

Dentistry for student aid; The Farm Foundation, Chicago, gave \$425 toward work of the Land Tenure Committee of the North Central States; the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers gave \$400 for annual scholarships, and Mrs. Kittie B. Pierce gave \$300 for the Phyllis Pierce Ruettinger scholarship fund.

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY will be fifty years old on September 16. The following is an official summary of events of importance in the history of the museum.

A charter was obtained on September 16, 1893, under the title, Columbian Museum of Chicago. The name was changed in 1894 to Field Columbian Museum, and it was again changed in 1905 to the present form, Field Museum of Natural History.

Much of the sum originally subscribed in cash—\$1,443,408—necessarily had to be expended during the early years to purchase collections, exhibition cases and equipment, and to defray organizing and administrative expense.

Under the will of Marshall Field, whose death occurred on January 16, 1906, \$8,000,000 was bequeathed to the museum with the stipulation that \$4,000,000 was to be added to the endowment fund and \$4,000,000 was to be used for the construction of a new building. This bequest of Mr. Field's brought the total amount of his gifts to \$9,430,000.

For three years prior to the completion of the present building, the efforts of the entire staff were devoted to packing the collections and preparing them for transfer from the original building in Jackson Park. Actual moving started on April 26, 1920. A railroad spur was built through Jackson Park to the old building, and another was built to the new building, and all the collections, exhibition cases and equipment were moved by the use of freight cars and trucks. By May 2, 1921, the new museum building was opened.

Since the founding of the museum, 440 expeditions have gone out to all parts of the world, and this number does not include many hundreds of small trips classified as local field work.

The collections shown in exhibition cases are but a small part of the total. In research, the study collections of museums are of the greatest importance. They are used by scientific men from all over the world and are the basis of much of our present-day knowledge. Those at Field Museum rank high both in extent and in usefulness.

During the fifty years under review, the museum has printed 566 scientific publications, most of them the results of its own expeditions and research. It

has also published eighty-eight leaflets written in popular style.

Field Museum Library contains approximately 130,000 books and pamphlets on anthropology, botany, geology, zoology and related subjects, and offers the largest reference collection in its special fields in Chicago.

It is interesting to note that during the museum's occupancy of the old building in Jackson Park, from June 2, 1894, to February 23, 1920, a period of approximately twenty-six years, the attendance was 5,839,579, whereas the attendance in the present building from May 2, 1921, to June 16, 1943, approximately twenty-two years, has been 27,576,728.

The museum has realized the importance of exhibiting all types of material in a way that would attract and educate the layman visitor. It was among the first to install animal habitat groups in natural settings.

THE THIRD NATION-WIDE SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH

THE third annual Science Talent Search, for promising scientific ability among high-school graduating seniors, will be conducted during the fall and winter months of the school year.

Open alike to boys and girls, the search will enlist the aid of high-school principals and teachers who will administer tests and supply other necessary data. Westinghouse Science Scholarships amounting to the sum of \$11,000 will be awarded to at least ten, and possibly forty, of the successful contestants. In addition, all forty will attend a five-day Science Talent Institute on an all-expense trip to Washington next February.

In the second Talent Search, completed last spring, some fifteen thousand seniors requested examinations, three thousand, four hundred completed the requirements and two hundred and sixty were awarded honorable mention. Of the forty taken to Washington, eleven were girls and twenty-nine boys.

Watson Davis, director of Science Service, said that students in public, private and parochial schools desiring to enter the Science Talent Search this fall will take a special aptitude examination under supervision of school officials in their home communities between December 3 and 27. The forty who pass the examination, and qualify on the basis of personal and scholarship records and essays, will be named delegates to the institute.

Final examinations during sessions of the institute will determine the award of two four-year Westinghouse Science Grand Scholarships of \$2,400 each and eight four-year Westinghouse Science Scholarships of \$400 each. One boy and one girl will be selected