



## Dr. Giddings Dies at 55 After Crash

Dr. J. Louis Giddings, 55, professor of anthropology at Brown University, director of the university's Haffenreffer Museum in Bristol and a world authority on ancient inhabitants of the area around the Bering Strait, died yesterday in Pawtucket Memorial Hospital.

He was severely injured in a multiple collision of cars on Interstate Route 195 in Seekonk on Nov. 3 and had been in the hospital since then for treatment of the injuries.

Dr. Giddings lived with his wife, Mrs. Ruth (Warner) Giddings, and their three children, James L., Edith A. and John R. Giddings, on the university's Mount Hope Grant in Bristol where the museum is located.

Besides his wife and children, he leaves a brother, Wallace M. Giddings of Coldwell, Tex.

A memorial service was to be held today at 4 p.m. in the First Congregational Church in Bristol. Burial will be in Georgetown, Tex., at the convenience of the family.

Born in Caldwell, Texas, April 10, 1909, Dr. Giddings graduated from the University of Alaska in 1932 and from that year until 1937 served as an assistant engineer with the Fairbanks Exploration Department of U.S. Smelting, Refining and Mining Co. He earned his masters degree at the University of Arizona in 1941 and his doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania in 1951.

Professor Giddings was assistant curator of the American section of the University of Pennsylvania Museum and an assistant professor of anthropology at that university in 1956 when he was named by Brown

as director of the then new Haffenreffer Museum of the American Indian. Brown elevated him to a full professorship in 1959.

He became interested in Alaska and the Bering Strait area in 1932 while an undergraduate at the University of Alaska. In 1934 he began working among the Eskimos, then in 1939 took part in the Point Hope expedition. He went on to discover and excavate important archaeological sites at Cape Denbigh and on both sides of the Seward Peninsula.

In May this year, the National Science Foundation appointed Dr. Giddings as administrator of a new two-year \$62,700 grant to Brown University for continued archaeological studies of man in America. In 1962, he was the recipient of a \$6,300 Fullbright-Hays grant for research in anthropology and archaeology with the Danish National Museum in Copenhagen; in 1961 he received a \$3,000 research grant from the National Science Foundation, and in 1959 a \$37,300 foundation grant to Brown was made to finance two Giddings Alaskan expeditions.

Dr. Giddings served as an instructor at the University of Alaska from 1940 until he entered the U.S. Naval Reserve for three years of World War II service as a lieutenant. He returned to that university after the war and served first as an associate professor and then as curator of the university's museum and director of archaeological research. He joined the staff of the University of Pennsylvania in 1951.