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## SHOP EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS -- AND SAY IT WITH INDIAN WARE

The rather complicated heading is to announce, first, that following Director Albright's suggestion, the Park Service is endeavoring to sponsor an Indian Christmas, and, second, that Indian material is already on hand in the Washington Office.

When Mr. Albright was in the Southwest he was so impressed with the desperately poor condition of some of the Southwestern Indians (caused by general and local conditions) that he conceived the idea of suggesting to Park Service people generally that where practicable they give Indian handicraft this year as Christmas gifts. He, therefore, asked Mrs. "White Mountain" Smith of the Petrified Forest to work out a plan of procedure with Miss Story when she arrived at the Forest in August. This was done, and the plan is as follows:

For Washington: Mrs. Smith procures the Indian material from traders who are willing to let it go practically at wholesale, so that their money may again be free to purchase further supplies from the Indians. The material is sent to Miss Story on a consignment basis, at a price sufficient to cover carrying charges both ways. Already three consignments have been received. Of the first, valued at \$119.50, the greater part has been sold and a check for \$106.75 has already gone forward to the trader. From the second, \$17.85 has been realized. Of a third shipment, in the office only three days, rugs valued at \$64.00 have been sold. Already Navajo rugs, Maricopa pottery, Apache beaded bags, Papago baskets, and Navajo jewelry have been received and sold. Further consignments now on their way or already ordered contain other Navajo rugs, Navajo jewelry, Zuni good-luck charms (made from a rabbit's foot and dressed in bead costume--not as South Sea Island as it sounds!), Hopi pottery and baskets, and some Katchina dolls.

For the Field: Mrs. Smith has volunteered to fill all orders that may be sent to her from people in the field. The same wholesale rates will prevail. Mrs. Smith's address is Petrified Forest National Monument, Holbrook, Arizona.

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Miss Story, after leaving the Southwestern Monuments, visited shops in Santa Fe and Denver where so-called half-price sales were in progress. She found that the prices on the Indian ware in such places usually were from two to two and one-half as much as the prices quoted Mrs. Smith and her during their reconnoitering expeditions among the trading posts in the Hopi and Navajo country.

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CUSTODIAN VOGT OF EL MORRO MAKES CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION

Hearing of Mr. Albright's proposal to make this an Indian Christmas, Custodian E. Z. Vogt of El Morro National Monument makes the following suggestion:

"May I suggest pinon nuts as an added feature? They are entirely gathered by the Navajos and Pueblo tribes and they are comparatively unknown in many parts of the United States. They could be sent along with presents or a more generous supply could be sent as a present, with perhaps an inclosure of a cone or two and a sprig of green tree. It would help the Indians to have a more general knowledge of this product of the southwestern plateau."

This seems to us a very interesting thought, and so we are passing it on. If supplies of pinon nuts are desired by the Washington Office people their orders can be placed through Miss Story. People in the field desiring them should write direct to Mr. Vogt, at Ramah, New Mexico. He says he will be glad to get the nuts for us at a reasonable price.

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BICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE ON PARKS

Several members of the staff of the National Park Service were kept very busy when the Bicentennial Conference on Planning, Parks, and Government, met in Washington from September 18 to 25. Director Albright, vice chairman of the Committee on Local Arrangements, arrived in Washington the day the conference opened, and divided his time for the next week with the Conference and hearings before the Bureau of the Budget. He made one of the principal addresses at the joint dinner of all the participating organizations in the ball room of the Willard Hotel on September 20, at which Lieutenant Colonel U. S. Grant, 3d, Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks in the District of Columbia, presided.

Assistant Director Bryant delivered an illustrated address on "Wild Life in the National Parks" at the evening session on September 19. Assistant Director Wirth was a member of several committees and put in long hours for many weeks before the Conference. He was especially busy with plans for the trips to Colonial and George Washington Birthplace National Monuments and the proposed Shenandoah National Park, arranged as special features for conference delegates.

Accompanied by Director Albright and Assistant Director Wirth, those taking the Monument trip left Washington Wednesday evening, September 21, by boat for Old Point Comfort, Virginia. On arrival the next morning, they were met by motor coaches for an inspection of Colonial National Monument. A ranger-historian was assigned to each bus and remained with the party until it left Wakefield. The Colonial Monument inspection wound up with luncheon at William and Mary College in Williamsburg, and the party left immediately afterwards for Wakefield, returning to Washington that night.

The two-day inspection trip to the Shenandoah area was made after the conference closed, the delegates leaving Washington after lunch on Friday, September 23, and arriving at Skyland, a resort in the heart of the area selected for the park, in time for a dinner at an evening meeting. Director Albright presided. Addresses were made by Associate Director Cammerer, Harlan P. Kelsey, National Park Collaborator, and William E. Carson, Chairman of the Virginia Commission on Conservation and Development. Dr. Roy Lyman Sexton, another Park Service collaborator, showed motion pictures of the Shenandoah Park country.

Saturday morning was given over to hiking and horseback trips to the outstanding beauty spots of the region, and ended with a barbecued chicken dinner served at Crescent Rock Cliffs. The 34-mile section of the Skyline Drive along the crest of the Blue Ridge at its highest elevation was inspected that afternoon. This road will be open to the public as soon as land for the park is turned over to the Federal Government, probably within the next few months. An evening campfire program featuring spirituals by Negro singers and folk dancing by the mountaineers completed a full day.

Many delegates made the trip Sunday morning along the Passamaquoddy Trail to Stony Man Peak, which afford the finest view of the surrounding country. Immediately after dinner the party left for Washington in time for the delegates to take evening trains for their homes.

The organizations participating in this nation-wide conference were the American City Planning Institute, American Civic Association, American Institute of Park Executives, American Legislators' Association, National Association of Civic Secretaries, National Council for Protection of Roadside Beauty, National Municipal League, the Proportional Representation League, and the District Bicentennial Commission.

#### GOOD FOR SOMETHING

A recent editorial in the DENVER POST which contained a reference to the wonders of Mesa Verde made the following comment:

"The United States government has made a miserable failure of many ventures, but it is a success at operating and developing national parks."

MOUNT GEORGE W. STEWART DEDICATED

On Tuesday, August 2, a party of park officials, Sierra Club officers and Visalia business men formally dedicated Mount Stewart to the memory of Colonel George W. Stewart, a former friend of the Park Service who was known as the "Father" of Sequoia National Park.

The mountain is the first of the High Sierra crests which is visible to people entering the park. The base of a small cliff forming a part of Mount Stewart itself was selected for a depository for the redwood bark encased boxes containing the ashes of Colonel and Mrs. Stewart. A memorial plaque has been placed immediately above them. The Episcopal burial service was read at the simple ceremony which although quiet was very impressive and in keeping with the setting.

Assistant Superintendent Guy Hopping of General Grant Park represented Colonel White, who was unable to attend due to the press of official duties, and Ansel Adams and Francis Tapaan of the Sierra Club were among the party.

MORMON CHURCH PAYS TRIBUTE TO MR. MATHER'S LIFE

A very real tribute was paid to the wonderful life and personality of Stephen T. Mather when Mr. Bryant S. Hinckley, General Secretary of the Deseret Gymnasium at Salt Lake City, Utah, requested permission to use the story of his life as a lesson for young men of the Mormon Church under a series of studies on Service.

Mr. Hinckley sent to the Washington Office a copy of the lesson as outlined for teaching and said that his character and life of service for others are the finest kind of example that can be held up to young manhood regardless of religious creed.

YORKTOWN TO CELEBRATE THE 151ST ANNIVERSARY OF SURRENDER OF CORNWALLIS

The National Park Service is arranging plans for the celebration at Yorktown, Virginia, on Wednesday, October 19, 1932, of the 151st anniversary of the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. Representatives of the Comte de Grasse Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Thomas Nelson, Jr., Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Trustees of the Town of York, are cooperating with Superintendent Robinson of Colonial National Monument in his plans for a colorful celebration.

Director Albright is to preside at the celebration and Major General Paul B. Malone, U. S. A., has accepted the invitation to make the principal address at the celebration on the subject of "General Washington." A battalion and the 2d Coast Artillery Band from Fort Monroe are to be present.

INDIAN CHILDREN IN PARK SERVICE HOUSEHOLDS

For a long time Indians have worked on the roads in Mesa Verde and Grand Canyon, have danced for tourists in these and other parks, and have been seen at their native tasks of making baskets, pottery, and silver jewelry. Now three little Indian children in the Southwest are living in park households, absorbing white customs and park ideals.

Navajo maids living in the households of Superintendent Finnan of Mesa Verde and Superintendent Tillotson of the Grand Canyon have small children who are almost part of the families. The fathers also are local Indians. At Mesa Verde "Marsh" proudly strolls into a gathering in the living room with a cunning, black-haired six-months-old which he announces is the family's youngest. At Grand Canyon little three-year-old Denesptha (we don't guarantee the spelling) greets all callers with meticulous hospitality. When other tribes are mentioned she disdainfully says "Me Navajo girl." She is a slender, dainty little thing, picturesque in her colorful long, flowing shirts and quaint bodices, and delightfully friendly. To her Mrs. Tillotson is "Tillie" and Mr. Tillotson, usually known to the Service as "Tillie," is "Natani" (Navajo work for chief). Her little half-brother, about a year old, is part Hopi. When Mr. Tillotson first saw the new baby he said: "Hello, Bill!", and Bill he is to this day, although he also has an Indian name. There is great rivalry between the superintendents of these two parks as to which of the Indian children is the cutest.

"WATER" PRESENTED AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON

The Sulphur Chamber of Commerce was recently invited to take charge of the entertainment at the luncheon of the Oklahoma City of Commerce on August 26. The program consisted of a very clever skit entitled "Water" which portrayed the arrival of two chronic sufferers arriving at Platt Park with many aches and pains and leaving three weeks later in exultant health. Superintendent Branch also made a short talk on the National Park Service and Platt Park. About two hundred members of the Oklahoma City organization attended the luncheon. The program was broadcasted over Station WKY. A number of invitations were received to repeat the program in other Oklahoma cities.

LOG LODGE TO BE OPENED AT WAKEFIELD

A lodge located across the water from the Mansion grounds at Wakefield and built by the Wakefield National Memorial Association is almost completed. This building will be known as the Log Lodge and will be operated as a tea room and souvenir shop. A beautifully landscaped roadway through the Duck Hall woods leads to it and a 400-foot footbridge has been constructed across the water.

APPROPRIATIONS TO BE FURTHER REDUCED

We are quoting below copy of a letter Secretary Wilbur recently received from President Hoover requesting that still further economies be effected in expenditures next year:

"The budgets of the different Departments and independent agencies for the year beginning July 1, 1933 are now under discussion with the Bureau of the Budget.

"A study of the preliminary estimates shows that all parts of the Government are making great effort toward economies. I desire, however, that the responsible heads shall give renewed study looking to the elimination of every expenditure not absolutely essential to these times.

"I have asked the Director of the Budget to make every effort to secure a reduction of at least \$500,000,000 in the estimates of appropriations for the next year below the appropriations for the current year, and the cooperation of the responsible administrative officers is necessary to achieve this end. A part of this can be accomplished in reduction of construction activities which have been so greatly speeded up during the past few years as an aid to employment. I believe we can reasonably predicate our budget on the confidence that such expenditures will be less necessary for employment purposes after June of next year. Moreover, these works by virtue of the enormous outlay since 1930 as a means of employment will be in many particulars in advance of the country's immediate need. Other activities can well be further curtailed during the period of recovery. Obviously nothing will more contribute to that recovery than a relief from taxation.

"While the executives can budget various activities upon the lowest possible basis, still a large part of the Government activities are fixed by law and they must be budgeted for expenditure. In some of these cases the whole or part of the activities can only with the approval of Congress be suspended. I desire that such possibilities be fully developed with the Director of the Budget with view to preparing detailed recommendations to the Congress for authority to take such action. You will recollect that during the last session of the Congress the Departments proposed to various economy committees of the Congress reductions in expenditures of this type, which failed of authorization. Such amounts would be in addition to the \$500,000,000 mentioned above and they should now be again exhaustively considered."

TRAVEL INCREASES AT PETRIFIED FOREST

Examination of the travel figures for the month of August at Petrified Forest discloses the fact that approximately 4,000 more people entered the Monument than for the same period last year, and the registration is the largest recorded for any August. Although a decrease is noted in the travel for the entire year, the increase for the month of August alone is 32%.

Every State in the Union was represented, also the District of Columbia and Alaska. In addition, there were visitors from 16 foreign countries.

AND I ONLY PAID A DOLLAR TO GET IN!

So enjoyable was a trip to Cliff Palace in Mesa Verde National Park one afternoon that one visitor kept slapping his knee and exclaiming: "And to think I only paid a dollar to get in!" Another wanted to know if there had been a rehearsal beforehand. There hadn't been, but it was a gala event, at least for one participant from Washington.

Superintendent Pinkley, Custodian and Mrs. Julian of Chaco Canyon, and Custodian and Mrs. Faris accompanied Miss Story of the Washington Office into the Mesa Verde during her recent trip. They all went out to Cliff Palace on the regular afternoon trip. Only it turned out not to be a regular trip. Two full caravans already were organized when the Park Service crowd (almost a caravan in themselves) arrived, so a third section was made up, with about half a dozen visitors thrown in. Superintendent Finnan accompanied the party, which was in charge of Ranger Burgh. In Mr. Pinkley's words, "We just threw the schedule to the winds and spent about twice the time on the trip and had about four times as much fun." It was Mr. Finnan's "kidding" Mr. Pinkley about his southwestern archeological charges that brought forth the query as to whether or not the performance had been rehearsed. With Mr. Finnan, Mr. Pinkley, and Mr. Burgh all contributing to the fun, the tourist certainly got his dollar's worth.

FOREST FIRE PROTECTION GREATLY IMPROVED IN 1932 SEASON

The training of permanent and temporary members of the fire protection organizations and the installation of more adequate fire-protection equipment brought forth excellent results during the past season. Although considerably more than 100 fires were started, only one forest fire reached at all serious proportions--that at Mirror Lake in Yellowstone, which is described in a separate item.

The Yosemite fire truck was the most important single piece of apparatus purchased. (Incidentally a similar truck has been ordered for Colonial.) Glacier purchased 2-ton fire trucks and Grand Teton and Rocky Mountain Parks are the proud possessors of new  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ton fire trucks. Grand Teton and Glacier both have invested in boats for use in getting men and equipment across any of the lakes. They keep these mounted on trailers ready for quick transportation when needed.

During the year six new fire lookout houses have been added to the Park Service Lookout system. They are The Watchman in Crater Lake; the Scalplock and Mount Reynolds in Glacier; Shadow Mountain in Rocky Mountain; Mount Holmes in Yellowstone; and Crane Flat lookout in Yosemite. The Park Service has a two-fold reason to be proud of these buildings. They have been constructed for utility and efficiency, but with such a regard for fitting them into the general landscape that they are most attractive.

A number of new fire trails were also constructed in Glacier, Sequoia, Crater Lake and Mount Rainier Parks. At Crater Lake a new fire equipment warehouse and garage were built and at Mount Rainier a log cabin was built for use of fire patrolmen at Nickel Creek.

Other aids which have been employed to study and prevent forest fires are fire weather meters, fire atlases, and visibility maps. Considerable experimentation was also carried on with radio as a means of communication between park headquarters or fire lookout stations with ranger stations, trail or fire camps when telephone communication is not available.

#### YELLOWSTONE HAS FIRE AT MIRROR PLATEAU

Severe lightning storms the latter part of the month, produced many fires in remote areas at Yellowstone. All but one of these, however, were promptly detected and speedily suppressed. The fire at Mirror Lake was believed to have been started on August 20. It smoldered in a heavy stand of spruce and fir in a blind area for two days before a small visible column of smoke was followed within one hour by a severe blow up. The character of timber in which the fire originated, coupled with the long distance necessary to travel by foot before suppression work could be undertaken, allowed the fire to spread rapidly. The final area of the fire was estimated at 2,020 acres. Approximately 165 men were engaged in suppression work during the peak of the fire, which was under control after the third day. Rain and snow completely extinguished the fire one week after it was discovered. The experience gained in combating the numerous fires in 1931 was valuable in handling the Mirror Plateau fire and the work was accomplished with a minimum of expense.

#### FIRE DESTROYS GRAND CANYON LODGE

A fire originating in the kitchen of the Grand Canyon Lodge early in the morning of September 1 completely destroyed the main lodge building and two deluxe cabins. Fortunately no one was injured although the waitresses lost all of their personal effects.

It is estimated that the loss sustained was around \$400,000, which fortunately was nearly covered by insurance. The Utah Parks Company have not officially stated their plans as to rebuilding but it is hoped they will rebuild at once. Superintendent Tillotson and Chief Ranger Brooks flew to the North Rim on learning of the fire. Although the Lodge was too far gone to save Superintendent Tillotson detailed the entire North Rim ranger and construction force to patrol the area and prevent the fire spreading to adjoining property and the forest.

Assistant Secretary Edwards on hearing of the fire expressed keen regret and stated that in his opinion it was the finest lodge in the entire Park system and that the entire unit of the Utah Parks Company on the North Rim might well be taken as a model.

#### FIRE THREATENS GRAND TETON

About 1:30 p.m. of August 23, smoke in the direction of the Moran Bay region was seen from Park headquarters and Jenny Lake. Upon investigation it proved to be a forest fire on land under the control of the U. S. Forest Service, but dangerously near the park line.

The Park Service immediately sent all available fire-fighting equipment to their aid, including a boat which was used during the entire fire. Rangers and laborers from Grand Teton also aided in the fight. About 260 acres were burned over, leaving an unsightly scar just north of Moran Bay. After about three and a half days intense struggle the fire was gotten under control and the park men came home the night of the 26th. A rain that night and the following two days completely put the fire out.

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#### FLOYD GIBBONS VISITS PARKS

En route to the American Legion Convention at Portland, Oregon, Floyd Gibbons, noted wartime journalist and radio broadcaster, visited Grand Canyon and Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks.

He arrived in Grand Canyon on September 9 and accompanied by Superintendent Tillotson made the two-day trip across Grand Canyon by muleback, staying overnight at Phantom Ranch on Bright Angel Creek. When they reached the North Rim the girls and boys from the Grand Canyon Lodge and the Utah Parks Company officials met them and gave Mr. Gibbons a rousing reception, the girls singing a number of their Grand Canyon songs. He made the airplane flight over the Canyon and then went to Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks, where Superintendent Patraw took him in charge and showed him all the principal points of interest in those parks. Mr. Gibbons wired back from San Francisco that he had had "the most glorious time of my life."

At the close of the Convention Mr. Gibbons motored to Mount Rainier, Lassen, Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks to gather material for radio broadcasts next winter.

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#### CAMPERS EXPRESS APPRECIATION

Superintendent Scoyen of Glacier National Park reports that he has recently received a letter of appreciation signed by a number of oldtime campers at the Two Medicine Auto Camp in which they commented on the improved condition of the campground this summer and the courtesy and efficiency of the caretaker.

The campers also stated that they had enjoyed the lectures and hikes conducted by the Ranger Naturalists and hoped they would be continued next year.

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#### COLONIAL STAFF APPEARS IN UNIFORM

Photographs have recently been received in the Washington Office picturing a very good-looking group of young men who seem very proud of their new Park Service uniforms. These young men comprise the Park Service force at Colonial and they are to be congratulated on their neat appearance.

### LABOR-DAY CELEBRATION AT SEQUOIA

As a final feature of the summer season at Giant Forest, an elaborate program was planned for Labor Day week-end. On Saturday night, at the Ersa Tree, an Indian comic opera "The Pioneer's Papoose," was presented with specialty numbers by genuine Indians and the Sequoia trio. Sunday Evening another entertainment was held at the same place. Colonel White made a speech of welcome and Congressman Henry Barbour spoke on current national problems.

The lighting of the campfire was an impressive ceremony as staged by Woodbridge Metcalfe, a United States forester. Special lighting effects were arranged by Hugh Parks through the courtesy of the Fox Theater of Visalia. Due to the generosity of Mr. William Horsley motion pictures of the Mather Plaque Dedication ceremony were shown and the record made of the Bohemian Club broadcast was reproduced.

Dell Finley, radio singer, the Herbert Anderson concert orchestra from Lindsay, and Mrs. Jack Sinclair, monologist, were also enjoyable features of the program.

### WAKEFIELD FLOAT IN LABOR DAY PARADE

Engine Company No. 1 of the Washington, D. C. Fire Department had as their entry in the Labor Day Parade a float containing a replica of the Wakefield Mansion which Superintendent Hough reports as being a most accurate copy. Had he been a Judge we feel sure this float would have been awarded first prize.

### WILD FLOWER EXHIBIT HELD AT EXPOSITION PARK

The San Joaquin Valley Tourist and Travel Association arranged for a big Sierra Wild Flower Display in Exposition Park, Los Angeles, on the occasion of the holding of the Olympic Games.

Superintendent Thomson was asked to contribute a selection of Yosemite plants. The Association Secretary in thanking him for his cooperation in preparing the exhibit stated that his contribution was a most comprehensive one and it arrived in perfect condition. He said that the different varieties were not only well wrapped and accurately labeled, but that they were astonishingly fresh even at the end of the four-day display. It was estimated that 150,000 people viewed these flowers.

### EVEN THE BIRDS FEEL THE DEPRESSION

Ranger Ben C. Miller of Glacier National Park reports that "the birds around here have felt the depression too. I've noted where several of them have fixed up their old nests instead of making new ones."

POSTAL SERVICE CELEBRATION AT YORKTOWN

On Tuesday, July 26, a celebration in commemoration of the 157th anniversary of the founding of the United States Postal Service was held in the Customs House garden at Yorktown, Virginia. Permission to hold the celebration in this beautiful garden was graciously given by Mrs. George D. Chenoweth, Regent of the Comte de Grasse Chapter of the D. A. R. This celebration was held under the joint auspices of the Yorktown Post Office and Colonial National Monument. Representative S. Otis Bland of Newport News, Virginia, was the principal speaker, and was introduced by Mr. Allan D. Jones, a lawyer from Newport News also. Superintendent Robinson presided at the exercises, while Ranger H. Reese Smith and Ranger-Historian Manning C. Voorhis acted as color guard for the ceremony. Acting Chief Ranger Hoskins and other members of the Colonial Monument staff acted as ushers. The rendering of a number of patriotic selections by a thirty-piece Army Band from Langley Field, Virginia, under the leadership of Mr. M. A. Quinto, added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion. The invocation and benediction were rendered by Reverend A. J. Renforth of Yorktown.

VISITOR MAKES RETURN TRIP TO COLONIAL

Mr. Thomas Mellon, 2nd, of Pittsburgh, nephew of Ambassador Andrew Mellon, has again visited Colonial National Monument. On his first visit in May he was very much impressed with the Monument and said he was coming back. On his second trip Mr. Mellon brought three of his friends. Assistant Park Historian Flickinger called on them in Williamsburg and they visited Dr. W. A. R. Goodwin at the George Wythe House. Doctor Goodwin very kindly conducted them through the Raleigh Tavern, the St. George Tucker House, the Restoration Museum, and the Bruton Parish Church. Mr. Flickinger brought them to Yorktown and guided them over the Monument area. Mr. Mellon was particularly interested in the Moore House improvements, and indicated an intention of helping furnish part of the house.

LASSEN NEITHER "FISH NOR FOWL"

The Lassen country has been labeled a "freak of nature" by a number of scientists and authorities on plant life that have visited the Park this summer. It seems to be neither in the Sierra Nevada Mountains nor the Cascades--botanically speaking.

Geologically, it is at the extreme southern tip of the Cascade Range, with the Sierra Nevadas starting only a few miles south of the park. Dr. Carleton R. Ball of the University of California, found a new species of hybrid willow and a dwarf willow only 2 inches in height and several other plants that "did not belong." Later, Miss Elizabeth Morse, a research specialist in fungi, found but two plants where hundreds should ordinarily exist. Likewise, Mr. W. S. Creighton, a myrmecologist who is studying in the west this summer, states that this park seems to be a connecting link between the lava Cascades and the granites of the Sierras, with many hybrids of both plant and insect life thriving there.

Dr. H. F. Copeland, in charge of the Herbarium of the University of California who has been collecting specimens in the park, believes that arrangements should be made whereby the University and the National Park Service could cooperate in making a study of this region with a view to ascertaining its proper botanical classification.

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#### SEQUOIA PARK AGAIN ENTERS THE MOVIES

After being such a success as a pioneer background in "The Big Trail," Sequoia National Park is to be featured again in "Salomy Jane." The rugged mountain and forest scenes which have brought fame to the Giant Forest were ideally suited to serve as background for this picture which is a dramatization of a mining camp story by Bret Harte. The story has a real wild-west plot complete with stage robbery, shooting, hanging, etc.

The leading roles in the picture are played by Joan Bennett as "Salomy Jane" and Charles Farrell as "The Stranger," with Raoul Walsh directing.

The park was versatile in furnishing settings for the play. An old miner's cabin was conjured up very convincingly from old telegraph poles; a house in Alabama was located far out in the primeval forest (just across the road from the park museum), and the swimming pool at Lodgepole appeared as background for Miss Bennett on two occasions.

The bear show suffered from competition as every day hundreds of spectators gathered to watch the pictures being made.

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#### YELLOWSTONE'S ATTRACTIONS ALSO FEATURED IN MOVIES

Word has been received at Yellowstone that the Cinelog Corporation equipment for taking sound pictures is due to arrive in the park around the first of September. The sound equipment will be handled by Carl del Riccio and Allen Johnson, while the camera end will be handled by Leo Lipp and his assistant Daniel Cavelli. Mr. Lorenzo del Riccio, the president of the corporation, arrived by train at the north entrance. The party is to spend about two weeks photographing the park features.

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#### UNUSUAL CONTRIBUTION MADE TO GENERAL GRANT MUSEUM

General Grant Park reports that a large redwood carving of the General Grant Tree, made from a slab taken from the Fallen Michigan Tree, has been presented to the Museum by Mr. Victor Kerney, of Fresno, who made the carving and presented it to the park at one of the Camp-fire programs. It is to be kept in the Administration Building and may be viewed by any who care to see it. It is reported to be a wonderful likeness of the Grant Tree and is valued at \$1,000 by the artist. Mr. Kerney received his inspiration for the carving while working on his well-known pageant-drama, "Sanctus Sequoia."

Another large slab was taken by Mr. Kerney to his Fresno studio where he will carve another likeness of the General Grant Tree to represent Grant Park at the Chicago Fair in 1933. Foreman Leever states that it took ten men of his crew to lift the slab. One can imagine what a marvelous thing it will be when completed.

#### SNOW RECORD BROKEN IN YELLOWSTONE PARK

Mr. W. T. Lathrop, weather observer at Mammoth, reports that all snow records since 1887 for the month of August were broken on the night of August 29 and the morning of August 30 when 1.8 inches of snow fell at park headquarters. The records show that there was never more than a trace of snow for August in previous years. The minimum temperature recorded for Mammoth during this snowstorm was 29.2, which is not a record as the reports show that in 1910 a minimum temperature of 23 degrees was recorded in August.

#### TWIN GEYSERS STAGE PERFORMANCE

The Twin Geysers at West Thumb of Yellowstone Lake, which ordinarily are merely bubbling pools, created a sensation when they erupted simultaneously about 7:30 p.m. the evening of August 26. The geysers threw mud, rocks, tree stumps, branches, and other debris to a height of 50 or 60 feet and covered a distance of about 60 yards, some of it covering the main highway. Another eruption occurred about 7:30 the following morning when clear water was emitted from the two openings and shot to a height of from 75 to 100 feet. One other eruption occurred the same day, but since then the Twins have shown no further signs of real activity.

#### A "PACKRAT" OF DISTINGUISHED FAMILY

Dick Smith, head packrat (baggage porter) at Mammoth Lodge in Yellowstone National Park, is a member of a family that might well be called the "Scholastic" Smiths. Five of his brothers have been showered with unusual scholastic honors. All made sophomore honors at Washington University at St. Louis, Missouri, and the four who have taken degrees there have been recipients of the highest honors available. Four of the brothers wear Phi Beta Kappa keys and one was named a Rhodes scholar from the St. Louis institution. Bob, the winner of the Rhodes scholarship, is the only brother besides Dick who has been employed in Yellowstone Park. He was a "packrat" for four years at Mammoth and Roosevelt lodges.

#### TRAVELERS ARRIVE BY AIR AT GRAND CANYON

On September 10, a party consisting of Secretary of War Patrick J. Hurley, General Albert Cox, Congressman Royal C. Johnson of South Dakota and Lieutenant R. W. Cousland, arrived in the park by air in Secretary Hurley's privately owned Tri-motor Stinson "Detroiter." They flew from Oklahoma City to Grand Canyon on Saturday and were en route to the American Legion Convention at Portland.

The party really had "Just dropped in" for a few minutes as they took off again early Sunday morning. Secretary Hurley expressed a desire to return later for about two weeks in order to rest and recuperate. Superintendent Tillotson promised him that when he came he would take care of all disturbances by telegraph and telephone, with wire clippers if necessary.

#### HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPENED AT COLONIAL

The opening of the Moore House during the summer as a Historical Museum with Ranger-Historian Manning C. Voorhis in charge, was an important event which added greatly to the educational program at Colonial National Monument. The furnishings and museum material previously acquired have been placed to the best advantage throughout the house. Although there is room for a good deal more furniture, the house is beginning to take on an air of old-time charm. In the Surrender Room is a Windsor chair, donated at the time of the Yorktown Sesquicentennial Celebration by Mrs. F. G. Ewing of Nashville, Tennessee, which is said to have been in the house at the time of the surrender; a Chippendale side chair; a secretary (of about 1775, Chippendale influence); a tilt-top table; a small Chippendale mirror; a drop-leaf table, and andirons.

Colonial can also boast of the beginnings of a Natural History Museum. Ranger-Naturalist Banks recently made a collection of molluscan fossils from the beach below Yorktown, and arranged the collection with all specimens properly labeled on display in the two museum cases in the room set apart for this purpose at Park Headquarters.

#### OUTDOOR AQUARIUM

A new feature of the ranger naturalist service at Glacier has been the establishment of an ichthyological exhibit in a natural fresh-water pool in Many Glacier Auto Camp. It is very popular with tourists and the naturalists are including it in their trips afield.

#### ISLESFORD COLLECTION A BOON TO ACADIA

Dr. H. C. Bryant on his recent trip to Acadia National Park visited the Islesford Collection which has been collected by William Otis Sawtelle, founder of the museum there. He was both amazed and delighted at the mine of authentic documentary material relating to the Mount Desert Region from 1604 up to the present time which he found there.

Plans are now being made by Ranger Naturalist Stupka to use the Sawtelle collection as a foundational part of the educational program at Acadia, particularly from the point of view of literature and the rich lore of tradition contained in it. Doctor Bryant said that he considered the accessibility of this museum and the many treasures it contains a rare opportunity for the Park educationally.

### FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION GROWS

The first week in September some remarkably fine movies of Maine, the woods, the ponds, rivers and lakes, were shown and explained by Joseph Stickney, supervisor of wardens of the southern district of the State before a large audience at the Building of Arts in Bar Harbor. It seems that the work started by the Mount Desert Island Fish and Game Association may result in making the island one of the finest fishing areas in the country. This Association was started last winter by a small group of 32 and has grown to a membership of nearly 200 with the ambition to enroll at least 500 members. One of the speakers was Doctor Little, who in speaking of fish propagation said that the rangers from Acadia National Park were men whose daily work was a source of enthusiasm to them and that their work in the woods and around the waters of the Park and Island is such as to furnish the best of cooperation with the State and with visitors and sportsmen. Mr. Torrey, President of the Association, stressed the fact that fish propagation means additional protection to woods and wild life everywhere. At the end of the meeting a number of new members were added to the roster of the Association.

### GENERAL GRANT REPRESENTED IN FLOWER SHOW

In August a wild-flower show was held in the Fox Wilson Theater in Fresno, California. Ranger-Naturalist Jamison took quite a complete collection from the General Grant National Park and his display received a number of favorable comments. A talk about the flowers was given by him at the theater the evenings the displays were exhibited.

### ORNAMENTAL DOOR A DOUBTFUL BLESSING

Superintendent Pinkley recently went down to visit Custodian Boundey and inspect some new facilities which have been constructed there. Among these is a new ranger quarters with a door that has set the Superintendent to wondering whether it is better to be useful or ornamental. The front door to the ranger habitation opens outward so that if you ever call on the ranger you will have to knock on the door and get back out of the way so the house-wife won't swing it out and hit you in the face. Upon inquiring as to the reason for this he was told that the architect didn't want to swing the door inward because it was a pretty door and a screen in front of it would spoil the effect. However, the architect slipped one over on them and left the screen door off entirely without even providing a place where one could be hung later on so that the house-wife will have to keep the front door shut during fly time and hot weather whether she wants to or not. Mr. Pinkley states they are now considering asking the architect to give us two front doors on future houses; one they can use as a decorative motif in the facade of the house and the other to come and go through, and to have a nice screen door that will let in some air and keep out the flies in hundred degree weather.

WASHINGTON OFFICE EXPANDS

Things have certainly been turned upside down at the Washington Office lately. The very over-crowded offices have been expanded to take in fifteen more units, which makes the entire corridor Park Service territory. Great improvement has been made in the housing situation and the rooms look much more attractive now that they are less crowded although some still lack rugs, screens, and a few such furnishings. At last an adequate drafting room has been arranged and the badly crowded files have been allowed more room. Everybody that comes in now has a hard time locating the people they are seeking, but for that matter the Park Service employees still find themselves walking into the wrong rooms just from force of habit.

Mr. Albright, Mr. Cammerer and Mr. Demaray were the only persons whose offices were not disturbed in the general shakeup, but even they couldn't escape the terrific noise of hammering and furniture moving and the smell of fresh paint.

JAPANESE INTERESTED IN NATIONAL PARKS

A friend of Assistant Director Wirth's has recently returned from a trip to Japan. He met a number of people there who had met Mr. Wirth's father on his trip to Japan some time ago. He says that the Japanese are greatly interested in the things the Americans are doing in the national park line and sent in a list of persons to whom he wished Park Service literature mailed. Among these were Doctor Tamura, Professor of Landscape Architecture at the Imperial University in Tokyo and Technical Advisor for the present National Park Commission, which is developing a series of national parks for Japan; Mr. Kato, Secretary of that Commission, and Mr. Inoshita, Superintendent of Parks in Tokyo.

NEW STANDARD SET AT BANDELIER!

Superintendent Pinkley reports that recently when Ed Rogers, Custodian of Bandelier National Monument, was forced to be absent from the Monument on account of the illness of his father, Mrs. Rogers took over the keys of the office and carried on in a very capable manner. In fact, Custodian Rogers recently wrote Superintendent Pinkley that "from reports that come back to the Monument from visitors Gay has set up a standard of service that will keep me quite busy living up to." Director Albright wrote Mrs. Rogers a very congratulatory letter on her official report. Mr. Rogers has now returned to duty but says that his wife is still holding down the position of Honorary Custodian Without Pay. Mr. Pinkley adds:

"Incidentally, Gay (The Honorary Custodian Without Pay) recently had an amusing experience with a small bear. Driving in from Santa Fe she had almost reached the top of the trail when a small cub bear crossed the road in front of the car. For some unknown reason she instantly decided to bring the cub home with her. Mrs. Rogers stopped the car and with the aid of the flashlight gave chase. Since she failed to consider that little bears usually have a mamma bear quite close, she is to be congratulated not for catching the little bear but for her failure to do so."

CONTEST IN THE SOUTHWEST

It seems that an unofficial lady-guide contest has started in the Southwestern Monuments. Mrs. Johnwill Faris of Aztec is a recent entry. The following advice was recently offered to Mr. Faris; "Keep her off the monument, Johnwill; if these women get too good we men are likely to be doing housework in the near future." The fact that Mrs. Faris is also noted for fried chicken and gravy may have caused this rather prejudiced advice.

WIND CAVE ZOO

The latest addition to the attractions of Wind Cave National Park is a small zoo, which has been built around a ledge of rocks perforated with holes and recesses that will serve ideally for dens. There are only four inhabitants of the zoo so far, but they have taken up residence in the dens and stay there so closely that they can seldom be seen by visitors. It is hoped that they will soon become accustomed to their surroundings and will be on view. They are all members of the younger generation, ranging in age from three to five months. One of them is a baby porcupine, Roberta by name, and the others are three young coyotes named Luella, Ronnie, and Johnny.

Roberta the porcupine is a native of the park, having been discovered on the office porch one evening in company with her mother, a gray old matron who threatened battle when her coal black little daughter was captured and wrapped in a sack. The next night the mother returned and was captured and also placed in the zoo. She immediately sought shelter under a ledge and remained there all day. However, when night came on she climbed out over the top of the enclosure and escaped. It has been reported that she has returned more than once to visit her daughter through the fence, but so far she has smuggled in no wire snippers or pliers.

HUNDREDS VIEW ECLIPSE FROM CADILLAC MOUNTAIN

A beautiful day brought hundreds of people to the summit of the new Cadillac Mountain Road to watch the sun's eclipse on August 31. This beautiful peak is the highest place on the Atlantic coast and afforded an ideal vantage point for viewing the phenomenon. Ranger Naturalist Stupka gave a most interesting and informative talk concerning the eclipse.

There were over 600 cars parked on the summit and great confusion would have resulted had it not been for the expert work of Chief Ranger Hadley and Rangers Campbell, Fowler, and MacQuinn in handling the traffic.

The ranger station came in for its share of attention before and after the great phenomenon. The exhibits of Ranger Naturalist Stupka and Kirk K. Stimson, who is in charge of pine blister rust control work in the park seemed to interest a large number of the crowd.

Although the eclipse was only 89 per cent total as seen from Washington, D. C., a clear afternoon afforded a fine view of the phenomenon to those of the Washington office force who forsook their dignity and hung out the windows of their wing. Smoked glasses and exposed films were very much in demand for the hour that it took the eclipse to reach its greatest totality.

#### HOT SPRINGS STICKER APPEARS

For the first time in its history Hot Springs National Park has an automobile sticker. The use and issue of the sticker has been approved for advertising purposes and the first consignment was received and issued the latter part of July. The design for the sticker consists of a representation of an overflow from a hot spring and the rising vapors from the spring. It was drawn by Landscape Architect Zimmer, who was in the park at the time the matter was being studied.

#### PLATT HAS SWIMMING POOL FOR NEGROES

The swimming pool and recreational area definitely segregated last month for negro visitors in the park is proving highly successful. Strange to say, a little trouble was experienced during the first part of the month by white people desiring to use the isolated part of the creek set aside for the negroes. However this has all been straightened out. The negroes have been very orderly and it has been found more satisfactory to place a negro caretaker in charge of this pool rather than a white person.

#### EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD AT HONOLULU

The Regional Conference of the World Federation of Education Associations was held in Honolulu the past summer. Through the courtesy of Dean W. A. George, Chairman of the program committee, Hawaii National Park was given a place on the Conference program. Park Naturalist Doerr gave a forty-minute talk on "The National Parks in the Field of Education," before a general session of the Conference, which was attended by about 900 people representing several nations of the world.

While in Honolulu Mr. Doerr attended all general sessions of the Conference dealing with the broader aspects of education and also the sectional meetings of the Department of Geography from which he obtained considerable information for use in the educational work in the park. In addition to the Conference meetings Mr. Doerr devoted some time to a study of the Hawaiian room of the Bishop Museum, made an auto trip around the island of Oahu for the purpose of becoming familiar with places visited by tourists and seeing certain educational exhibits. He visited the Honolulu Academy of Arts and contacted several officials of the University of Hawaii. In short, he had a busy as well as an instructive time, and made lots of friends for the Park Service.

A REAL FIND AT MESA VERDE

The landscaping crew at Mesa Verde in excavating around a bush that had fallen inside of the clearing line for the right of way on ruin roads improvement work discovered a large section of charcoal so well preserved that the log was complete in its entirety. Further investigation proved the shrub which was being removed was located right on the edge of a Basket-Maker III pit house. That portion of the ruin which was to be disturbed by the road was carefully excavated by trowels and the best charcoal timber yet discovered in any of the Basket-Maker surface ruins of the area was found. The only beams known to exceed the specimens obtained in this road clearing were those uncovered by the Park Service expedition of 1926 in the Step House; however, these beams were in a dry cave and were not exposed to the elements or to the destructive effects of erosion. The beams recently discovered will be sent to Doctor Douglass for study and possible dating in the immediate future. It was rather interesting that the landscape work brought to light one of the finest archeological finds made in the park. It was fortunate that the landscape foreman was well versed on the subject of tree rings and had a full appreciation of the value of the charcoal obtained from the prehistoric structures.

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LUNAR BOW OBSERVED AT YELLOWSTONE

Many of us have seen ordinary rainbows caused by sunshine and rain or spray, but few have seen a lunar bow. Junior Park Naturalist Herma Baggeley of Yellowstone was out driving one night when the moon was full and as she approached the entrance to Golden Gate black clouds shrouded the peaks in the foreground and it began to rain heavily. Looking back she could still see the moon shining brightly and when she turned around she was greatly surprised to see a beautiful bow spanning the entrance with the ends resting upon Bunsen Peak and Sepulcher Mountain. The sight was so unusual and of such outstanding beauty that many left their cars and stood in the drenching rain to view it. Mrs. Baggeley says that only once before in her life had she ever seen this phenomenon, and that this was in the spray of Lone Star Geyser in the light of a full moon.

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SEQUOIA FEELS EARTHQUAKE

On July 25, about 10:55 p.m., Sequoia National Park residents were rather alarmed when they experienced a very perceptible earthquake. Colonel White reports that it lasted some seconds.

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THE BIGGEST GEYSER

Ed Wynn devotees in Washington were greatly amused when he began to talk about geysers the other night. He said he knew all about the geysers in Yellowstone Park but that the biggest geyser he had ever heard about was Gey-ser (?) Wilhelm.

FIRST CLIMB TO SUMMIT OF MOUNT RAINIER CELEBRATED

Although they did not realize it, two former Rainier National Park Company guides, Robert Strobel and Worth McClure, celebrated the 62nd anniversary of the first climb to the summit of Mount Rainier by again climbing the north side of the mountain and descending the south slope into Paradise.

The young climbers left the Sunrise cabin at 11 a.m. Tuesday morning and battled their way up the steep ice incline to Steamboat Prow, a rock formation high on the northern slope. Here they made a rock barricade to protect them from the wind and spent the night. The next morning they encountered fresh deep snow above Steamboat which made progress slow. Further up the young men had to chop steps in the sheer ice because of the steep grade. They reached the summit at 3 p.m. Wednesday, 62 years after General Hazard Stevens and Philemon B. Van Trump made the first successful climb in August, 1870.

Strobel and McClure reported on arrival at Paradise that when they were about 1500 feet from the top they encountered heavy winds and very cold weather. They were sighted through the telescope at Paradise Inn and an interested gallery of telescope fans enjoyed the thrills of the descent into Paradise vicariously.

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ARTIST AND WIFE AGAIN AT WORK ON PARK STUDY

Mr. and Mrs. Ottmar F. von Fuehrer of the Carnegie Museum at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, arrived in Mount Rainier Park recently to spend the month of September.

Mr. Von Fuehrer last year collected specimens of plants and animals for the Northwest Group for the main floor of the Museum. The Mount Rainier Group will be the showiest of the four representative groups in the display according to Mr. Von Fuehrer. He only started the work of assembling the Mount Rainier material three or four months ago, and found that he would be able to include many things not found on his first visit there.

While in the park Mr. Von Fuehrer will assist Park Naturalist Brockman in casting some large eight-by-nine-foot relief maps which will be exhibited at the Longmire, Paradise, and Yakima Park Museums. He will also help in stuffing animal and bird skins for display in museums of the Park and will make clay and wax models of some of the plants as well as painting backgrounds for some of the groups. His work at Mount Rainier will tie-in with his work for the Carnegie Museum. The Museum is planning to include one North Temperate Zone Group from near Pittsburgh, one of jungle vegetation and animals from Florida, one of desert life forms from Arizona, and the group from Mount Rainier in its collection.

A MUCH-TRAVELED SIGN ENDS JOURNEY

Custodian Herschler sent in the following account of a rather unusual situation recently dealt with at Muir Woods:

"An amusing incident occurred on the 29th of the month when a much "bestickered" Model A, Ford Tudor Sedan bearing Florida license No. 192-381 was observed in the parking area. The occupants, three youths of boisterous dispositions, had gone into the woods.

"Florida cars carry only a rear license plate, but in the front license plate holder was a comfort station sign saying "MEN." At first glance it had a very familiar look, and close scrutiny disclosed it to be a regulation park service sign dated 7/27 on the back.

"When the boys neared their car again the custodian inquired as to how they enjoyed the woods and their other travels; mentioning that according to their license plate and the stickers on the car, they had seen some beautiful scenery. They said they had, and when asked what parks they had visited they replied, 'Rocky Mountain, Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Glacier, Parks in Canada, then Mount Rainier, Crater Lake and Muir Woods,' which they had visited in the order mentioned. They were then asked in what park they had secured the "MEN" Sign, and before it occurred to them what was happening they replied that they had gotten it in one of the first parks they had visited. Then they began to think something was up, and when asked which particular park it came from their memories proved very lax.

"They were then instructed that to avoid inconvenience and delay they had better remove the sign and leave it here. Reluctantly they started to do so, at the same time telling of the fun they had had with it and how they hated to give it up. After considerable joshing they volunteered the information that it came from Yellowstone, but they said, 'The comfort station we got it from had four or five such signs on it and we didn't think there was any need of having so many on one building.'

"Then they related their experiences at different places when cops stopped them only to learn that the car was from Florida and needed only one license plate and nothing could be done about the "MEN" sign. They also told of being stopped by rangers in several of the parks, but after giving them the same information they had to the other officers, the rangers laughingly let them go on.

"Anyway, the sign is now reposing in the Muir Woods garage, and helps to make up for some of the signs that have gone A.W.O.L. here. That is, unless Superintendent Toll wishes to have it back at Yellowstone. If so he may have it, and also the names of the trio that gave it the joy ride, in case said names are wanted. The one lad dressed in Scout uniform must have considered it his good deed for the day when he did his part in giving the sign a tour of the country."

## SNAKE STORIES

### Two-Headed Rubber Snake at Yellowstone

Doctors Bumpus and Bauer returned to Mammoth on July 21 with an exceptionally large rubber snake (*Charina bottae utahensis*, Van Denburgh), which they had found in the grass near Imperial Geyser in the Midway Geyser Basin. The snake measured 28 inches in length, although ordinarily this species is seldom over two feet long. This is the fourth one of the species recorded for the park and the first one brought in alive for close inspection.

Ranger-Naturalist Agerter reports that the snake is greyish-green above and yellow below. It is about an inch thick in the central portion, tapering slightly toward either end. The tail is blunt and although somewhat smaller than the head, looks much like it. It frequently hides the head, assuming such a position that the tail imitates the head. Thus the snake merits the name "Two-headed Snake."

Shortly after being captured, the snake regurgitated a small mouse. This frequently happens when the animals are handled. The snake does not resent being handled, however. In fact, it is recommended as a nice pet as it is non-poisonous and does not try to defend itself by biting.

Rubber snakes are members of the constrictor family (Boidae) of which the boa constrictors and pythons are also members. These snakes squeeze their prey to death.

### Unexpected Donation at Bryce Canyon

An unexpected museum donation at Bryce Canyon National Park attracted much attention this past summer. One afternoon a gopher snake in a museum cage laid eleven eggs. They were carefully transferred to a separate cage, covered with sand, and kept moist. Everyone is most interested in the outcome of this snake hatch.

### Champion Rattlesnake Killer at Mesa Verde

Superintendent Finnan reports that visitors to the Square Tower House on the morning of August 26 experienced a real thrill when Ranger Watson was leading a party through the crevice in a rock known as "Fat Man's Misery." About half way through this hole, which is rather dark and in which a person of even moderate stature must exert some effort in order to work his way through, Ranger Watson heard a noise that sounded suspiciously like a rattlesnake. He backed his party out without telling them the reason for his alarm, and after people had retreated from the opening and let in the light, a medium sized rattlesnake was seen coiled in the center of the trail blocking the passage-way.

The real humor of the situation was produced by the ranger. He assured his party it would be perfectly all right for each member to walk to the opening, look at the snake, and then retreat to a safe distance. Superintendent Finnan says that the trail had recently been maintained and that no loose rocks or stones were left after the cleanup. However Ranger Watson found one stone, approximately the size of a hen's egg. He had to stand off about fifteen feet and throw through the aperture since it would have been dangerous to encounter the snake at close quarters in the crowded opening with a stick. He threw the rock and by miraculous luck pinned the rattlesnake's head to the sandstone ledge and killed it instantly--all on the first throw and apparently without any particular effort. It seems Watson didn't think he could ever hit the snake in fifty tries and had been very nonchalant in throwing the stone. His party, however, knew nothing of this, and when they returned were convinced that they had the most fearless ranger and the best rattlesnake hunter in the Southwest. Superintendent Finnan states that he was swamped with tourists for one whole afternoon who wished to elaborate and expand on the merits and prowess of Ranger Watson.

#### CLIMBER DIES ON SIERRA CLUB EXPEDITION

Members of the Sierra Club who recently spent four weeks on a trip in the High Sierras were much distressed when one of their number, Miss Jane McCormick Spalding, was stricken by heart disease.

Miss Spalding had started on the trip on July 8 with the club party, but a few days later she suffered an acute heart attack, probably brought on by strenuous exertions in the rarified atmosphere, and was left at a camp on Roaring River. Her physician, Dr. Fraser, was summoned to treat her and she seemed to be recovering. Upon his advice Miss Spalding was being moved down to Giant Meadow on a stretcher carried by four Sequoia Park Rangers when she succumbed.

#### TWO FATALLY INJURED IN AUTO WRECK AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Dr. Mary S. Day, age 35, was instantly killed and her niece, Lucille Day, age 10, was fatally injured in an automobile accident on the old Fall River Road the night of August 26, 1932.

Doctor Day, accompanied by her two nieces, left Grant Lake late in the afternoon to return to Alamosa. It was dark before she reached Fall River Pass and a heavy fog was hanging over the road. At the Pass they started down the old Fall River Road. They missed seeing a one-way traffic sign and about two hundred feet from the sign the right front wheel hit the end of a corrugated culvert. Doctor Day managed to pull the front wheels back on the road, but the rear wheels slid off the shoulder and the car rolled down the mountain. The car was completely demolished. The three occupants were thrown clear of the car. Doctor Day was instantly killed by crushing and a broken neck. Lucille Day's right side was badly

crushed. Little Jean Day after finding her Aunt dead and her little sister crying took off her own clothes and covered the younger child and called for help. No help came and at dawn she started down Fall River Valley and was picked up by a tourist near Willow Park Road. The tourist took Jean to the Fall River Pass Shelter Cabin where she incoherently reported the accident to Ranger Howard Rowland. Lucille was immediately brought to Estes Park but died early the next morning.

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"ABOUT FOLKS"

Director Albright is back in Washington after a swing around the circle that covered most of the western parks and many national monuments. Upon his return he was immediately caught in the whirlpool of activities of the Conference on Planning, Parks, and Government, and in addition to attending meetings in Washington and making speeches, also accompanied the delegates to the Colonial National Monument and then to the proposed Shenandoah National Park.

Mrs. Albright and the children returned to Washington with Mr. Albright. They came from Berkeley by way of Crater Lake, Mount Rainier, Glacier, and Yellowstone Parks, meeting Mr. Albright at Glacier. Upon seeing them Mrs. Anderson who cares for the Albright's home remarked: "Bob's stunted,"--since he is only 5 feet, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches tall now.

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Associate Director Cammerer has been immersed in serious eastern park problems during the past month. He also accompanied the Parks, Planning and Government delegates to the Shenandoah area. The latter part of September he made a flying trip to New York to make some official contacts. Mrs. Cammerer is back in Washington after a trip to her home in Wisconsin.

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Senior Assistant Director Demaray handled the 1934 estimate hearings before the Bureau of the Budget from September 15-18 and 19-20, inclusive. All-day hearings were held on four days. Director Albright got back from the Field in time to attend the final hearings on the 19th and 20th.

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Assistant Director Moskey has returned from an inspection trip to Hot Springs, Carlsbad Caverns, Casa Grande, Zion and Bryce Canyon, Grand Canyon, and Yellowstone.

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Assistant Director Bryant, in charge of Research and Education, on his recent visit to Acadia National Park was the first person to occupy Homans House at Schooner Head in Acadia National Park. This is the official guest house which

has recently been remodeled to serve as a home for official visitors to the park. Mrs. Bryant and the four children accompanied him and enjoyed a vacation while Doctor Bryant was in conference with park officials regarding the educational program at Acadia. Enroute to Acadia he visited the Palisades Interstate Park, Bear Mountain Park, and stopped off in New York City.

Dr. Joseph Bolten of the U. S. Public Health Service, formerly superintendent at Hot Springs National Park, was a recent visitor there. Doctor Bolten is now in charge of the U. S. Marine Hospital at Galveston, Texas.

Miss Florence Duncan of the Branch of Planning of the Washington Office spent her vacation in Montreal, Canada, where she was bridesmaid for a friend with whom she had gone to school in Scotland. They had not seen each other since they made their first trip to America on the same boat in 1921.

Custodian and Mrs. Hilding F. Palmer of Casa Grande National Monument spent the month of August at Prescott, Arizona, where Mr. Palmer was advised to go on account of his health. We are glad to hear that a gain of 22 pounds is the result of his rest and that he now looks like a light-heavyweight champion prize-fighter.

Ranger and Mrs. Hugh Curry, from Montezuma Castle, visited the Palmers three times while the latter were at Prescott. Driving 56 miles each way to keep a fellow from getting too lonesome is a good deed well done.

Mrs. George L. Boundey of Tumacacori National Monument, had an appendicitis operation at Tucson, Arizona, the first week of August. Custodian Boundey reports her in good condition again now.

Ranger Alfred Peterson, of El Morro National Monument, plans to attend the University of Arizona this winter to continue work which he took last year in archaeology and tree ring growth.

Chief Clerk Evenstad of Casa Grande National Monument and his family spent their furlough in North Dakota at the old homestead.

We heard that Superintendent Pinkley, "Boss" of the Southwestern Monuments, had several teeth pulled in August and hoped he had found the source of the infection that was causing high blood-pressure. The Boss claims he was somewhat of a sore-head for a few days (we doubt that) but admits that, being back teeth, their loss did not mar his particular style of beauty.

Dr. Frank Oastler, a member of the Advisory Board of the National Park Service, who spent the summer in Yellowstone Park photographing the wild life there, gave the Mammoth guests and Government employees a treat when on Sunday evening before his departure he invited them to attend a showing of his films of the trumpeter swan, beaver, and bear.

Elise Demaray, who was a Ranger-Historian at Colonial National Monument during the Yorktown Celebration last year, has a most interesting article on "The First Legislative Assembly in America" in the July-August issue of Historical Notes. We understand she has returned to William and Mary College as a very proud sophomore this year.

Superintendent Toll left with his family on September 1 for Denver. He will return about September 9 and remain at Yellowstone until some time in October.

Word comes from Colonial National Monument that in a tennis tournament held recently between the Monument and Navy Mine Depot, the Park Service was the victor. The Park Service team won two of the three singles matches and five of the six doubles matches. Misses Minerva Allison, Elizabeth Hoskins, and Louise Woodward, and Messrs. Jack Arthur, Floyd Flickinger, Elwood Inge, Harold Frineke, Stuart Woodward, Charles Cockrell, defended the Park Service colors. A number of those playing for the Park Service really belong to the Bureau of Public Roads.

Chief Clerk Sorrill in reporting the tournament wants to know why a match can't be arranged between their team and Miss Ryan, Doctor Bryant, Mr. Jones and other Washington Office players. This sounds like a challenge that would prove interesting if taken up.

Colonel John R. White of Sequoia National Park accompanied by Mrs. White and his daughter Phyllis and a party of friends consisting of Miss Margaret Coleman of San Mateo, Ralph Phelps, Dr. Dexter Richards and Fred Lanborn of San Francisco, made his annual inspection trip of the higher trails of the Sierras late in August.

During the trip Colonel White installed the permanent bronze plaque at the niche on Mr. George Stewart where the ashes of Colonel and Mrs. Stewart were placed a short time ago.

Park Ranger Allyn F. Hanks of Yellowstone has been promoted to Chief Ranger at Grand Teton National Park and will take over his new duties on August 31.

The Volcano Baseball team, composed of employees of the Hawaii National Park, the Army and Navy, and road contractor's workmen, won the championship for the season in the Kau League. Eleven games were played. This team won nine and lost only two games. A silver cup was awarded them for their proficiency in America's most popular national sport.

While returning from Hilo in a Ford pickup truck, Ranger Christ of Hawaii National Park was wrecked by a team of runaway mules attached to a sled. They were from the Olaa Sugar plantation and came onto the road from a side road leading through the dense sugar cane. The mules crashed into the side of the car and threw it off the road over a three-foot bank, damaging it considerably. One mule was killed, but the other escaped injury. Neither Ranger Christ nor his son Calvin who was with him was seriously hurt. The plantation assumed full responsibility, paying for all damage to the truck.

After conducting a party of 140 shriners through Carlsbad Caverns on August 20, Superintendent Boles was signally honored by his election to an honorary membership in Alladin Temple of Ohio. The visiting shriners were profuse in their praise of the beauties of the Caverns and the courtesies shown them while in the Park.

Miss Jean Griffin of Chaco Canyon is Acting Custodian of the National Monument during all absences of Custodian and Mrs. Julian. Her interest in the ruins is intriguing.

Superintendent Woodring made a recent airplane trip from Wilson to Moran and had the pleasure of viewing Grand Teton Park from an altitude of 15,000 feet. He took both stills and movies of the views. Seeing the beauty of Grand Teton from the air just confirmed his opinion that his park is one of the most beautiful of the parks any way you take it.

Joe H. Mader, who has been handling the park publicity at Yellowstone this summer, left the park on August 20. He spent a few days in Butte with the Continental Oil Co. working up a radio program on the Yellowstone which that Company expects to sponsor this winter. Following that Mr. Mader returned to Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he is to have charge of the journalistic department at the University of North Dakota.

Auditor Wilt has returned to his desk after spending the entire summer in the Field inspecting Park Operators' accounts. He was also in the Southwest at the time of the Indian ceremonial dances and enjoyed them very much.

Chief Historian Chatelain has been absent in the Field since July. At the close of his official inspection tour he stopped off at his home in Peru, Nebraska, to spend his vacation with his family. Mrs. Chatelain and the children are returning to Washington with him on September 28.

#### BIRTHS:

Custodian and Mrs. Chas. L. Heaton have a nine-pound boy which arrived at Pipe Spring National Monument on August 12. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

A son was born to Assistant Superintendent and Mrs. Daniel J. Tobin of Sequoia National Park in the Giant Forest Hospital on July 31.

News has been received in the Washington Office of the birth of a baby daughter to Park Naturalist and Mrs. George M. Wright of the Berkeley Wild Life Survey office.

While at Yellowstone Mrs. Albright saw the J. E. Haynes' new baby and reports it is the most precious thing she's ever seen. Coming from a mother of two that really means something.

#### DEATHS:

The Park Service suffers a real loss in the death of Custodian J. C. Clarke of Wupatki National Monument, who died suddenly on August 9. Mr. Clarke was one of our nominally paid custodians who had given freely of his time and money to the Service, driving probably a thousand miles per year and giving us a great deal of his time in return for which we paid him an annual salary of only twelve dollars.

In speaking of his death Superintendent Pinkley states, "When a history of the Southwestern Monuments is finally written I hope adequate recognition will be given to the fine work of such men as J. C. Clarke, whose friendship I have valued, whose contagious enthusiasm has many times revived my own drooping spirit, and whose advice I have so often taken in handling the local matters around Wupatki."

The Washington Office was shocked to hear of the death of W. H. Peters on August 7 in the Veterans' Hospital in Portland. Mr. Peters was formerly Superintendent of Grand Canyon and Mount Rainier National Parks. After leaving the Park Service in 1922 Mr. Peters became Manager of the Port of Grays Harbor. He remained a staunch advocate of the national parks until his death and had many friends among his former park associates.

Friends of Mrs. W. B. Lewis, formerly of the Yosemite, sympathize deeply with her over the loss of her sister Blanche (Mrs. Roberts). Yosemite people will remember that Mrs. Roberts visited that park several times. Her death was caused by heart failure following an operation.

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A recent visitor to George Washington Birthplace National Monument was so inspired by the beauty of the place he wrote the following poem entitled "Wakefield" and sent a framed and autographed copy of the poem to Superintendent Hough:

#### WAKEFIELD

In the heart of Westmoreland, Virginia,  
 Back when power laughed justice to scorn  
 That such tyranny might not continue,  
 Freedom's unafraid founder was born,  
 Making Wakefield, the home of his parents,  
 As the banner of hope was unfurled,  
 Wherein virtue scorned further forbearance,  
 The new Bethlehem of the New World.

Tho no star hovered over his manger  
 To direct the wise men, from the east,  
 To the spot where the newly born stranger  
 Lay, unchristened by prophet or priest.  
 As he humbly was born into being  
 Ere the Stars and Stripes were unfurled,  
 Wakefield woke, as the shadows were fleeing,  
 The new Bethlehem of the the New World.

In the soft swaddling clothes of affection,  
 Up thru infancy, Washington grew  
 Into childhood, approaching perfection,  
 Near still than his own parents knew,  
 And the site of the home of his childhood  
 Stands to-day, 'neath Old Glory unfurled,  
 Souvenir from the primitive wildwood,  
 'The new Bethlehem of the New World.

--By Horace C. Carlisle.