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 -----MR. MATHER STOPS OVER IN WASHINGTON

Nearly three weeks ago (on June 9) Mr. Mather spent a few minutes in Washington on his way from Chicago to Darien, Connecticut, his summer home. The train on which he was traveling had a forty-five-minute stopover in Washington, and at his invitation a party of Service people went down to the train to greet him. It was especially wonderful for those of us who had not seen him since last fall to have the opportunity to have even this brief talk with him. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mather were looking very well.

Mr. Mather greeted each one in his old spontaneous, enthusiastic manner, and was intensely interested in national park news, asking for the details of various projects. He told us that after two months in Darien he was going on to California for the winter.

While we were standing on the platform during the last few minutes before the train pulled out, out came the familiar motion picture camera. When it was found a picture couldn't be taken through the window screens Mr. Cammerer brought the machine outside and the picture Mr. Mather wanted was taken.

All of us who saw Mr. Mather during these all-too-short few minutes carried back to the office a new supply of inspiration and enthusiasm.

ANOTHER NATIONAL MONUMENT IN THE MAKING

The existence of interesting prehistoric ruins in the vicinity of the Moapa and Virgin Rivers in southeastern Nevada, near Boulder Canyon, led President Hoover, on May 3, to sign an executive order providing for the temporary withdrawal from settlement of approximately 144,000 acres of land pending an investigation as to the desirability of reserving all or part of it as a national monument. Secretary Wilbur then directed Superintendent Nusbaum, as archeologist of the Department, and C. C. Smith, engineer of the General Land Office, to make the necessary examination of the area. Prof. Mark R. Harrington of the Southwest Museum of Los Angeles, California, was also asked to assist in the investigation, owing to his knowledge of the area gained during three seasons' intensive work at Pueblo Grande de Nevada, one of the ruined pueblo villages of the area.

While no formal report has yet been received, telegraphic word from Mr. Nusbaum indicates that recommendations will be made for the inclusion of a portion of the area in a national monument.

FISH CULTURIST OF BUREAU OF FISHERIES TO SUPERVISE  
FISH CULTURE OPERATION IN NATIONAL PARKS

Under a cooperative arrangement recently effected between the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce, fish culture operations in the national parks and national monuments will be supervised by a fish culturist of the Bureau of Fisheries.

The work of the fish expert, who during the summer will devote his time to park piscatorial problems, will include the general supervision of fish cultural studies and operations, including detailed studies of park waters to determine suitability for fish, a study of native or related fish species suitable for stocking or restocking, and the preparation of permanent management plans for all park waters.

The arrangement with the Bureau of Fisheries is similar to the cooperative agreement in force with the Public Health Service of the Treasury Department, through which Mr. Hommon is assigned to park sanitary problems.

GIFT OF RESIDENTIAL SITE AT CARLSBAD ACCEPTED

Under authority of Congress the Secretary of the Interior in May accepted deed to a lot in the city of Carlsbad, New Mexico, which was donated by the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce as a residence site for the superintendent of the Carlsbad Cave National Monument.

The monument lands lie 30 miles from the city of Carlsbad and contain no site suitable for the construction of a superintendent's residence. To meet this situation the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce purchased a lot which the owner, because of the public use to which it was to be put, sold for at least 50 per cent less than could have been obtained from other parties. Since the time the Chamber of Commerce first offered the lot to the Government and pending its acceptance, the Chamber also assumed charges for paving, curbing, sidewalks, and other improvements. An appropriation to cover the cost of constructing the residence was contained in the 1930 Interior Department Appropriations act.

AMERICAN FORESTRY MAGAZINE TO ISSUE ALL-PARKS NUMBER IN AUGUST

The National Park Service has been cooperating with the editors of American Forests and Forest Life in the preparation of material on national parks for use in the August issue of the magazine which, with the approval of Director Albright, is to be devoted exclusively to national park subjects. Articles by Secretary Wilbur, Dr. John C. Merriam, Director Albright, and other well-known people will appear in this edition.

YELLOWSTONE OPENING CEREMONIES AT GALLATIN GATEWAY

The formal opening of Yellowstone National Park was celebrated this year at Gallatin Gateway, the newest entrance, on June 20. Brief addresses were made by Director Albright, Superintendent Toll, railroad officials, and others, and Indians in tribal costume and wild western cowboys added to the local color.

THREE CALIFORNIA BOY SCOUTS ACCOMPANYING CHIEF NATURALIST  
HALL ON 12,000-MILE PARK TOUR

Accompanying Ansel F. Hall as his assistants this summer are three boy scouts, two of them sixteen years old and the third seventeen. They will aid in collecting specimens for the national park museums, help plant wild flower gardens, build nature trails, and perhaps assist in guiding tourists. Also accompanying the party will be Dr. Harvey E. Stork of Carlton College, Minnesota, who is a biologist, botanist, and explorer.

The Boy Scouts accompanying Mr. Hall (who, incidentally, is vice-president of the Berkeley Boy Scout Council) were chosen from 600 older scouts of the Bay District in a competition which included cooking, first aid, camping, writing, and exhibition of individual collections of insects and flowers. The party is traveling by automobile, the equipment being carried on a special designed trailer built by students from the Edison Junior High School from materials furnished by a group of Bay District business firms.

Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Zion, Sequoia, Lassen, Crater Lake, Rainier, Glacier, Yellowstone, Mesa Verde, and Rocky Mountain National Parks will be visited on the 12,000-mile trip.

NEW GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK TO BE DEDICATED JULY 29

The new Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, is to be formally dedicated on July 29, at 8.30 a. m., with the National Editorial Association participating in the dedicatory ceremonies. The tentative program includes speech of presentation by Governor Frank C. Emerson of Wyoming; acceptance on behalf of the people of the United States and dedication to use, by Erwin Funk, President of the National Editorial Association; acceptance by the National Park Service for administration, by Director Albright; presentation of tablet commemorating the first ascent of the Grand Teton by W. O. Owen; and commission of Dr. F. M. Fryxell to make the ascent and place the tablet in position on top of the Grand Teton Peak. Should his duties in connection with the Yellowstone boundary inspection prevent Director Albright's participating in the dedication, he will probably be represented by Superintendent Sam T. Woodring.

SUPERINTENDENT SCOYEN DEFENDS PARKS THAT DO NOT INCLUDE BEARS  
AMONG THEIR ATTRACTIONS

Recently Superintendent Scoyen rose to the defense of those national parks which (according to the parks which claim bears) are so unfortunate as not to be able to number bears among their natural attractions. The occasion was the receipt of a copy of the June Nature Notes for Rainier at Zion National Park. The result was the following letter from Superintendent Scoyen to Superintendent Tomlinson:

"I am just in receipt of a copy of your June issue of 'Mount Rainier Nature Notes.' It is a very interesting publication and I always enjoy reading it. However, I notice at the top of page 3 under the heading 'A Few More Bear Facts,' that your naturalist makes the statement, 'A national park without bears would be like Potash without Perlmutter.' Now I suppose that bears do add very greatly to the interests of a national park. However, there are three parks down in this section, namely, Zion, Bryce Canyon, and the Grand Canyon, which do not have bears to entertain visitors, and we think that we are very much both Potash and Perlmutter even with these lacking.

"I hope some day that Mr. Brockman may find opportunity to visit this country and find out if this statement is not true.

"With very kind personal regards and wishes for a successful season in your park, including more power to the bears, \* \* \*".

SERVICE RULES WOODPECKERS CAN NOT BE CLASSED AS "FLOOD, FIRE,  
STORM OR OTHER UNAVOIDABLE CAUSES."

Superintendent White of Sequoia has a new problem in some aggressive woodpeckers that persist in drilling holes through the roofs of park buildings. His call for help is such a masterpiece that it is quoted in full below:

"This is a request for an allotment of \$695 from F.Y. 1930 appropriation of \$20,000 for damage done to physical improvement by flood, fire, storm, or other unavoidable causes. The 'unavoidable cause' in this case is the malicious attack by woodpeckers to the roofs of buildings at Ash Mountain Headquarters.

"Under separate cover I am mailing a sample shake taken from the roof of the dormitory at Ash Mountain. This is the little three-room guesthouse and clubroom constructed in 1924. You will note that this shake has four holes drilled by the Red-headed Ant-eating Woodpecker (*Melanerpes formicivorus*). This woodpecker is abundant in the Lower Transition Zone in which Ash Mountain Headquarters is situated at 1700 feet elevation. Throughout California the attacks of this woodpecker on houses and telephone poles creates a problem. It is rumored that a large reward has been offered for a preventive treatment which will stop the woodpecker's attacks on telephone poles, which must often be replaced because of his attacks.

"The roof of the Ash Mountain dormitory has been so thoroughly riddled that all repair measures are now futile and unless we replace the roof before next rains in September or October, 1929, we shall lose most of the plaster and the building will be uninhabitable. The estimated cost of replacement by roofing that will resist woodpecker attacks is \$260. The roof of the superintendent's house, constructed in 1927, is now being attacked and is leaking in several places. It should be replaced before further damage is done and greater expense later involved. The estimated cost of replacement of roof of superintendent's house is \$435, making a total of the two buildings of \$695.

"It will be noted that our total allotment for 201 Repair of Buildings from F.Y. 1930 appropriations is \$1800, and that, as was shown in the justifications, is quite inadequate for the miscellaneous minor repairs to 120 park buildings. It will not even permit painting and repainting many buildings which have been long neglected. The allotment is therefore quite unable to take care of this emergency condition caused by the attacks of the Red-headed woodpecker.

"This bird seems quite unappreciative of the protection given by park regulations and also does not seem to have good sense. He drills the holes in the roof and places acorns therein. The acorns drop through and the labor is lost to the woodpecker, who, nevertheless, persists in his foolish but damaging attacks.

"This seems to be clearly a damage done by natural and unavoidable cause; and although the attacks of *Melanerpes formicivorus* may be less spectacular than a cloudburst or an earthquake, they are as clearly something beyond our control and create an emergency situation which can not be taken care of from our regular appropriations.

"It is expected to take up with Landscape Architect Vint the matter of woodpecker-proof roofing."

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Mr. Albright, who received copy of the Colonel's letter in the field, wrote him as follows:

"If I could afford it, I would give you that much money personally for your letter in order to use it in the next edition of "Oh, Ranger!". While it would be worth \$695 to me personally, I am wondering whether Acting Director Demaray regards it as worth that much officially! I hope so. Like yourself, I will wait with interest his reply."

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But Acting Director Demaray held that "While the damage to the roofs of the buildings at Ash Mountain due to the malicious attack of woodpeckers might be construed as due to an 'unavoidable cause' and thus an allotment from the emergency appropriation be legally possible, it is our feeling that such an allotment is contrary to the spirit of the appropriation. Our construction of the availability of this appropriation has always been for repair of damages or replacement of improvements destroyed by the elements such as flood, fire, storm, or earthquake, or too heavy snowload such as caused the collapse of the temporary hospital building in Giant Forest this winter." He held that the damage to roofs by woodpeckers is a condition requiring maintenance work each year that must be taken into consideration with natural wear and tear, deterioration, etc., when estimating for maintenance of buildings.

#### NATIONAL PARK PROPOSED FOR SCOTLAND

Scotland will soon have a national park, if plans now under way materialize, according to word recently received at the National Park Service. The first definite step in the scheme for acquiring a national park for Scotland was taken at Glasgow early in June, when the Association for the Preservation of Rural Scotland called a conference of Scottish naturalists and scenic and open-air organizations to promote the project. At this meeting a committee was formed to examine the possibilities of the scheme, and arrangements were also made to form a National Trust for Scotland, to finance the proposition. The support of the National Trust of England, through which certain English historic spots have been preserved, has already been promised the project.

The main object of national-park creation in Scotland would be to preserve a portion of the Highlands in its primitive condition, with its native flora and fauna. Such a park should include all the essential features of Highland scenery such as lochs, hills, rivers, waterfalls, tarns, woods, and if possible a section of the coast line. When created the reservation, although planned along the lines of a national park, will probably be called a National Forest Reserve, as according to Scottish custom the word "forest" is applied to a tract of hill country, even if practically treeless, while "park" to the Scots conveys the idea of more circumscribed pleasure grounds.

Data regarding the administrative and financial problems of the National Park Service of the United States was obtained by the organizing secretary of the Association for the Preservation of Rural Scotland before the calling of the Glasgow conference.

#### HEAVY WORK CAUSES EXPANSION OF WASHINGTON OFFICE

The appointing of five new employees after July 1 in the Washington Office, in accordance with the 1930 Interior Department appropriation act, has necessarily caused expansion and adjustment of quarters. Two additional rooms have been secured over the offices of the Mails and Files Division to take care of the overflow. The new appointees will include an assistant attorney, two clerks and a stenographer for the control section under Mr. Demaray, and a clerk-stenographer for the Editorial Division. With each addition to the personnel, the question of securing adequate quarters becomes more acute, since all space in the Interior Department Building is now fully occupied.

#### YELLOWSTONE PARK MUSEUM NAMED LEGATEE UNDER WILL RECENTLY DRAWN

Word has been received at Yellowstone Park that under a will recently drawn up in New York certain original bronzes and paintings by Frederick Remington are to be bequeathed to the national parks. It is understood that the legatee under the will is to be the Yellowstone Park Museum.

#### HISTORIC SADDLE TO YELLOWSTONE MUSEUM

Through the efforts of Chief Naturalist Hall the saddle used by N. P. Langford when he accompanied the Washburn exploring expedition into the Yellowstone in 1870 has been located and sent to the Yellowstone Museum.

### BOUQUET FROM JAPAN

From a number of commendatory letters received by Superintendent Tillotson from various members of the Japanese Hotel Men's Association who visited the Grand Canyon during the spring, the following is quoted as typical:

"Upon my return home, I hasten to express the sense of profound gratitude which all the members of the hotel men's party feel for the most elaborate arrangements for cordial welcome and entertainment that we ever experienced. I really do not know how to thank you enough for all the trouble taken and the courtesy extended.

"The trip was thoroughly satisfactory and successful in every respect, and the most delightful contact with you will forever remain in our memory. It will, I am perfectly sure, go very far towards the improvement of our business relations and the development of international understanding, to the immense mutual benefit."

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### BRIDGE AT LEES FERRY DEDICATED

The bridge across the Colorado River at Lees Ferry was formally opened to travel June 14 with the Governors of four States participating in the ceremonies. A Pioneer Day's pageant was given the following day, with a number of Indians participating. The Service has not yet received a report on this, so fuller details can not be given until the next Bulletin.

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### THE REVISED ACCOUNTING MANUAL

In the revised accounting manual, mailed to the field on June 20, there were no changes in the system as a whole, although a number of pages were rewritten and some new pages added. The revision was made with a view to overcoming all the difficulties which arose during the past year both in the field and in Washington, and now everyone connected with our accounting work will have the satisfaction of knowing that we have the most complete and up-to-date accounting system in the Government Service, and one which is being extended to all governmental activities as rapidly as the Comptroller General can make the installations by personal contact.

In the new manual the method of handling direct settlements was changed, and slight changes were also made in the method of preparing the condensed monthly statement of expenditures and cost and in the description of the cost accounts. The new features include a description in detail regarding the closing of expenditures and costs for both annual and continuing appropriations, the handling of donations, the one fund appropriation, disbursements for other parks or monuments, construction unit costs, etc.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Evidently, from word received from Director Albright, the days are not long enough to accomplish all he wants to do in the field. Possible conflicts in time confronting him now are his trip with the Yellowstone boundary commission, the dedication of the Grand Teton National Park, and the western trip of the Secretary of the Interior. But somehow he'll manage to do everything that needs to be done!

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Associate Director Cammerer has been in the field for several weeks in connection with problems concerning the establishment of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Details in connection with the eastern park projects have added a heavy burden to the Associate Director's duties.

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Tom Brown, Secretary to Director Albright, has gone to England for the summer. He will be away from the office nearly three months. The greater part of his time abroad will be spent in painting in the Cotswolds and other portions of rural England. Mr. Brown is well known in artistic circles in Washington.

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Carl Bachem, formerly with the Yosemite Lumber Company and for a long time a friend of Park Service officials, has been appointed a special assistant to work on various timber exchange propositions.

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Fred R. Isaksen, Yellowstone Ranger in the summer, during the winter is pastor of the Dorr Memorial Church at Lynnhurst, Massachusetts, and at the same time a student at Harvard University.

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Mrs. Frank Pinkley and her daughter Nancy Margaret are spending the summer on the Pacific Coast.

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Margaret Boles, twelve-year-old daughter of Superintendent Boles of Carlsbad Cave National Monument, graduated with first honors from the Carlsbad Junior High School recently; and the same week she won the spelling championship of the school. There were thirty-eight in the graduating class which Margaret led.

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Everett Russell Vass, a draftsman in the Washington Office of the Service, was married June 29, as was also Alton J. S. Eccleston, clerk in the Section of Accounts.

Everett E. Tillett, Assistant Chief of the Accounts Division, is rapidly recovering from the effects of a thyroid operation. He has been back at the office for several weeks.

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Roy A. Hanna, formerly of Yosemite National Park, was a visitor in the Washington Office on June 27.

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Russell Sprinkel, formerly Purchasing Clerk at Yellowstone National Park, is now Chief Clerk at Yosemite National Park.

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Helen T. Kinnicott has been appointed Chief Clerk at the Carlsbad Cave National Monument. She was formerly Purchasing Agent of Yosemite National Park.

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Word comes from Sequoia that Director and Mrs. Albright spent several days there this spring at the time one of the peaks of the Great Western Divide was named "Mount George Stewart" in honor of Col. George W. Stewart, who is known as the "Father of Sequoia National Park."

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W. M. Austin of the Bureau of Public Roads, who has been stationed in Sequoia Park for the past four years has been transferred to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.

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Supervisor of Field Accounts Conner and Chief Engineer and Mrs. Kittredge were recent visitors at Sequoia.

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The above three notes just came in from Giant Forest as the Bulletin was being proof read, and so are tacked on the end. If each park would send in personnel notes it would help a lot to disseminate real news among the parks.

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