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PASSING OF MRS. PINKLEY

On November 13 Edna T. Pinkley, wife of Superintendent Frank Pinkley of Southwestern Monuments, died at Casa Grande. The Service officially has lost a strong supporter, for Mrs. Pinkley was as loyal, enthusiastic, and hard-working a member of the organization as anyone officially on its rolls, although her work was done for love of the cause and not for material gain. Many members of the Park Service family knew Mrs. Pinkley personally, and to all these she was a very dear friend. All mourn her passing and sympathize deeply with Superintendent Pinkley.

Death came very suddenly. Mrs. Pinkley got up that morning and prepared breakfast as usual. Suddenly she became ill with a cerebral hemorrhage, and before the doctor from Coolidge could get to her she was unconscious, and died a few minutes after his arrival. The only consolation is that she went quickly, as she always wished to, with little suffering and while she was still at the crest of her power mentally.

Director Albright tells us that she was in communication with the Stanford University Press regarding the publication of her book shortly before her death.

To Mr. Pinkley goes the most sincere sympathy of the entire National Park Service.

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SERVICE LOST ANOTHER FRIEND WHEN SECRETARY GOOD DIED

The Service lost another good friend in the death of Secretary of War James W. Good. As chairman of the House Appropriations Committee in 1920, Mr. Good visited most of our national parks and showed a very sympathetic interest in them and their needs. Later he made a trip to southern Utah with Director Mather. In 1925, with his family, Mr. Good visited Director Albright in the Yellowstone. In the years that elapsed between his service in the House of Representatives and his acceptance of the secretaryship in the present Cabinet he practiced law in Chicago, and during that time kept up his interest in park affairs.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN WASHINGTON

The Committee on the Study of Educational Problems in the National Parks, headed by Dr. John C. Merriam, held meetings in the Interior Department Building in Washington on November 26 and 27. At the request of the Director important matters now before the Service, both educational and administrative, were considered. These included wild animal problems, boundary adjustments, the extension of visual educational facilities, and the whole question of national park standards. The submission of the Committee's report, following this meeting, is looked forward to with interest.

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DIRECTOR ALBRIGHT VISITS OUR FORMER CHIEF

Late in October Director and Mrs. Albright had an opportunity to visit Mr. and Mrs. Mather at the old Mather homestead at Darien, Connecticut. They found Mr. Mather looking just the same as ever, and came away with high hopes that he is on the road to a much more complete recovery than at times had seemed possible. His rosy complexion and radiant smile particularly impressed them. He gets around well with the aid of the cane which the Washington Office sent him as he left Chicago. He and Director Albright carried on discussions of hundreds of national park matters just as easily as they ever did. Mr. Mather, with his mind as clear and keen as ever, has not lost one iota of his interest in the national parks.

Mr. and Mrs. Albright were delighted with the old homestead, which was built during the Revolutionary War by one of Mr. Mather's ancestors. It has been equipped with modern conveniences, but in other respects it has barely been touched and is one of the most attractive old Colonial places that one could hope to see. There are over a hundred acres in the farm. In addition to the woods, an old orchard, a vegetable garden, and some meadow land, there is a beautiful old flower garden near the house and a lake not far away. The new barn, replacing the one that was burned down, is about completed. Mr. Mather was actively supervising the construction work when Mr. and Mrs. Albright were there.

There are two important animals that live in the neighborhood of the barn, one a cow that furnishes milk for the household and the other the Kaibab deer which Mr. Mather had sent to Darien in 1926. The deer has a paddock of its own and Mr. Mather delights in confessing that deer are browsing animals as he points to the naked stubs of the shrubbery within the enclosure, all edible leaves and branches having been devoured.

Mr. and Mrs. Mather are uncertain as to where they will spend the winter, but they may stay at Darien where the outdoor life and quiet surroundings are steadily benefiting Mr. Mather. Bertha is at school in Cambridge, where she is studying landscape architecture. She is home nearly every week-end, which is one of the reasons for considering Darien for their winter abode.

PUGSLEY PARK MEDAL PRESENTED TO MR. MATHER

The Cornelius Amory Pugsley Gold Medal for outstanding public service for national, State, county, and municipal parks was presented November 20 to Hon. Stephen T. Mather, former Director of the National Park Service, at his home in Darien, Conn., by Dr. George F. Kunz, President of The American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society; Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley of Peekskill, N. Y., for whom the medal is named; and his son Chester DeWitt Pugsley of Peekskill, who gave the Society a fund of $7,000 to establish the award.

This medal was established by Chester DeWitt Pugsley, for the Society, in honor of his father and in recognition of the latter's interest in parks, as a member of the Westchester County Park Commission. The elder Pugsley also gave a park to the city of Peekskill. Cornelius A. Pugsley is president of the Westchester County National Bank of Peekskill and his son is vice president of that institution.

The same medal in silver was awarded by the Society to Duncan McDuffie, of San Francisco, Chairman of the California State Parks Council, and in bronze to Mrs. Beatrice Ward Nelson of Charlottesville, former secretary of the National Conference on State Parks. These medals have been forwarded to the recipients.

A committee of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society selected Mr. Mather as the recipient of the Gold Medal because of his preeminent achievement in establishing the National Park Service, in the United States Department of the Interior, and his fifteen years work therein, during which he brought the national parks to a high standard in the development of facilities for public comfort and recreation, and in the teaching of natural history. Mr. Mather was compelled to resign, because of ill health, last January. He now spends much of his time on the old Mather homestead in Darien, built in 1778, a fine example of a New England home of the Eighteenth Century style. Mr. Mather is making his estate a sanctuary for wild life, plant, and animal.

The Pugsley medals bear on the obverse a relief portrait of Cornelius Amory Pugsley, and the inscription, "The Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal." The gold medal bears on the reverse "Awarded by the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, to Stephen Tyng Mather, Director of the National Park Service, 1915-1929, which he established and raised to a high plane of efficiency."

The silver medal is inscribed on the reverse: "Duncan McDuffie, who, as chairman of the California State Parks Council, greatly advanced the cause of scenic conservation." The bronze medal bears this: "Beatrice Ward Nelson, who, as Secretary of the National Conference on State Parks, coordinated their increase and development."

The endowment of this medal by Chester DeWitt Pugsley, for the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, is one of a large number of his gifts to various educational and philanthropic causes in recent years. Among them were an endowment of $400,000 for graduate scholarships in international law for the Harvard Law School, for every nation, and the British dominions; $50,000 to Yale

University for an annual conference on international relations; $15,500 to Drew Seminary at Carmel, N. Y., for college scholarships for graduates, and $7,200 for land; $10,000 to Vassar College for a foreign graduate scholarship; $5,000 to the Field Home for the Aged near Peekskill for outings for the inmates; $2,000 for Peekskill High School prizes; $2,000 to the Carmel, N. Y. Library; $2,000 to the Gilead cemetery near Carmel, N. Y., primarily for the care of the plot of Enoch Crosby (Harvey Birch of Cooper's novel); $10,000 to Harvard Law School for research in the codification of international law; $3,000 to Princeton University for a conference on National political issues; $1,000 to the National Press Club for best work by a Washington correspondent, and many others; also 35 oil portraits to Peekskill Academy, Field Library in Peekskill, Drew Seminary and other institutions.

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LOW WALL FOUND ON SLOPES OF GRAND TETON CAUSES RUMOR OF "GRANITE TEMPLE"

A correspondent recently inquired of the Washington office as to the truth of the rumor that the remains of a granite building or temple were discovered on the top of one of the three Tetons in Wyoming. Director Albright has explained that back in 1872 the first four people known to attempt the climb of the Grand Teton found well up on its slopes a low wall of rock forming an inclosure, and that this wall is still standing. No one knows when it was built or by whom. It is one of those mysterious relics which captivate the imagination of the historian and the archeologist.

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TRIBUTE TO PARK SERVICE FROM KING OF THE BELGIANS

In officially inaugurating the work of the commission which is to have charge of the new Albert National Park in the Belgian Congo, King Albert of Belgium recently paid high tribute to the national-park work of the United States, saying that it had inspired and set an example to all the world in the work of preserving the public domain for future generations. He dwelt at length on his trip to the United States when he visited several of the major national parks.

The new Albert Park contains 495,000 acres in the volcanic region of Kivu, and will be the scene of extensive scientific research. The district is said to contain not only every specimen of vegetable life known to Africa, but also nearly every animal. The board appointed to administer the park is understood to be composed primarily of scientists, including several from foreign countries.

A representative of the Belgian foreign office recently was in the United States making a study on the ground of our national park system, with a view to obtaining information that would be helpful in administering and developing the new park in the Congo.

WHAT PARK FEATURES MOST INTEREST THE VISITOR?

This question has been propounded by Superintendent Scoyen of Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks. In doing so Mr. Scoyen states:

"I do not know how the other superintendents feel about the matter; but, after working in three parks and visiting a few others, I submit this as a list of the things park visitors in general are most interested in:

1. Wild Animals.
2. Natural bridges.
3. Petrified trees.
4. Prehistoric ruins.

"I would like to see this list published in the News Letter and get the reaction of other people in the Service. It might produce some interesting discussion."

It is hoped our readers will send in their reactions to Mr. Scoyen's suggestion, for publication in future issues of the Bulletin. The Director, who is quite interested in the discussion, says "How about caves?"

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FORMER MAYOR BAUER OF LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS, DEFEATED

Ralph S. Bauer, who as mayor of Lynn, Massachusetts, attacked the administration of the national parks and also refused to permit girls to go stockingless on the streets of Lynn, was defeated in the election held November 5. Mr. Bauer's attack on Yellowstone Park, made through Senator Walsh of Mass., was given considerable publicity late in the summer.

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CARLSBAD CAVE SELF-SUPPORTING

Superintendent Boles proudly reports that during the first four months of the 1930 fiscal year the revenues collected at the Carlsbad Cave National Monument and turned into Miscellaneous Receipts of the United States Treasury amounted to 82 per cent of the appropriations available for all the Carlsbad Cave expenses during the entire year. The revenues are derived primarily from the $2 guide fee charged all adult visitors making the trip through the great limestone cavern, and have been mounting steadily during the past two or three years.

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FOREST SERVICE MAN FINDS THAT TOURISTS SHOW FINE FIRE PREVENTION SPIRIT

Fire Control Expert J. D. Coffman has suggested that the following item from the California District News Letter of the Forest Service, dated September 13, would be of interest to Park Service people:

"At about 5 a. m., September 1, a spark from a locomotive on the Yosemite Valley Railroad started a fire near Dry Gulch on the Merced River. A half hour later the fire, burning briskly over a small area of grass land, was noticed by John Leeds and Burdette Reaney, two young men enroute to the Yosemite from Hollywood, via the All Year Highway. Seeing no one at the fire they stopped. One of them partly waded and swam the river, taking a lap robe with him with which he proceeded to extinguish the fire.

"The other chap, having noticed the guard station a couple of miles back, turned his car and drove there for help. Guard Harold Brinham returned with him equipped with McLeod Tools and the ever faithful back-pack pump. The battle between the young man with the lap robe and the fire was about a draw until the help arrived, after which the fire was easily put under control. The arrival of the help was somewhat delayed, however, due to the river crossing. Brinham, equipped with a back-pack and a McLeod started to cross the river on rocks. He made good headway until a wet rock in midstream forced him into a 'tail-spin.' Brinham, being of the amphibian type, was able to continue his course in the water but progress was somewhat difficult due to perforations in the lid of the back pump.

"Wouldn't it be grand and glorious if all tourists were like these two young men from Hollywood?

Peck, Stanislaus."

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INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS BILL SOON TO BE INTRODUCED

One of the first appropriations bills to be introduced in the coming session of Congress will be that of the Department of the Interior. It is expected that this will be out on the floor of the House early in December, with passage by that body before Christmas.

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CONFERENCE OF PUBLIC UTILITY OPERATORS CALLED FOR DECEMBER 6 AND 7

A conference of the operators of the public utilities in the national parks has been called by Secretary Wilbur, to meet in Washington on December 6 and 7. At this time plans for betterment of service to the public, extension and improvement of facilities, financing of new projects, and related subjects will be discussed. Special stress will be laid upon the importance of the employees of the public utilities rendering the most courteous service to visitors, in line with the type of service insisted upon from park rangers and other Government employees.

AMUSING COMMENT ON THE YELLOWSTONE PARK ROADS

Secretary Wilbur recently called to Director Albright's attention a complaint that was made to him personally by two ladies who visited the national parks this summer. One of them, speaking for both, told of their trip to the Yellowstone, where they were treated splendidly by the rangers and at the hotels. The spokeswoman said, however, that sections of the road were so rough that they could not enjoy that part of the trip, and that her "gallstones had been rattled out of place." The Secretary has asked the Park Service to make the roads "safe for gallstones."

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YOSEMITE INAUGURATES "PATROL WAGON" FOR PARK BEARS

So contaminated have the bears become through their contact with humanity en masse that the park authorities found it necessary last month to provide a patrol wagon to take care of recalcitrant members of the species. The "hurry-up wagon" is unique, consisting of a large piece of corrugated pipe sealed at one end and equipped with a trap door at the other end, mounted on two low auto wheels and attached to an automobile truck. When word is received at park headquarters that a bear is disturbing the peace the wagon is quickly sent to the scene of action. The pipe portion is then detached and a piece of meat placed inside. The guilty bear, smelling the meat, usually goes after it, and then the trap door slams shut, leaving bruin a prisoner. Bears so caught in the residential portion of Yosemite Valley are marked with a daub of paint and then taken to the lower end of the park and released. "Repeaters" are identified by the paint mark. During October, 14 bears had rides in the patrol wagon and only one was found to return to the scene of her disgrace. This one had an eight-months old cub which was left behind, and her mother instinct being stronger than her fear of the law, she returned in a few hours.

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BRUIN ROBS THE U. S. MAIL IN YELLOWSTONE

A bear in Yellowstone also showed criminal tendencies lately, when he robbed the U. S. Mail. With the closing of the tourist season regular mail deliveries away from headquarters ceased. Foreman White, in making the rounds of the road-camps, thoughtfully took with him a bundle of mail for the members of the different road crews around the loop. Leaving the mail in his car at West Thumb, he lunched at the camp. Returning to the car he found the mail had disappeared. Then he saw it between the paws of a black bear in a nearby tree. Bruin was examining the packet intently, sniffing and turning it over in an inquisitive manner. Suddenly he began to tear at it and extracted a box from it. The tree was shaken, clubs and threats hurled at the bear, but unmindful of the commotion he tore open the box and feasted happily on the chocolates it contained. Having emptied the box thoroughly, licked his paws, and minutely inspected the remainder of the mail for further delicacies, he then dropped it and settled back on the limb of the tree with a contented grunt.

DIRECTOR ALBRIGHT TO ATTEND GAME CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK

Mr. Albright plans to be in New York early in December, to attend the Sixteenth American Game Conference which is held under the auspices of the American Game Protective Association.

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PERSONNEL NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Cramton and Mr. and Mrs. Albright were the guests of Mr. Rockefeller at Williamsburg about the middle of November, and were much interested in the work done through his generosity to restore all the buildings in the old town to the Colonial period of architecture. There is also some very interesting landscape work going on there. Visits to Yorktown and Jamestown were also included in the trip. There is a possibility that some of these areas may be considered in the future for national historical park or monument status, although nothing along this line has yet been proposed.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Chorley and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Carson accompanied the party, Mr. Carson being head of the Virginia Conservation Commission. While in Richmond they all were entertained by Governor and Mrs. Harry F. Byrd and incoming Governor Pollard. Matters pertaining to the proposed Shenandoah National Park were informally discussed.

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Director Albright met Mr. Bostrom, the Swedish Minister, and Mrs. Bostrom recently, and reports them still very enthusiastic about the national parks which they visited several years ago with the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Sweden.

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The Washington office staff a week or two ago was initiated into something that Yellowstone enjoyed for ten years. In other words, Mr. and Mrs. Albright gave a party for all the Service people in Washington and it was one of the most enjoyable affairs imaginable. Lacking entirely the formality of official affairs of the East, it gave the Washington staff some idea of the true spirit of western (and national park) hospitality. Several reels of personal movie films taken in the parks, and showing both local park people and visitors from the Washington office, were shown and created a great deal of merriment. After seeing a wild animal film by Sam Woodring, all agreed that he is an expert photographer and naturalist.

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Associate Director Cammerer is just convalescing from a serious tonsil operation. For a week afterwards he literally was unable to open his mouth, and it was necessary to have his throat lanced before relief was obtained. He came to the office for a few minutes the day before Thanksgiving, but is not expected back on duty until the first of December.

Homer J. Farr was appointed custodian of the Capulin Mountain National Monument, effective November 1, vice Clell Norwood, resigned.

The Service is glad to welcome back to its ranks Frank J. Winess, who has been reinstated as ranger in the Petrified Forest National Monument. Mr. Winess is well known in both Yellowstone and Grand Canyon National Parks, having served in each for a number of years.

The parks lost another friend this fall in the death of R. W. Richardson. This young man, only about thirty years of age, had become keenly interested in national-park work and upon coming into a competence had resigned from the Standard Oil Company and was being considered for the position of parknaturalist, with the idea that later he would be good superintendent timber. Suddenly, without any previous illness, he died at his home as the result of a heart attack. His public-spiritedness and love of the outdoors, coupled with his capability, would have made him an excellent park official.

Ruth Newborgh, clerk to Assistant Superintendent Leavitt of Yosemite National Park for several years and popular member of the Yosemite family, was seriously hurt in an automobile accident late in September. One leg was badly crushed and the Service was greatly worried over her condition at first. We are glad to know now, however, that under the fine care of the doctors and nurses at the University of California Hospital, she is making a good recovery.

Mrs. Carl Russell and little son were with Miss Newborgh at the time of the accident, but fortunately escaped without injury.

Director Albright received an announcement of the birth of Robert Hunter Clarkson II on November 19 at Santa Fe. His father, R. Hunter Clarkson I of the Fred Harvey, is well known in national-park circles.

John S. R. Hammitt has been transferred from the Fort Totten Indian Reservation and therefore is no longer Acting Superintendent of Sullys Hill National Park. He was succeeded by Orrin C. Gray.

THE "RANGER" NOW APPEARS IN POETRY

From the pen of David Lamson of the Stanford University Press has come the following poem in praise of our rangers:

THE RANGER OF THE N. P. S.

(Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic.)

Oh, who's the man who minds the Park and keeps us safe from harm,
Who spanks the bears and feeds the deer and keeps the geysers warm;
Who is it that we call for when we feel the least alarm?
It's the Ranger of the N. P. S.
(Spoken) Oh, Ranger!

Ranger, Ranger, come and save me,
Ranger, Ranger, come and save me,
Ranger, Ranger, come and save me,
Save me from the big black bear.

He knows about the flowers and he knows about the trees,
He knows about the game and fish, the angleworms and bees,
He knows about the weather, and when the geysers freeze;
He's the Ranger of the N. P. S.
Oh, Ranger!

Ranger, Ranger, bait a fishhook,
Ranger, Ranger, bait a fishhook,
Ranger, Ranger, bait a fishhook,
And show me where to catch a trout.

All day he's on the mountainside a-fightin' forest fire,
And then he'll travel twenty miles to change a lady's tire,
And spend the night a-buildin' trail around a piece of mire,
The Ranger of the N. P. S.
Oh, Ranger!

Ranger, Ranger, where's a geyser?
Ranger, Ranger, where's a geyser?
Ranger, Ranger, where's a geyser?
I want to wash a pair of sox!

He enforces regulations in the summer when it's hot,
He's also here in winter when it's most distinctly not;
He's a rootin', tootin' mountaineer, the toughest of the lot,
The Ranger of the N. P. S.
Oh, Ranger!

Ranger, come and make a drag-out!
Ranger, come and make a drag-out!
Ranger, come and make a drag-out!
I've fallen in the kitchen sink!

So here's to all the Ranger men wherever they may be,
And here's a health to Yellowstone, the land of scenery,
And here's to all good pilgrims who will sing with you and me
To the Rangers of the N. P. S.
Oh, Ranger!

Ranger, Ranger, Ranger, Ranger!
Tell your troubles to the Ranger;
When in doubt go ask a Ranger,
A Ranger of the N. P. S.

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IMPORTANT LAST MINUTE NEWS

The last minute news from Mr. Mather is that he, Mrs. Mather and Bertha will spend the Christmas Holidays in Chicago and probably go on to California. His Chicago address will be 5638 Dorchester Avenue.