

Dr. John Merriam Dies

Former Paleontologist

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George Washington, and the University of Oregon.

Carnegie President

Serving as president of the Carnegie Institution, Washington, D.C., from 1920 to 1938, Dr. Merriam held the position of president emeritus of that institution until the time of his death, and also served as regent of Smithsonian Institute. He was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and served as president of the Pacific division of that organization in 1919-1920.

Various other positions which he held included membership in the Geological Society of America (president 1910); American Paleontological society (president 1917); member of the National Academy of Sciences, (Washington); American Philosophical society; Washington Academy of Sciences; American Academy of Arts and Sciences; American Association of University Professors; Commission du Parc National Albert; London Zoology society, and chairman of the Michensens Institute (Bergen, Norway). He also held membership in a number of foreign science societies.

Scientific Books

The author of many articles and books relating to science and its effect upon human affairs, Dr. Merriam, at the time of his death, was writing a book giving findings made on his numerous expeditions into the John Day country in central Oregon for the study of the ancient life in that region.

Research in Oregon pre-history was begun by Dr. Merriam when he was a professor of paleontology at the University of California. Visiting Oregon in 1897, the scientist became acquainted with Dr. Thomas Condon, pioneer geologist of the Oregon country, and professor of geology at the University. Dr. Merriam has said that the John Day region is one of the most important areas in North America for the study of geology and paleontology.

Survivors

Dr. Merriam left the campus last May to attend the San Francisco conference after having been a consultant and lecturer on the human values of science and nature at the university since 1937. His health did not permit his return to the university campus. He is survived by three sons, Lawrence, Charles, and Malcolm.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Today

Alpha Chi Omega Halloween open house tonight from 6:30-7:30.

Rally squad will meet today at 4:00 p.m. at Villard.

Home-coming Control Committee will meet upstairs in the Side at 7:00.

Hawthorne House is having open house from 6:30-7:30.

The Newman club meeting will be held today at noon in the Side.

Tonight is the last night for Ladies of the Jury.

Pan Hellenic meeting.

Phi Theta Upsilon regular meeting.

University house faculty tea.

Delta Zeta is not having open house as announced in yesterday's calendar. Instead the Kappa Alpha Theta's are having a mixer with Zeta hall.

The YWCA Activators will meet today at 4:00 in the YWCA.

Alpha Phi is having open house tonight from 6:30-7:30.

Program Will Feature Original Compositions

Petitions for the chairmanship of the imminent eighth "Victory" war loan drive on the campus are to be submitted to Janet Douglas at Hendricks hall before noon Thursday, November 1.

Irreplaceable Loss

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tution he laid the foundation for the great problem of scientific research as set forth in the report of his successor, Dr. Vannovar Bush, now president of the institution, and director of scientific research for the United States.

"A recent monograph of this committee, "Science, the Endless Frontier," is a direct result of Dr. Merriam's great work. The monograph maps the scientific future of the nation.

"Dr. Merriam's passing is a matter of great personal loss to me. His contribution here has been great," concluded the chancellor.

Colleagues' Tribute

Dr. Warren D. Smith, professor of geology and geography at the university, in paying tribute to the late scientist said, "Dr. Merriam was one of the world's greatest scientists. As president of the Carnegie Institution, he was in touch with more fundamental researches in the physical science, perhaps, than anyone in this country.

"His contributions to paleontology and particularly his studies in the John Day country, carried out over a period of 40 years, won him an international reputation.

"His interest in the University of Oregon, especially the departments of anthropology and geology, was very great and stimulating. His position here during the last two or three years, was unique in American universities.

"The four volumes of his collected papers, issued by the Carnegie Institution on his retirement, revealed the depths of his learning in his own field and also the great breadth of his interests in all aspects of human affairs.

"The outstanding thing about him that appealed to me was his intellectual perspective which covered a range, both in time and space, that few men have. His two most popular books, 'The Living Past,' and 'The Garment of God,' give answers to some of the most fundamental problems of our time."

Dr. L. S. Cressman, head of the anthropology department at the University said, "Dr. Merriam as president of Carnegie Institution exerted a profound influence on scientific work not only in this country but also abroad. After his retirement in 1939 he continued to organize, subsidize, and stimulate research by younger men, but was more interested for himself in trying to organize the results of his life's work in a scheme of values. His book, 'The Garment of God' represents his thinking along these lines.

Oregon Parks

"Dr. Merriam has left an enduring impression on Oregon by his work in the John Day, and the work of the students he has trained who have carried on his work there, by the development of the educational system of Crater Lake, by his stimulating and assisting in the development of the Oregon state park system, and by his assistance in the study of the geological and archaeological history of the state."

Dean Wickham

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Eugene Civic Music association, unless the practice of saving seats in McArthur court is discontinued. A letter from the music association warned that this practice, considered unfair by townspeople and campus concert-goers, had been criticized in previous notes and would not be tolerated.

Recommendations from chaperones concerning the observances of courtesy rules at house dances were discussed. Heads of Houses also suggested better attire be worn by men attending open houses and desserts.

Rally, Speech Scheduled

A rally for the Portland game and a speech about Alaska by George Lyman Hall, the newly-appointed assistant dean of men, are scheduled for the assembly at 11 Thursday morning at McArthur court.

Hall, who was recently discharged from the army, was in charge of the non-military education of thousands of American troops in Alaska. He will tell of some of his experiences while serving in Alaska.

The Chi Omega quartet, composed of Bette Jones, Jean Kirkwood, Dorothy Fleming and Janice Crabtree, will sing "Don't Be That Way" with Floyd Stapp, Ted Loud, and Bob Moran.

The rally squad will present a short skit about the Washington game at Portland and give instructions for card tricks.

Campus Life Topic Of Informal Talk

All freshman girls are invited by YWCA president Mary Corrigan to attend a special meeting at the YWCA bungalow Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 4 p.m.

Janet Douglas, president of Mortar board, and Marge Skordahl, Phi Theta president, will lead an informal discussion concerning campus life in general, and studies and activities in particular.

Herb Butt to Speak At IVAC Meeting

Speaker at the first of two special Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship meetings will be Herb Butt, returning director of the organization. The meeting is scheduled tonight from 7 to 8 in the YMCA lounge, and all stu-

dents interested in a clarification of the Christian life are urged to attend.

Scheduled for Thursday, from 4 to 5 p.m. in Gerlinger hall, the second special meeting of the IVCF will feature Bob Finley, Eastern Inter-Collegiate boxing champion and former president of the student body at the University of Virginia, who will speak on the interests of the fellowship.

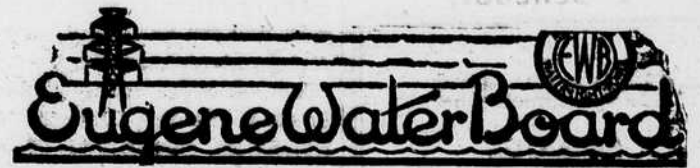
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