Mastodon Skull Unearthed

University Professor Says ‘Best Specimen Found in Iowa’

An SUI professor marvelled at photographs of a mastodon skull which was unearthed on an Iowa farm near Irwin last week.

The professor, Dr. A.K. Miller of the geology department, after studying the photographs exclaimed, “This is the best specimen ever found in Iowa!”

Miller said, “We have a mastodon skull at the university almost as complete, but the Iowa skull has a rear portion attached and the university does not.”

Identification

Jack Musgrove, museum director of the Iowa state department of history and archives, made the identification from photographs of the prehistoric skull of the mastodon, an elephant-like creature which roamed this region during the ice ages.

The skull, weighing 100 lbs., was unearthed on the Thomas Holloway farm, 3 miles north of Irwin in Shelby County. The skull was located under 12 feet of earth and was partially washed out by a creek.

After discovering it, Holloway said he thought it was the skull of a buffalo. Determined to see its entirety, Holloway said he took his tractor and pulled it out. The remains were well preserved by the soil.

Numerous fragments of mastodons' skulls, skeletons, and tusk ends were found in Iowa. They are found frequently in gravel pits or similar excavations. A display of some of the specimens can be seen at SUI in the geology building.

State Bar To Hold Tax Institute Here

Nearly 100 members of the Iowa State Bar association are expected to take part in a spring tax institute next Friday and Saturday at the SUI Center for Continuing Study.

The purpose of the institute is to provide discussion of 1954 tax codes affecting partnerships and corporations and of typical problems of Iowa lawyers representing both farm and non-farm clients. The institute is sponsored jointly by the ISBA and the Iowa college of law.

Robert C. Wells, Waterloo's United Fund executive secretary, will be the guest speaker at the Iowa City Community Chest corporation annual meeting tonight.

Wells will discuss some of Waterloo's experiences in establishing a United Fund organization.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Press-Citizen building.

Representatives of 51 community health, welfare, and recreation groups as well as agencies of the corporation are expected to attend.

Five new members are to be elected to the board at the meeting. Three of these will succeed members whose terms are expiring and two others will increase the board to 15. All will be

Asks VA Aid for Civil War Survivor

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congress was asked Monday to authorize the government to pay hospital and medical expenses for Albert Woolson, 108, Duluth, Minn., lone survivor of the Civil War.

Sen. Edward J. Thye (R-Minn.), introduced a bill which would authorize the Veterans Administration to pick up the cost of hospital and medical care Woolson received recently and may get in the future.

Under present laws Woolson is not entitled to VA aid or care at VA hospitals.

STEIGLEMAN TO SPEAK

Dr. Walter A. Steiglman, head of the editorial sequence at the SUI school of journalism, will be the guest speaker at a regular meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, today, at the Mayflower Inn.