whose names will be submitted by their department heads.

NEW FACES

Mr. Vincent D. Roth, an entomologist with the University of California Extension Service, has been appointed Resident Director of the Museum's Southwestern Research Station in Portal, Arizona. Mr. Roth has worked several years at the University of Arizona, has visited the SWRS a number of times and has worked in the field several summers with Dr. Willis Gertsch of the Department of Entomology. His familiarity with the flora and fauna of the southwest, as well as his knowledge of the Museum's activities, make him well-qualified for this important position.

Sophie Schub, new secretary in Ichthyology, comes originally from St. Louis, Mo., and now lives on Long Island. She's working with Drs. C. M. Breder and Donn Rosen on a large backlog of manuscript typing. In her free time, Mrs. Schub enjoys writing and painting.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The relations of the Museum and its employees with the City of New York are perplexing and often complex. Are we a municipal or a private museum? Are some of our employees City employees? Just what is meant by the designation "quasi-public"?

The simplest answers to these questions do not indicate the complexity of our relations with the City. We are a private institution and not one of our employees is a City employee. The term "quasi-public" is used for the particular type of arrangement existing between us and the City. The American Museum of Natural History is one of eleven quasi-public institutions in New York City. In each case the institution was founded by a group of private individuals, the Trustees, who operate the organization with funds that come partly from private sources and partly from the City. The proportion of private and City funds varies from institution to institution. The grounds and buildings - whether erected by the City or through private funds - belong to the City of New York, as does the responsibility for the maintenance of the entire physical plant. The Trustees, on the other hand, provide all of the collections and the staff to curate and study them. Thus the Museum is a joint enterprise of the City and the Trustees. In general, the lines of responsibility are clearly drawn, but there are some areas of overlap or mutual undertakings. The American Museum of Natural History was a pioneer in establishing this form of joint responsibility, the

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FOSSIL FISH EXPEDITION

It's often said that rough and rugged Museum expeditions are things of the past. Now that most of the world's wildernesses can be reached by jeep or plane, life in the field is acquiring more and more of the comforts of home. But last month Gilbert Stucker of the Vertebrate Paleontology Laboratory proved that AMNHers can still do it the hard way -- when that's the only way.

The objective was a large deposit of Triassic fossil fishes on the side of a remote mountain in the Canadian Rockies. Its location was 100 miles from the nearest town, Grand Prairie, and 50 miles from the closest road or trail of any kind. There has been little exploration of this region, where grizzly bears and caribou are still abundant.

The fossil deposit had been known to paleontologists for 15 years, but because of the inaccessibility of the site, very little of it had been collected. In 1961, Dr. Bobb Schaeffer, Vertebrate Paleontology, proposed a joint investigation by AMNH and the National Museum of Canada, and that summer Mr. Stucker and Harvey Champagne of the Canadian museum located the deposit and collected samples of the fossil material. To reach the site, they had to cut their way through 50 miles of heavy spruce and pine forest interspersed with heavy deadfall.

This year's expedition took to the field early in August, packing in with horses on the trail they had cut last year. In

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quasi-public institution, which was used as the model for the other ten cultural organizations in New York City.

An important point in this arrangement that is often misunderstood is that all of the individuals that work for the Museum are private employees. All are hired and paid by the Trustees. True, the City repays the Trustees the exact amount of the salaries of certain employees - approximately one-third of the total working for the Museum, but the City does not pay for any of the medical or hospitalization benefits, the group insurance or the pensions of a single employee. The Trustees provide all of these benefits.

Our partnership with the City occasionally presents us with serious problems, but in general over the years it has been a good relationship. It is improving all the time, with closer mutual understanding. It truly justifies the historic words of former President Henry Fairfield Osborn: "A most fortunate circumstance in the

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addition to Mr. Stucker, expedition leader, the party included his wife Alma Stucker, Mr. Champagne, and a wrangler and a Cree Indian guide. Heavy rains had made parts of the trail impassable and, on several occasions, horses had to be rescued after sinking up to their bellies in the muskeg.

The group's base camp was soaked by rain throughout most of their five-week stay. More serious, from the scientific viewpoint, was the frequent drenching of delicate fossil specimens while they were being extracted from the rocks. Then in mid-September the rain turned to snow and the fossil deposit was buried under drifts of up to several feet.

Despite the adversities of weather and the terrain, the expedition brought out a fine collection of well-preserved fishes, some of them nearly complete. They have been shipped to the National Museum of Canada for preliminary processing after which they will be brought here to be studied and described by Dr. Schaeffer.

GREETINGS TO C.U. MEMBERS

(The AMNH Employees' Federal Credit Union has received the following letter of greetings on the occasion of International Credit Union Day, Thursday, October 18.)

Credit unions provide a means for people to lend their savings to each other for productive use. Credit is necessary to the successful functioning of our economy, and credit unions are playing an increasingly important role in providing it.

Credit unions can also make a contribution to the economies of developing countries. This is particularly true in Latin America, where the Alliance for Progress is based on the principle of self-help.

On this fifteenth annual celebration of Internatinnal Credit Union Day, I take pleasure in congratulating credit union members everywhere on the wise use of savings for productive use.

John F. Kennedy

ROBERT FEARMAN

Robert Fearman, who died on September 18, had served the Museum for nearly 30 years. Starting as a fireman and oiler with the Power Plant, he was subsequently transferred to the Planetarium where he was in charge of the air conditioning machinery for nineteen years. During World War II, he took military leave to serve with the U.S. Navy. Two years ago he transferred back to the Power Plant staff as a Stationary Engineer.

Mr. Fearman, who was 55 years old, had been in poor health for some time prior to his death. He was a man of wide interests and genial good humor. His colleagues miss him greatly and wish to express their deep sympathy to Mrs. Fearman and their four children.

It is with sorrow that we record, also, the deaths of a former colleague and of a close friend of the Museum who was not a member of the staff.

Ernest Neilson, who retired from Anthropology in 1956 after 28 years with the Museum, succumbed to a heart attack in Florida on July 30. He was 69 years old. After his retirement from AMNH, Mr. Neilson worked with the University of Florida and also served as the Mayor of Interlachen, the town in which he lived. On the day of his death, flags were flown at half mast in Interlachen and the Town Hall was draped in black. His many close friends at the Museum will always remember "Ernie" Neilson with deep affection.

Dr. Winifred Kirkland, who died on September 27, had been a member of this Museum since she was 7 years old and would have celebrated her 90th birthday on November 25, 1962. Dr. Kirkland remembered the first permanent building of the Museum (now Section I) when it stood alone on the rectangle that is now Theodore Roosevelt Park. As a child, she was a collector of everything in nature, and later she took her Ph.D. in Anthropology at the University of North Carolina. In 1949, President F. Trubee Davison made Dr. Kirkland a Fellow of the Museum in recognition of her work for the Contributors' Program. Many people on the staff knew her well and were devoted to her.

COMINGS, GOINGS, & GATHERINGS

Dr. Brian Mason, Mineralogy, returned last month from a very successful summer of meteorite study in Europe where he visited universities and museums in Sweden, Finland, Germany, France, and England to examine collections. In London, he was one of several Americans participating in a conference on meteorites at the British Museum.

Dr. James A. Oliver, Director, and Gerard Piel, Trustee, participated in a symposium entitled "Understanding Science in the Space Age" at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Sept. 26. Dr. Oliver was one of four museum directors who presented a panel discussion on the role of museums. Mr. Piel, Publisher of Scientific American, was a member of the panel on mass media and presented one of the two main addresses at the closing session in the evening.

Dr. Richard G. Van Gelder, Mammalogy, left for Europe at the end of September to study skunk collections at museums in England, France, and Germany. He'll be back early in November.

Dr. Norman Newell, Dr. Roger Batten, and Melvin Hinkley, all of the Department of Fossil Invertebrates, came back from Texas last month with a fine collection of upper Paleozoic specimens. On Nov. 7, Dr. Newell flies to Ann Arbor to deliver the Case Memorial Lecture of the Sigma Xi Society at the University of Michigan. Dr. Batten is teaching the graduate course in invertebrate paleontology at Columbia University.

JOURNEY INTO NATURE

The Museum radio program, heard every Sunday on WNBC, features the following staff members and subjects on up-coming shows: Oct. 14 - Dr. Richard Zweifel, Herpetology, on frog-hunting in Panama; Oct. 21 - Joseph M. Chamberlain, Planetarium, on the aurorae; Oct. 28 - Dr. Evelyn Shaw, Animal Behavior, on schooling behavior in fishes. The program is usually heard at 11:05 A.M., but on Oct. 28, because of a morning political broadcast, "Journey Into Nature" will be aired at 2:05 P.M.

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educational history of the City of New York was the discovery and embodiment in the contract with the City of a new idea in municipal government.... It is by far the wisest and best adjustment which has ever been devised, since it has proved, by experience, to be superior to exclusive municipal or state control, or to private control."

BABY PORPOISE STEALS BIMINI SHOW

A distinguished company of 65 visiting dignitaries -- including scientists, Navy personnel, and press -- assembled at the Lerner Marine Laboratory at Bimini on September 26. The occasion was the dedication of the new underwater audio-visual facility set up under a grant from the Office of Naval Research; but the star attraction turned out to be a three-week old porpoise named Flicker.

Flicker was a gift to the Laboratory from his mother Flo, one of the porpoises involved in the long term behavioral study being conducted at the Lab by Dr. Margaret Tavolga, Animal Behavior. He was born September 7, shortly after Dr. Tavolga had completed her summer's field work with his mother. Actually, Flicker has nothing to do with the new underwater device. But the porpoise study, as well as other continuing research projects at our Bimini field station, came in for a good share of attention during the 24-hour visit of the group. As the guests watched from the dock, Flicker cavorted in the porpoise pen, usually surfacing and diving at his mother's side but occasionally slipping away for brief periods to explore on his own.

A demonstration of the new underwater audio-visual facility evoked great interest among the visitors. The device, a television camera with hydrophones that can be placed in deep water off the shore, enables a scientist to study marine organisms in their natural environment without getting up from his armchair.

Museum people present for the dedication included -- in addition to Robert Mathewson, Resident Director of the Laboratory, and his staff -- Arthur Gray, Jr., Trustee; Drs. William and Margaret Tavolga, Animal Behavior; and Ruth Norton, Manager of Public Relations. Philip Wylie, the well-known author and a member of the Special Advisory Committee of the Laboratory, was also present.

FOUR COLLEAGUES RETIRE

A combined total of 91 years of service with the Museum, achieved by four colleagues who retired last month, is a good indication of the longevity of employment at AMNH.

Max Giraud, Senior Attendant in the Custodial Division, had been with the Museum for 32 years. During World War II he was on military leave serving with U.S. Army Ordnance in Europe. His wife Anne, former secretary to the Chairman of the Planetarium, resigned several years ago to be a full-time homemaker. Now that both Girauds are people of leisure, they plan to do some travelling; first stop -- Florida.

Robert Murray, Office Services, who joined the 25-Year Club this year, started his AMNH career in the Custodial Division where he was first an attendant, later a special officer, and eventually the city-wide messenger for the Museum, the post in which he transferred to Office Services when that unit was consolidated in 1952. The affable Mr. Murray in his space shoes became known to many of our Trustees and Committee members as he travelled about the city carrying Museum business.

Walter ("Skipper") Holmquist, Graphic Arts, joined us eighteen years ago. A native of Sweden, he had gone to sea at the age of 16 -- in the days of sailing ships -- and later served in the Swedish Naval Reserve. After a rough experience in a shipwreck, he gave up the sea and came to this country to study art. Since that time, he has never left the U.S., but this month he will return to live in Sweden where his brother is Director of the National Museum in Stockholm.

Ramon Bermudez, Exhibition, was with the Museum for sixteen years. Born in the Philippines, he came to this country to study art at the Chicago Art Institute and was employed by the Field Museum to make replicas of botanical specimens. The professional honors he has received

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include a travelling fellowship from the Academy of Arts and Sciences in Philadelphia to study sculpture in Europe, and an award for sculpture from the National Academy of Design in New York.

A warm farewell to Messrs. Giraud, Murray, Holmquist, and Bermudez. Their colleagues miss them and wish them great good fortune in whatever they decide to do next.

HEARD IN PASSING

Marguerite Newgarden, Education, is a picture of health after a vacation of trailering through British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, and California. While in Washington, she was able to take advantage of an invitation extended to her some years ago by Dave James of the Simpson Lumber Company when he visited the Museum to observe teaching techniques. Maggie, her niece, and grand nephews spent a delightful day as guests of the Company at Shelton State Forest, with Jim Hartley as their host.

Major David Quinn of the Planetarium technical staff is about to become Lt. Colonel Quinn of the 411th Engineer Brigade of the Corps of Engineers Reserve. Dave's maple leaf turns from gold to silver on Oct. 23. After that, all his colleagues at the Planetarium will be rooting for the chicken.

Ilona Kunsagi, after acquiring her American citizenship last spring, is entrenching herself in a 400-year old American family by marrying Mr. William Rider, Reference Librarian at Hunter College. Much happiness to them!

Bergen County, N.J., already teeming with AMNHers, acquired another one recently when Freidoun Jalayer, Exhibition, and his family joined the Tenafly colony. Freddy's newly purchased home is a 100-year old farm house.

We wish a fast recovery to Joseph Abruzzo, Projection, who recently suffered a broken collar bone in an automobile accident. Despite an uncomfortable brace at his neck, Joe is continuing on the job.... And by the time this issue is out, we hope that Anthony DeSimone, Exhibition, will be back in good health and with us again. He was hospitalized with illness in the late summer and then homebound for several weeks.

The Dinner Club, a new organization of Museum employees, held its charter dinner on October 4 at the Student Prince Restaurant in Yorkville. Twenty members attended and the event was hailed as an unqualified success, for which credit goes to the Club's President, Bill Barbierri, Carpentry Shop, and his officers. The group is planning future dinners at some of New York's most fashionable restaurants.

SO LONG & GOOD LUCK

Jeanne Lyons, Scientific Assistant in Vertebrate Paleontology, left us at hhe end of August to continue her studies in geology at the University of Arizona. For the past two years, Miss Lyons was in charge of the Osborn Library, having transferred from the Main Library where she served for four years.

Susannah (known as Wendy because she has a twin brother Peter) Huckel resigned from the Planetarium last month to move back to her home state, Connecticut. She had been secretary to Chairman J. M. Chamberlain.

Walter Roman, secretary to Plant Manager Paul Grouleff, leaves us this month to take a new job in Riverside, N.J. with the MacMillan Publishing Company. He is reluctant to go, he told the G'vine, because he has enjoyed his brief association with the Museum very much; but it has long been his aim to locate permanently near his home community in south Jersey.

The Museum Shop and the Planetarium Book Corner remind you of their special discounts to employees during the Christmas shopping season. From Nov. 1 through Dec. 24, all gift items at both the Shop and Book Corner will be avialable to employees at 20% off list price. Discounts on books will remain at the usual year-round rates: 20% off at the Planetarium and 12% off at the Museum Shop. (Natural history books not in stock may be ordered through the Shop at a 10% discount.)

NEW FACES

Dr. Perihan Sadoglu, formerly of the University of Istanbul, has been appointed a Research Associate in the Department of Ichthyology. Dr. Sadoglu, who is a native of Turkey, worked at the Museum with Dr. C.M. Breder, Chairman of Ichthyology, in 1954-55 on the genetics of cave fish. She is currently continuing her research in this country on a grant from the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

Mary Grace Dromi, who joined Ichthyology as a Scientific Assistant last month, lives in Ozone Park. A 1962 graduate of Queens College, she comes to us direct from a summer in Italy.

Charlotte Holton, replacing Jeanne Lyons in Vertebrate Paleontology, come from San Francisco. She was previously with the Vertebrate Paleontology Department at the University of California in Berkeley ....Another new face in V.P. is that of Barbara Werscheck, secretary to Dr. Bobb Schaeffer. A native of Hildesheim, Germany, she has been in this country for four years and was most recently in the Social Service Division of New York Hospital.

Barbara Bunker, who replaces Wendy Huckel at the Planetarium, is a graduate of Chatham College in Pittsburgh. She comes originally from Westfield, N.J., and now lives in New York...Alice Abeson, new preparator working with Dr. Willis Gertsch in Entomology, is a native New Yorker. Her interests, in addition to spiders, include painting.

Natural History welcomes two additions to the business staff: Lucia Meyer of Peoria, Ill., is the new secretary to Ann Keating in Promotion, and Ogden Lowell of Stamford, Conn., joins the Advertising Dept. as a salesman.

Richard Roehr, the new face in Exhibition, graduated from high school this past June in his home town, Rensselaer, N.Y. He has wanted to work at AMNH since he first read about it. He has been interested in art since childhood, and last spring completed the course of study at the Northwestern School of Taxidermy. In addition to art and taxidermy, he enjoys hunting.

NEWS OF FORMER COLLEAGUES

Lilian Utermehle, retired from Magazine Circulation, writes that she has moved to a new home in Washington. Her address is now 2022 N Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C. Her many friends at the Museum wish her a happy housewarming and we hope she'll drop in to see us when she's next in our town.

Robert Hellman, formerly Education, and his family returned to the U.S. last month after a year's stay in Uganda where Bob was teaching. He's now an instructor in biology and chemistry at Mamaroneck High School and has a teaching assistantship at Columbia Teachers College where he is working for his Ed.D.

It's Old Home Week in San Antonio, Texas, where William Schwarting, formerly Education, has been appointed curator of natural history at the Witte Museum by the museum's director, Dr. William A. Burns, formerly Membership Chairman at AMNH. Bill Schwarting's wife, the former Carol Cobb, was also an instructor here; and Bill Burns' wife, Adelaide Jordan, was formerly in our Director's Office.

TRADING POST

For Sale. 1955 Chrysler New Yorker Deluxe. Power steering and brakes, white wall tires, radio & heater. Excellent condition. $400. Call Joe Sedacca, ext. 275.

Sublet Wanted. from now until spring. Furnished apartment for artist who is semi-handicapped and needs ground floor or elevator building near West 57th St. Call Kate Ogilvy, ext. 444.

BOWLING LEAGUE

The AMNH Bowling League was off to a flying start at its first meeting of the season, October 1, Paul Goodhouse, G'vine correspondent for the League, reports. League Pres. Nick Amorosi and 8 anchor men assigned the players to 8 teams (2 more than last year) with an eye to balanced competition. There is still room for more players, and anyone who would like to join the spectators' cheering section will be very welcome. The League meets every Monday at 6 p.m. at Stadium Lanes opposite Yankee Stadium.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

In the days of Geoffrey Chaucer, back in the 14th Century, a man was rated according to his attention to chivalry, truth, honor, freedom and courtesy -- all admirable virtues. The knight who played such an important part in Chaucer's Tales was deemed "a worthy man" because from the time he first entered knighthood he paid careful attention to these virtues, especially courtesy. Now, knighthood is a thing of the past and the Metropolitan Museum of Art has the finest collection of knightly armor in these parts, but the virtues of the ironclad warrior are still worthy of the custody of each of us.

It is a curious fact that many of our manners go back to the knights. For example, the doffing of a man's hat is said to have originated in the lifting of the knight's visor. All of us can be glad that armor has gone out of style, but, unfortunately, some of us seem to have the peculiar notion that the knightly virtues are equally outmoded. There was never a time when ccurtesy was a more important virtue. In fact, it is almost a necessity. When individuals are crowded together in such large numbers it is vital that we treat each other with polite respect, in short, courtesy. This is true because courtesy is not merely the tipping of a hat or some other obvious gesture; it is the total attitude and form of behavior that gives a pleasant aura to our actions and spoken words.

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MRS. LOW ELECTED A TRUSTEE

This month President A. M. White announced the election of Mrs. Francis H. Low to the Museum's Board of Trustees. Mrs. Low is well known to many AMNHers, having served for the past twelve years on the Women's Committee of which she is currently the Chairman.

Throughout World War II Mrs. Low was Chairman of the Nassau County Motor Corps of the American Red Cross. She and her husband and their three daughters live in East Islip, Long Island.

Mrs. Low is the fourth woman to serve on the Museum's Board. The first was Mrs. Rustin McIntosh, former President of Barnard College, who was a member of our Board for five years. Mrs. Richard Derby and Mrs. B. Brewster Jennings are currently Trustees of the Museum.

FRATERNITY OF THE CONSCIENTIOUS MEETS HERE DECEMBER 7

There is a fraternity of conscientious men and women in this Museum who get together two or three times a year. They represent a cross-section of employees, working in many varied capacities, and some of them may not see one another at all between these meetings, but their common concern makes tham an elite of a very special kind. They are the regular donors to the Museum Blood Bank, the hard

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This former virtue and current necessity of human relations is often forgotten in the hurried pressure of our lives. But, how pleasant it is when we encounter the courteous individual. Our day is brightened, pressures are lessened, and life becomes more enjoyable. Today, more than ever, we must all be considerate and courteous in our relations with one another.

James A. Oliver

GLAUCOMA & DIABETES TESTS

Two hundred and thirty-five Museum employees have signed up to take advantage of the free tests for glaucoma and diabetes being offered by the City Health Department. Director James A. Oliver reports that arrangements are now being made for the tests to be given at the Museum, and employees will be notified of the date shortly. Those who have not signed up may still do so by requesting the proper forms from the First Aid Room, ext. 466.

NEW ASSOCIATE CURATOR

The appointment of Dr. Pedro W. Wygodzinsky as Associate Curator in the Department of Entomology has been announced by Dr. Jerome G. Rozen, Jr., Department Chairman. Dr. Wygodzinsky is a specialist in bio-geographic and taxonomic entomology and has done extensive research on "kissing" bugs and black flies in South America to determine distribution and control. Born in Bonn, Germany, he attended the University of Basil in Switzerland where he received his doctorate in 1941. Prior to his appointment at the Museum, he was with the University of Buenos Aires in Argentina. He has also held a post in the Ministry of Agriculture in Brazil.

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core of AMNHers who make life-giving transfusions constantly available for an emergency that may befall any one of us.

There are a number of employees who have offered to give blood and, for one reason or another, have been turned down. But there are others who have not even volunteered to donate since they have been at the Museum. Whether or not you <u>think</u> you are an eligible donor, you must volunteer in order to draw from the Blood Bank at some later date. If you do not at least make the offer, neither you nor the members of your immediate family will be able to use the Museum Blood Bank in an emergency.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Museum on Friday, December 7. When you receive the notice asking you to pledge a donation, please sign it -- and prepare to roll up your sleeve in the fraternity of conscientious colleagues.

ANY 8-PINT DONORS?

Museum Blood Bank Chairman Margaret Johnston asks that any AMNH employee who has donated eight pints of blood or more get in touch with her. Check your Red Cross blood donor's card to see whether you have donated eight times, at the Museum or elsewhere. You may be eligible to wear the gallon donor pin. Nurse Johnston's extension is 466.

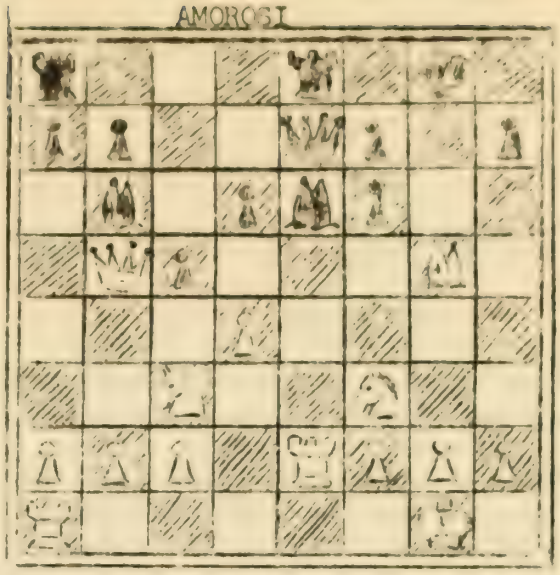
CHESS TOURNAMENT

A new star in the galaxy of chess experts is emerging at AMNH. The Museum Chess Club's first annual tournament has been in progress since last June, and the star is Dr. Robert Carneiro, Anthropology, who has beaten the best in the club with a convincing score of 13-0. With 15 games left to play, there is little doubt that Dr. C. will take top honors. His closest opponents are Nicholas Amorosi with 8-7, and Carlton Beil with 4-3. Other club members competing in the tournament are William Judge, Lewis Brown, Sidney Horenstein, Alden Redfield, and Barbara Harrison.

A typical game between Grand Master Carneiro and Runner-Up Amorosi is shown here. It's suggested that you play the game over first without looking at the notes; then examine the highlights pointed out below.

Carneiro White	Amorosi Black
1. P-K4	N-KB3
2. N-QB3	P-K4
3. N-B3	B-B4(a)
4. B-B4	O-O
5. NxP	P-Q3
6. N-B3	R-K1
7. P-Q4	B-N3(b)
8. B-KN5	P-B4
9. O-O	N-Q2
10. R-K1	B-R4
11. R-K2	N-N3
12. Q-Q3(c)	NxB
13. QxN	Q-K2
14. P-K5(d)	B-K3
15. Q-N5	B-N3(e)
16. PxN	PxBP
17. N-Q5(f)	Q-Q2(g)
18. NxPch	Resigns

BLACK
AMOROSI



CARNEIRO
WHITE

After 16 . . . . . PxBP

NOTES

(a) Black leaves his King Pawn undefended. Its loss begins the unhinging of Black's position.

(b) The obvious move but a passive one. NxP is much stronger. If then 8. NxN, RxNch, and Black has his Pawn back. If after 7...NxP, 8. PxB, NxNdis ch wins White's Queen.

(c) Retreat by his Bishop would have put White on the defensive. By guarding it with his Queen instead, White maintains his attacking position after the recapture.

(d) Putting the heat on the pinned Knight.

(e) BxN would have been stronger since it would have eliminated the piece that will eventually apply the crusher.

(f) With this move, threatened for some time, the pressure on Black becomes overwhelming.

(g) Black hastens his own demise.

Chester Sroczynski, Custodial Services, has been greatly missed by his colleagues during his seige with virus pneumonia. He's now out of the hospital and will be convalescing at home for several more weeks.

Don't Forget . . . . .

THE E.B.A. FALL GET-TOGETHER

5:30 P.M., Tuesday, November 27 - Roosevelt lower level. Delicious dinner dancing, door prizes, an evening of fun and good fellowship, all for $1. Tickets on sale in every department, or call E.B.A. President Emil Kremer, ext. 278.

COMINGS, GOINGS, & GATHERINGS

Drs. Charles M. Breder, Jr. and Phyllis H. Cahn of Ichthyology, and Drs. Evelyn Shaw and William Tavolga of Animal Behavior recently spent a stimulating day at the Bell Telephone Laboratories in Murray Hill, N.J. where they were guests of Dr. Willem van Bergeijk of the Visual and Acoustic Research Division. The Division includes a congenial group of bio-engineers who are involved in basic research on the physiology of the lateral line and ear of fishes and amphibians, as well as other work on sound perception in bats and mammals in general. The Museum people had an opportunity to discuss many aspects of their mutual research problems in sensory physiology and to tour the excellent facilities of Bell Labs which include a special echoless room designed for acoustic experimentation.

Dr. Robert Cushman Murphy, Ornithology, returned last month from five weeks in Europe where, as a delegate to the International Symposium on Antarctic Biology at the University of Paris, he presented two papers to the 90 scientists present from Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan. After the meeting, Dr. and Mrs. Murphy vacationed in France and Spain and made their first visit to Lascaux, one of the most impressive of the painted paleolithic caves. Before returning home, Dr. Murphy did research at the British Museum and the Zoological Museum of Cambridge University.

Dr. Edwin H. Colbert, Vertebrate Paleontology, is back after four months of field work in Europe, Israel, and South Africa in connection with his Triassic studies. He made a valuable collection of more than 90 fossil skulls and skeletons which are now en route to the Museum.

Other staff scientists recently returned from field work in distant locations include Dr. Jerome G. Rozen, Jr., Entomology, who spent most of the summer at the Museum's Southwestern Research Station in Arizona, and Dr. Richard G. Van Gelder, Mammalogy, who continued his research on the skunks of the world at museums in Europe during October.

And two staff scientists headquartered in the field have touched home base in recent weeks. Robert Mathewson, Resident Director of the Lerner Marine Laboratory at Bimini, Bahamas, was in the Museum for planning conferences last month; and Dr. Leonard J. Brass, Associate Curator at the Archbold Biological Station, Lake Placid, Florida, arrived here early this month to spend two or three weeks working on activities of the Archbold Expeditions.

"JOURNEY INTO NATURE"

The following staff members will be heard on the Musemm's weekly radio program in the next few weeks: Nov. 18 - Dr. William N. Tavolga, Animal Behavior, on hearing in fishes; Nov. 25 - Dr. Edwin H. Colbert Vertebrate Paleontology, on his Triassic studies; Dec. 2 - Dr. Richard G. Van Gelder, Mammalogy, on his research on skunks; Dec. 9 - Dr. Jerome G. Rozen, Jr. Entomology, on parasitic bees; Dec. 16 - Dr. Donn E. Rosen, Ichthyology, on the behavior of guppies; Dec. 23 - James S. Pickering, Planetarium, on astronomical speculations about the Star of Bethlehem.

"Journey Into Nature", with Tex Antoine as host, is heard every Sunday morning at 11:05 on WNBC-Radio.

GREATER NEW YORK FUND

The 1962 drive for the Greater New York Fund will get underway at the Museum this month and it is hoped that the number of participating employees will greatly exceed last year's 344. In 1961, the per capita contribution from AMNH was only $1.44, putting us in fifth place among the cultural institutions in the city. As this figure is based on our total number of employees, each employee who failed to contribute dragged our standing down. This year, let's aim for first place!

WHOSE CREDIT UNION?

The Employees' Federal Credit Union at AMNH is administered by employees and for employees. Its earnings accrue to employees and its rare losses, through defaults on loans, are losses from employees. When you borrow from the CU, you are borrowing from your fellow employees, not from the Museum. The Credit Union is under the supervision of the Bureau of Federal Credit Unions, United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

DEPARTURES & ARRIVALS

The Department of Exhibition and Graphic Arts said goodbye last month to two members. Alec Williams, Chief of the Exhibition Division, who had been with the Museum for 6 years, resigned to join another former colleague, Lothar Witteborg, in a new enterprise. The firm of Witteborg & Williams will design and prepare exhibits and displays as a commercial venture. Robert Gartland, who has been on leave of absence from the Graphic Arts Division since last spring, resigned in October in order to remain in Spain where he has been painting and writing. His book, "Cowboys and Cattle," was published in September by Coward McCann.

Among the new faces in the Museum this month are Salvator Cigliano, Ichthyology, a native New Yorker who is studying auto mechanics in evening classes, and Alba Plescia, Scientific Assisant in Animal Behavior, who comes to us from Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center.

TRADING POST

Language Lessons Offered - Spanish or Latin with highly qualified instructor. Private lessons arranged at your convenience. $2.50 an hour for Museum employees, $3.50 for non-employees. Lower rates for groups. Call Ricardo DeEcheona ext. 295.

For Sale - 1957 8-cylinder Chevrolet Carryall with air-conditioner. $650. Call ext. 486.

Apartment Wanted - 8-room apartment for permanent occupancy by family moving to New York in February. Call Kate Ogilvy, ext. 444.

For Rent Next Summer - 4-bedroom house on Pines Lake in Wayne, N.J. 45 minutes fror Museum. Furnished, including 2 sailboats House right on lake, available July and August. Call Thelma White, ext. 373.

Apartment Available - 3-room furnished apartment on W. 77th Street, facing Museum, available immediatlly for 1 year. $200 a month. Call Mr. Halphen, En 2-2069, evenings or Saturdays.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." Thus does St. Matthew record the end of the journey of the three great Wise Men of Biblical history. And each of us has many stars that guide us along life's journeys. Some are elusive, some clear, some imaginary, some brightly shining. Often our search for a star is without end, and we achieve more joy in the vigorous search than we might in the finding.

On behalf of the Trustees and the Administration, I sincerely hope your Christmas season will be one of "exceeding great joy."

James A. Oliver
Director

BIG TREE LOG TO BELGIUM

There are many fine trees in Belgium. But one tree that does not grow in that beautiful low country bordering the North Sea is the Sequoia gigantea.

Last month, Director James A. Oliver had a visit from his long-time friend Walter Van den bergh, Director of the Societe Royale de Zoologie d'Anvers (the Antwerp Zoo) who was en route to a scientific meeting on the west coast. In the course of conversation, Dr. Van den bergh said that he had always wanted the Antwerp Zoo and Museum to have a cross-section of the magnificent giant sequoia that grows only on the west slope of California's Sierra Nevada. By a happy coincidence, AMNH had such a specimen in its study collections, and Dr. Oliver offered it as a gift to the Societe.

The Big Tree log, part of the original Jesup Collection, has been crated by

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"HACKENSACK MAN" BUBBLE BURSTS

The familiar highway sign "Proceed With Caution" was a particularly appropriate watchword for the AMNH anthropologists who last month joined the Hackensack mastodon dig. The site, part of the construction area of the new Bergen-Passaic Expressway, had already yielded most of a mastodon skeleton; and the diggers, headed by George O. Whitaker of the Vertebrate Paleontology laboratory, were uncovering the bones of many smaller mammals that appeared to be associated in time with the ancient elephant. When Mr. Whitaker turned up evidence of human habitation -- a carved antler -- Drs. James A. Ford and Junius B. Bird, Anthropology, dashed out to the site. During the next few days more artifacts and bits of charcoal came to light, and then -- human bones!

An exciting picture began to take shape. If, as it first appeared, the human

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Louis Ferry and his staff in the Carpentry Shop and will be shipped to Belgium on December 7. It is $11\frac{1}{2}$ feet in diameter and just under 5 feet thick; crated it weighs approximately 9000 pounds.

A special plaque has been designed to identify the gift log when it goes on exhibit in Antwerp. AMNH retains a still larger specimen, a cross-section from the famous Mark Twain Tree. It is $16\frac{1}{2}$ feet in diameter and is displayed in our Hall of North American Forests.

NEW FILM CATALOGUE -- Helen Jones, Manager of the Film Rental Library, reports the publication of the Museum's first new film catalogue in six years. It lists some 550 films (16 MM sound) that are available to schools, clubs, hospitals, home users, etc. The attractive new catalogue was designed by Helen Jones and Josephine D'Orsi.

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material was contemporary with the mastodon (whose species became extinct about 8000 years ago), Hackensack Man would be the earliest example of Homo sapiens known east of the Mississippi. According to some of the more wishful speculations, this early New Jerseyite probably killed the mastodon and camped nearby to feast on its meat; then he hunted other animals and brought them back to his campsite to eat. Everything seemed to fit nicely, and if the hypothesis could be substantiated by geological evidence that all the remains were laid down at about the same time, it would be a stupendous discovery.

But our paleontologists and anthropologists, proceeding with caution, were not jumping to any conclusions. During two suspense-charged weeks they moved a lot of dirt and solved no problems. (See illustration on page 3) Then they called in top specialists to reconstruct the geological history of the site, and the bubble finally burst. Hackensack Man was not a contemporary of the mastodon; he lived only about two thousand years ago and numerous Indian remains dating from his time have been found in many parts of the United States. Nevertheless, the specimens give an interesting picture of Indian life in Bergen County at about the time Caesar was invading Gaul.

The mastodon, as well as the Indian material, is the property of the Bergen Community Museum which will occupy a new building to be constructed on property adjoining the Fairleigh Dickinson University campus.

NEW HOURS FOR PARKING FIELD

The parking field next to the Planetarium will henceforth close at 5:30 P.M. Mondays through Fridays, and at 6:30 P.M. on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays -- except on the nights of Members Lectures when it will remain open until after the lecture. It will also remain open, by advance arrangement, for special occasions such as evening openings of major exhibits.

MUSEUM HUNTS ELEPHANTS AND EARLY MEN IN HACKENSACK

Whitaker, Ford, and Bird make exciting discovery in Great Expressway Expedition excavations. (See p. 1)

NEW FACES

The AMNH Library welcomes the Museum's first Associate in Bibliography -- Curtis W. Sabrosky of the Entomology Research Division, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Mr. Sabrosky is one of the country's outstanding authorities on zoological nomenclature.

The Anthropology Department welcomed two new members last month. Lucille Di Giovanni, secretary, comes to us from the publishing house of Macmillan. Jane S. Aldrich is working with Dr. Margaret Mead and Philip Gifford on the forthcoming Hall of the Peoples of the Pacific.

Newest Research Associate in the Department of Entomology is Dr. Kumar Krishna, a specialist in termites and a member of the faculty at The City College of New York.

Dr. Louise Scheuer of England has joined the Animal Behavior Department for approximately a year to do histological studies. A comparative anatomist, she is also a lecturer in oral anatomy at the Royal Dental Hospital of London University.

Anthony Gallardo, newest addition to the Electrical Shop staff, is a champion weight-lifter and is giving his colleagues instructions in weight-lifting during lunch hours. Mr. Gallardo came to this country from his native Colombia in 1952 and has spent 7 years studying electrical engineering at night at Pratt Institute. He received his degree last June and is now following up with courses in nuclear physics at CCNY. Before coming to the Museum, he was employed at the New York Stock Exchange.

DR. OLIVER HONORED

Dr. James A. Oliver, Director, was named a Fellow of the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences at ceremonies in Rochester on Nov. 14. The award was made in recognition of Dr. Oliver's "contributions in the areas of formal education, zoological parks and museum education through exhibits, and for his outstanding contributions to science administration."

CHRISTMAS STORY

Vice President C. DeWolf Gibson tells us of a couple who introduced their 3-year old daughter to the meaning of Christmas by taking the child to church where they encouraged her to join the worshippers kneeling in front of the creche. Later the same day, the parents brought their daughter to our Museum where she proceeded to get lost among the holiday sightseers. After much searching, the frantic parents pushed their way through the crowd in the Akeley African Hall where, oblivious to the changed atmosphere, the 3-year old was found kneeling respectfully, palms clasped together and head bent, in front of the habitat group showing giraffes, gazelles, and zebras at a water hole on the Kenya plains.

BIRD HALL IN PREPARATION ON TV

"Discovery", the ABC network television program with which the Museum has cooperated regularly since it went on the air for the first time this fall, will give its viewers a preview of the Hall of North American Birds on Friday, Dec. 7. The show's producers have already filmed segments of the program in the Exhibition Department and in the Hall itself, and additional scenes will be filmed here in the few days before the program is aired. In an outstanding program on Nov. 20, "Discovery" considered the fantastic world of the dinosaurs as presented in our two dinosaur halls, and other shows in the series have featured AMNH activities and material.

Although "Discovery" is aimed primarily at young people, its mature, intelligent approach to its subjects has attracted viewers of all ages, and it has been acclaimed by critics as a superior contribution to television. It's on Channel 7 every weekday afternoon from 4:30 to 5.

TB CHRISTMAS SEAL BY AMNH ARTIST

A drawing by Gaetano (Tino) di Palma, Graphic Arts, has been selected by the Tuberculosis Association for its 1964 Christmas Seal. Mr. di Palma submitted two designs to the natinnwide competition for the annual TB stamp, and the judges' only problem was to decide which they liked best. Congratulations, Tino!

HEARD IN PASSING

In the current issue of Bausch and Lomb's Focus, there is an article dealing with some small marine animals. "The great Dr. L. B. Hyman calls them Ectoprocta," writes the author, David Causey of the Univ. of Arkansas. Then he goes on to deplore the great variety and confusion of the names that have been applied to these animals in the past: "Students of these animals had gone along merrily, coining new terms, forgetting their meanings, and reusing them in other ways until the literature had become almost a dead language without a key. Dr. Hyman, with a scalpel in one hand and a bottle of acid in the other, has largely eliminated this 'large and fantastic terminology,' and replaced it with 'terms applicable to invertebrates in general.' Generations of zoologists to come will bless her. I could name a few who would gladly pay for the firewood to burn her at a stake. I tell my students she is the greatest living zoologist, roughly equivalent to all the rest of us put together!"..... Dr. Hyman had a good chuckle over that firewood.

Speaking of magazines, New Yorker readers who have never met Lois Hussey, Education, must have an interesting mental picture of her. Some time ago, in a piece about the Museum, the magazine reported that Miss Hussey "strode purposefully" into a hall. This month, describing the recent behind-the-scenes tour, they had her "whisking" a group of visitors down the corridor and "herding" them into an elevator. The next time the New Yorker man comes in, Miss H plans to blend quietly into the woodwork.

Arthur Scharf, Electrical Shop, may find himself in a ringside seat at the National Horse Show one of these days. His 15-year old daughter Virginia is a fast-rising saddle star in northern New Jersey and has recently won three ribbons for expert horsemanship.

As Cliff Brown's colleagues in Custodial Services have learned by now, Mr. B. is unquestionably the Museum's most enthusiastic -- and knowledgeable -- gridiron fan. During his military service he played football for Uncle Sam and, for a time, considered a professional career in the sport, but gave it up in favor of the view from the bleachers. Right now he's hoping for a white Christmas and a chance to watch the N.Y. Giants and the Green Bay Packers play for the championship. "Football is best," he says, "on a bright crisp day with snow on the ground."

The AMNH Dinner Club has announced tentative plans for its first annual holiday dinner on Saturday evening, Jan. 5, 1963, to be held either at the Latin Quarter or the Copacabana. On this occasion, each member will bring a guest to join in the evening's fun.

We were concerned to hear that Guy Cree, Carpentry Shop, is in the hospital. We hope he's making a good recovery and will be back with us soon.

Rudolph Bonen, Electrical Shop, is a man of many varied skills. Recently, not to be outdone by the distaff members of his family, he took up knitting and has proved very adept at it. He has made himself a fine sweater, but like many beginning knitters, he didn't know when to stop; it hangs almost to his knees.

A birth announcement from Mildred Parmenter Randino, formerly with the Museum Contributors Program, reports the arrival of her second daughter, Anne Elizabeth on Nov. 5. Mil and her husband John have recently bought a new home. Their address: 36-40 217th St., Bayside 61, New York.

SO LONG AND GOOD LUCK

Marie Peck, Anthropology, has left the Museum for a career in South America. At present she is working with the United States hospital ship S.S. HOPE which is located off Salaverry, Peru. She writes that the work is absorbing and very rewarding.

Dr. Paul Arnaud, Jr., left Entomology last month to return to the Academy of Science in Philadelphia. On the way he is stopping in Washington to do research at the U.S. National Museum, and in Phoenix, Ariz., to attend the meetings of the Entomological Society of America.

WHEN MAKING YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GREATER NEW YORK FUND - remember that this is the only charity drive of the year at AMNH, and give generously.

COMINGS, GOINGS, & GATHERINGS

Dr. Richard G. Van Gelder, Chairman of Mammalogy, left for Uruguay late last month to begin the first phase of a 3-year study of South American mammals and the arthropod-borne diseases that afflict them. The project is supported by a grant from the U. S. Army Medical Research and Development Command.

Dr. Bobb Schaeffer and Dr. Malcolm McKenna, Vertebrate Paleontology, attended the meetings of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology and the Geological Society of America in Austin, Tex., last month. Dr. McKenna presented a paper on the affinities of early primates and insectivores from North America and Mongolia, and Dr. Schaeffer spoke on the fishes from late Triassic beds of the Wapiti Lake area in British Columbia. In addition, Dr. Len Radinsky, NSF postdoctoral researcher in our VP Department, talked on the identification of a peculiar "X" bone in the foot of the tapir.

Dr. Edwin H. Colbert, Chairman of Vertebrate Paleontology, was a guest of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences on Nov. 7. As Chairman of the Hayden Memorial Geological Award Committee, he presented the Hayden Medal Award to Dr. Alfred S. Romer of Harvard.

Dr. Charles M. Breder, Chairman of Ichthyology, has returned to his field studies of the fishes of the Gulf Coast of Florida. He is being assisted on the project by his wife, and will also be assisted during part of January by Dr. Phyllis H. Cahn, Research Fellow in Ichthyology.

ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREES, PLEASE

The use of natural trees or branches as Christmas decorations in any public place (which includes all parts of the Museum) is strictly forbidden by fire regulations. This applies to all trees containing pitch, whether or not they have been treated with so-called flameproofing.

BOWLING NEWS

As this G'vine goes to press, each of the eight teams comprising the AMNH Bowling League has sampled the play of the other teams in three-game matches. It appeared at the start that one team would leave the field far behind but, although Mary McKenna's Headhunters are still in the lead, the gap between first and last place is closing rapidly.

WANTED: copies of the AMNH Nature Calendar that was published probably in 1949, 1950, and 1951. If you have one or all and would like to donate them to the Museum for its Memorabilia Collection, Katharine Beneker, Keeper of Memorabilia, would be most grateful.

FOUND: a psychology text book, practically new, hard cover, cost $7. Owner may claim by identifying. Call Kate Ogilvy, ext. 481.

SEE THE CHRISTMAS SKY SHOW

The Planetarium's classic Christmas presentation, like Rockefeller Center's tree and Lord & Taylor's windows, is a holiday "must" for many New Yorkers and visitors. Each December the sky show recounts the story of the Star of Bethlehem and demonstrates some of the astronomical theories that have been advanced to explain it. Beautiful Christmas music, played over the Planetarium's superb hi-fi equipment, accompanies the action.

Dr. Joseph M. Chamberlain, Planetarium Chairman, invites all Museum employees to see the presentation at their convenience. Simply identify yourself at the box office, and you and your guest will be admitted free of charge.