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## Opportunity ...

# NU Museum 'Important Unit' Nebraskan Work Cited In Nebraska Educational Plan At Program Three Nebraskans received Su-



## **Elephant Moving Day**

Dr. Bertrand Schultz, Director of the University State Museum points out the fossil tusks of a Nebraska mammoth found in Campbell, to two Museum visitors from Syracuse, Roger Basset and Gerald Siefkin.

By SAM JENSEN

Editors note: This is the third vate donation or through grants article in The Summer Nebraskan's from the University Foundation. Opportunity series. Next week's feature will concern the Lincoln ress is the new hall of Nebraska Chiefs Baseball team.

"I've seen you on TV," the small boy, about to have his picture taken, said to Dr. Bertrand Schultz, director of the University Craft Instruction State Museum.

But, Dr. Schultz doesn't play the part of Captain Video in the edu- ing, metal and wood work will be cational "Great Plains Trilogy" produced by the University, and the influence of the State Museum in Morrill Hall is not limited to the area reached by television impulses.

During the last six years 689 city

Naturalist Guide Newell Joyner is showing the boys around. The bones are the last of the fossils to be removed so the Nebraska elephant, the largest in the world, can be moved to the center of Elephant Hall. The Mu-

the Museum are financed by pri-The largest project now in prog-

Swedish weaving, textile paintdemonstrated in the Union Handicraft lesson to be held in the Craft Shop Tuesday at 7 p.m.

the class which has already taken Building, now Geography Hall, part in projects involving copper 1908-1927, and Morrill Hall, 1927, enameling, leather work and bas- to present.

seum's African elephants will be placed in front of the newly painted background. The elephant excavated in Campbell was discovered during the digging of the foundation for the Campbell High School.

wildlife which should be ready this fail. The Hall will contain diorama displays of red fox, beaver, bison, white-tailed deer, bobcat, blue heron, pronghorn antelope and whooping crane.

The University Museum houses any other museum in the world inever found which was discovered in Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The Museum was established in 1874 and during its 80 years of existence has occupied four buildings - University Hall, 1874-1887; Ne-Miss Verna Snell is instructor of braska Hall, 1867-1966; Museum and Nancy Olson are the stars of

# **Fossil Reptile** Discovered In Nebraska

A tropical sea bed which completely covered Nebraska more than a million years ago has been uncovered in northeast Seward County

addition to evidence of In shark teeth, oyster shells, and for promoting a strong and consmall fish, the partial skeleton of stantly growing extension program a 35-foot-long water reptile, called in Nebraska." a Plesiosaur, was found, Dr. C. Bertrand Schultz, director of the University Museum reported.

This find, the first of its kind to be uncovered in Nebraska, is approximately 100 million years old, Dr. Schultz said. Some scientists describe the Plesiosaur as "a snake strung through the body of a turtle."

The reptile had four well-developed paddles attached to the which it used for swimming in rowing-like motion. The head, usua flexible neck and could dart sidewise to seize its prey, usually fish

The sea bed was uncovered on a farm, located 15 miles northwest Theater on the Washington Monaof Lincoln.

had - a gizzard.

The evidences of the Plesiosaur The ceremonies were presided lic showing in Morrill Hall.

Dr. Schultz said that although more kinds of fossil elephants than a Plesiosaur has never been found Twenty-four per cent of all drivin Nebraska before, it had been ers involved in fatal auto accidents cluding the largest fossil elephant known that they lived in the area in the U.S. last year were under since similar evidences have been 25 years old. uncovered in both Kansas and South Dakota.

Jane Wyman, Sterling Hayden

"So Big," the Sunday evening

Union free movie which will be

George Round, Agricoltural Extension Editor and director of Public Relations, "for developing a highly successful program of disseminationg agricultural information which has been responsible Dr. Frank Duley, soil conservationist with Agricultural Research Service, "for his participation in the origination and

of dollars "

Round

development of the stubble-malch system of farming; sustained crop production; and conservation of farming areas of the West."

perior Service Awards at the annual U.S. Department of Agri-

culture awards program, which recognized "achievements in re-

search and administration that have helped to improve American life and save the public millions

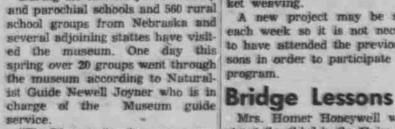
The Nebraskans honored are:

Robert Wallis of Scottsblaff, entomologist with Agricultural Research Service, "for planning and side of its broad and flat body conducting research which provided a method now used for predicting potato psyllid outbreaks, ally small, was set on the end of thereby preventing major losses to potatoes and tomatoes in affected states."

The awards were presented before 5,000 spectators in the Sylvan ment Grounds. Rep. Clifford R. Dr. Schultz identified the stones Hope of Kansas, minority leader as gizzard stones surrounded by the of the House Agriculture commit-Plesiosaur's rib bones. Like birds tee, was the principal speaker, and other reptiles, the Plesiosaur and Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson presented the awards.

have been removed to the State over by Administrative Assistant Museum's laboratories where they Secretary of Agriculture Ralph S. are being assembled for future pub- Roberts, and the Army Band furnished music for the occasion.





"The Museum has become a very important unit of the overall educational system of the state as well A, B and C Tuesday at 4 p.m. adapted to the needs and size of as the surrounding region," Dr. Schultz said, "Our exhibits are is being used in the class in which used as a classroom by University and secondary school groups." Schultz said that the Museum's exhibits are being revised and Pi Lambda Theta new displays are being constructed The regular weekly meeting of that are of an educational nature. Pi Lambda Theta will be held in Joyner said that the purpose of Union Room 316 at 4 p.m. Wednesthe exhibits is becoming more edu- day. cational than purely recreational. It is our desire, he said, to make our facilities available to teachers when students are interested in some particular phase of study.

The Museum is divided into eight units, anthropology, botany-herbgrium, entomology, geology, health sciences, invertebrate paleontology and zoology.

Many of the exhibits and the field and research work done by



Ket weaving. to have attended the previous les- Hall, University, Lincoln. sons in order to participate in the

struct the shird in the Union series more of an informal discussion. of bridge Jessons in Union Parlors Each tour is different and can be The Goren point count method the group. approximately 40 persons are enrolled

Free guide service through the A new project may be started museum is available to groups by each week so it is not necessary writing to the Director, Morrill An attempt is made to make

each tour an enjoyable, educational experience, Joyner said, and there is no set, memorized lec-Mrs. Homer Honeywell will in- tures that the guides use-it is r

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