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## Travel-Study Tour Is Set For Europe

For the third consecutive year the University of Idaho is sponsoring a summer study tour of Europe. The course in travel-study is under the direction of the department of social science, and is listed as the "European Scene." Credits approximately equivalent to those given for a whole Summer School study program can be earned in social sciences for one tour.

Tentative plans now schedule the tour to begin on about June 25 when students will board an airplane at New York and arrive in Glasgow, Scotland, the same day. From there the tour will lead through England, France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Holland and Belgium. From Paris, the group will fly back to New York on about August 20. The approximate cost of the tour from New York and return will be \$1,250. All European travel, meals, hotels and tips are included in this price.

Dr. E. M. Hause, associate professor of political science and history, has been designated the director of this summer's tour, and will travel with the group to conduct the lectures and study programs. Any person not now registered at the university may also register for this study tour if his qualifications are approved by the university.

## Artist At University Wins Portrait Award

A first place in portraiture was awarded to Professor Mary Kirkwood of the University of Idaho's art and architecture department at the 18th Idaho Artists' exhibit in Boise.

Miss Kirkwood, whose portraits are commanding regional attention, was recently advised that another portrait of hers currently exhibited in a Seattle show will be included in a traveling exhibit.

"It is gratifying to note that current shows are paying more attention to serious portraiture," said the Idaho artist. "The concern in recent years with non-objective painting has affected painting from life or the model to an alarming degree. It would be too bad if the students of today were not made aware of the significance of drawing and of objectivity demanded by portraiture."

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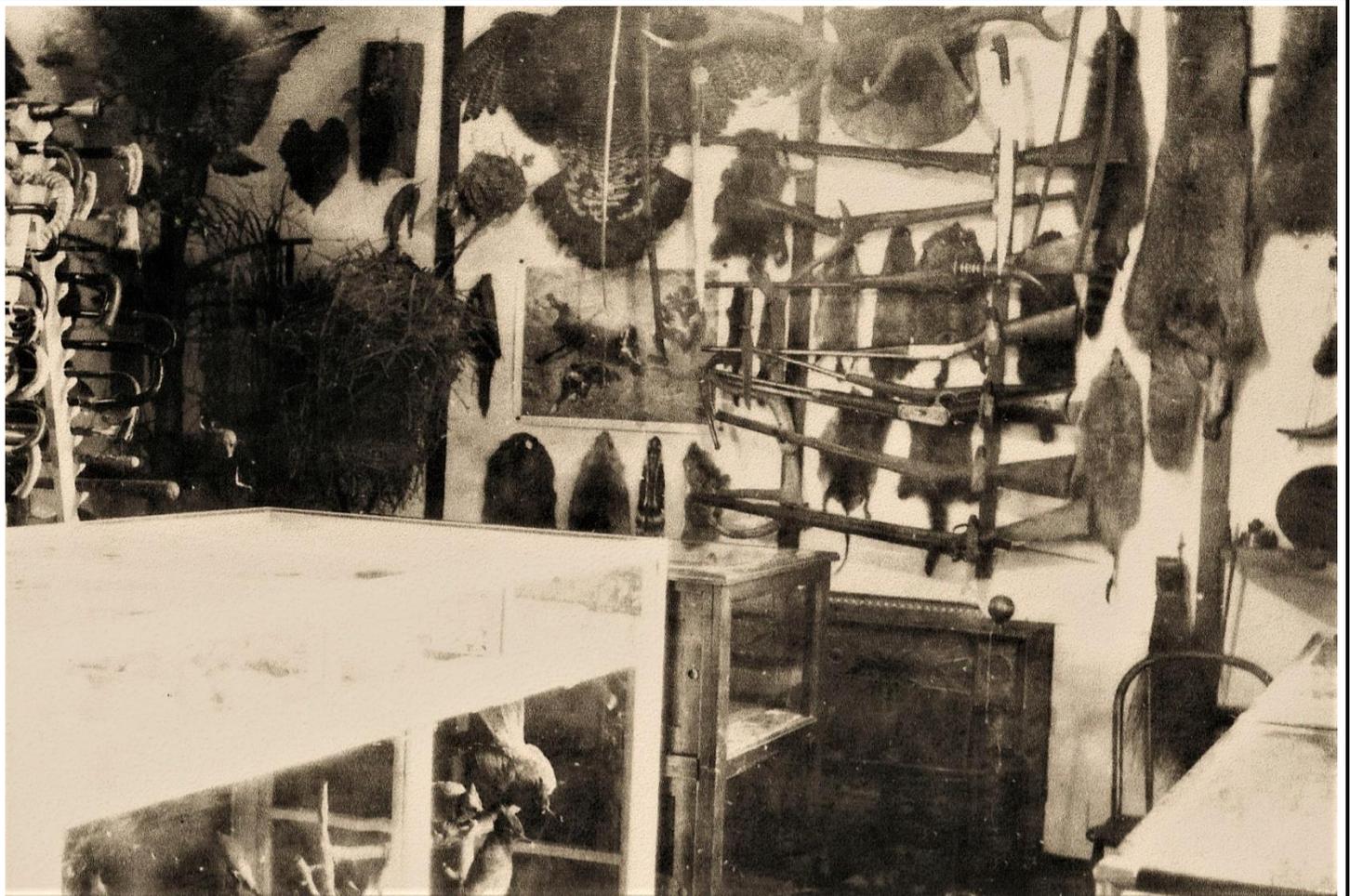
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c.1920 photograph of the interior of the Curio Cabin museum.

## JOHN LORANG

Taxidermist Naturalist and collector of  
Natural History Specimens

MUSEUM

ROUTE 2, BOX 5

GENESEE,

IDAHO.





BOHEMIAN WAXWING  
*Troglodytes aedon*  
A male & female, mounted by the late  
John Torang



Bertha Lorang Kennedy and Dan Lorang looking at John Lorang's peacock. 1953. October. Collection is now at the Conner Museum, WSU