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EIGHTH ANNUAL NATION'S CHRISTMAS TREE CEREMONY

The eighth annual Nation's Christmas Tree Ceremony at the General Grant Tree in General Grant National Park was presented under ideal conditions. Christmas day was clear and sunny, the snow was fresh and clean, and the roads were in excellent condition. Christmas carols and other selections were beautifully rendered by a vested choir and male quartette, and carrier pigeons, released with messages to President Hoover, President-elect Roosevelt, Governor Rolph, and Director Albright, added greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremony by circling the great General Grant Tree twice, just under the lower branches, before they spiraled out into the sky and away.

And while we are on the subject of the General Grant Tree - Superintendent White tells us that there is an effort being made by the Nation's Christmas Tree Association to have this tree adopted by the National Tuberculosis Association for the design of one of its annual Christmas seals.

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PRESIDENT HOOVER PRESENTED WITH PORTFOLIO

Mode Wineman of Pasadena, California, who presented the marvelous portfolio of pictures to President von Hindenburg of Germany, has recently given a portfolio of park pictures to President Hoover. Mr. Wineman is one of those artists who so loves his work that he will not commercialize it by selling his pictures and is going to will them to the Park Service.

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MR. DIXON DISCOVERS NEW PLANT IN MOUNT McKINLEY NATIONAL PARK

Joseph Dixon of the Wild Life Survey staff reports the discovery of a plant in Mount McKinley National Park which was unknown to him. Upon reference of the plant to Francis W. Pennell, Curator of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, it was found to be a new species. It has been given the name Synthyris borealis.

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"AS ONE MOUNTAINEER TO ANOTHER"

Mrs. Herbert Hoover, who recently had an opportunity to motor over the Skyline Drive, wrote the following to Secretary Wilbur:

"Having just this week explored the entire length of the Blue Ridge Skyline Road, I am qualified to tell you what I think of it! As one mountaineer to another, it is a good road, - and a very beautiful one. One that you should be proud to leave behind you and be remembered by in those parts, - and to travel over yourself sometimes, when you 'go back east.'

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DEATH OF EX-PRESIDENT COOLIDGE SADDENS PARK SERVICE

The National Park Service lost a good friend in the death of ex-President Coolidge. Not only was he personally known to many of our people in Yellowstone National Park, where he, Mrs. Coolidge, and their son John spent what they said was one of the most enjoyable vacations they ever had, but he proved himself a very real friend in time of need by vetoing the Ouachita Park bill. This latter action was one of incalculable value, since by it our national park standards were preserved and the national parks continued on their high plane.

President Coolidge was also responsible for the appointment of Mr. Albright as Director of the Service.

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LABORATORY OF ANTHROPOLOGY HAS INDIAN SILVER COLLECTION

An interesting array of nearly 350 pieces of Navajo silver work was placed on display at Mr. Nusbaum's Laboratory of Anthropology in Santa Fe about the middle of December. The exhibit, arranged through the cooperation of the Laboratory and the Indian Arts Fund, included a wide range of objects, from tiny earings to massive bridle stalls and huge concho belts. The jewelry and other objects are of cast, beaten, or drawn silver, many ornamented with turquoise, jet, or coral.

The assembling of the collection was made possible by a special gift of $8,000 to the Laboratory, of which $3,000 was designated for use in purchasing the Navajo silver, with the idea of extending the previously existing Navajo silver collection to put it on a basis comparable to the Laboratory's collections of Navajo and Pueblo blanketry and Pueblo pottery, which are the outstanding craft collections available to the student and the public at the Laboratory.

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WASHINGTON OFFICE INDIAN SALES REACH TOTAL OF $1330

While on the subject of Indians, we want to announce that up to the middle of January the Washington Office sales of Indian handicraft reached a total of $1330. There are still a few more rugs and special articles, already ordered, to be sold and accounted for. General sales were discontinued some time ago, but special orders from here and there continue to trickle in.

We believe that Park Service orders have to some little degree reduced the stock of Indian goods in the West. Miss Story recently ordered belt buckles from Mike Kirk, Indian Trader, and in reply he wrote: "Just had one buckle left. Some Indian will get some more work pronto." In a previous letter Mike wrote: "Our business has been very good this fall, and I am hoping that I can turn enough silver, before Christmas, to permit me to work all of my silversmiths the rest of the winter. I certainly feel grateful for your efforts in the past."

And recently we furnished the names of several Indian traders to the proprietor of a small curio shop, who plans to get directly in touch with them. So the ball started last summer at the Petrified Forest goes rolling on!

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RECORD RAINFALL AT MOUNT RAINIER PARK

Weather conditions in Mount Rainier Park during November, according to Superintendent Tomlinson, were, to say the least, quite unusual. It was a month of excessive precipitation, very little snow, and unusually warm temperatures. The total precipitation of 21.99 inches was more than twice the normal amount and the greatest ever recorded in the park. Torrential rains which prevailed during early November culminated in a veritable cloudburst on the 12th and 13th. The greatest damage occurred at Longmire and the Nisqually Entrance where the two main diversion dams, erected several years ago to protect these areas, gave way before the raging torrent and were damaged to such an extent that they had to be virtually rebuilt. Considerable damage was done on the West Side Highway and Carbon River Road, and minor damage was done to the Nisqually and White River Roads. Several trail bridges and large sections of trail were washed out and the power plant bridge and approach road were completely washed out by the Nisqually River. Superintendent Tomlinson reports that there was only one clear day during the month and we are wondering if this isn't another record!

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TEST OF YELLOWSTONE ROADS BY AUTOMOBILE IN 1914 COST $40

Chief of Accounts E. E. Tillett, while rummaging through some old account books recently in search of an illusive entry, came upon the following item, interesting from a historical standpoint: - - "For ride to test use of roads by automobile, $40." It was entered under date of June 3, 1914.

SNOGO PLOW A LIFE SAVER

Hyette F. Bower, winterkeeper at Lake Lodge in Yellowstone can thank the Yellowstone Snogo plow for saving his life. Mr. Bower recently suffered a heart attack and a fellow employee and Park Ranger Al Elliott attended him constantly for three days and nights. His condition finally became so serious that it looked as if there was little chance of his remaining alive long, so the Snogo was rushed to the Lake to bring him in. The plow, going through snow from two to five feet deep with little difficulty, got as far as Canyon the first day and the second day continued on to Lake. The sick man was loaded into a car and

brought to Mammoth and was then taken to the Park Hospital at Livingston. From last reports he is making fine progress. If the plow had not been available it is doubtful if it would have been possible to save Mr. Bower's life as it would have been humanly impossible for the two men at the Lake to drag the sick man for 50 miles into headquarters.

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"JUST TO START AN ARGUMENT - -"

So says Superintendent Pinkley in making the following definition: "An ideal national park is an outstanding work of nature which is first of all inspirational, secondly educational, and lastly, recreational, in character.

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YELLOWSTONE GETS TRIBAL BLESSING STICK

A tribal blessing stick was presented to Yellowstone National Park by Chief Max Big Man as a token of appreciation for the buffalo meat sent to the Crowe Agency.

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HE THOUGHT HE WAS PROTECTING GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Pete Micheletto, a truck driver at Yellowstone National Park, went to the Gardiner depot with the park's two-ton Dodge truck for some express shipments and on his way back to the park stopped off at his house, which is in Gardiner, for lunch. Mr. Micheletto, in order to give the truck every possible protection during his lunch time, placed it in his garage. During lunch his house and garage burst into flames and it was impossible for him to save his own property or the truck.

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MOORE HOUSE BEING RESTORED

Early in December the Moore House at Yorktown in the Colonial National Monument was closed to visitors in order to permit the commencement of restoration work, the architectural portion of which will be done by the celebrated firm of Perry, Shaw, and Hepburn. This firm has very generously donated its services for this purpose. The first step in the restoration will be the removal of the plastering from the inside of the building in order that the frame work may be examined for defective members and evidences of prior arrangements of partitions, doors, and windows.

GOOD WISHES FROM THE SOUTHWESTERN MONUMENTS

In the supplement to his January monthly report of the Southwestern Monuments Superintendent Pinkley says:

"We at headquarters wish that every one of you in the field had a Merry Christmas and hope that you have a Happy New Year in 1933. All of us wish the same things to you, Mr. Director, and those with you in the Washington office. May this year, which will be lean in money, be fat in ideas, and may we all lay plans this year which will build us into a bigger and better Park Service, able and willing to get more service out of less money; better even than our records of former years."

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CHRISTMAS AT HOT SPRINGS

Bathhouse Row, in Hot Springs National Park, was decorated for the Holidays, for the first time. Garlands of cedar were arranged on all light standards along Bathhouse Row by unemployed veterans, who were paid by the bathhouse managers. The lower clusters of lights on the poles were colored in Christmas shades by the National Park Service, and a large cedar tree was erected at the corner of Central and Reserve Avenues immediately in front of the superintendent's office. This was decorated with colored lights furnished by the local Chamber of Commerce.

Several days before Christmas, the annual carols were sung on the lower slopes of Hot Springs Mountain, within the park, by a group of 150 costumed singers.

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CARLSBAD CAVERNS SUBJECT OF STAGE PRESENTATION

Early in December at Columbus, Ohio, the Shriners of Alladin Temple put on a musical fantasy entitled "It Happened in Carlsbad," written by Mr. Ray Zirkle, the potentate of Alladin Temple. This fantasy was suggested by the visit of the Shriners to the Caverns last July. Alladin Temple, with its 7,000 members, is said to be the most important Shrine Temple in the world, and undoubtedly some very fine publicity will result from the stage presentation.

Superintendent Boles was invited to go to Columbus at the expense of the Temple to be guest of honor at the presentation of the play, but local work was such that he could not attend.

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HISTORIC STRUCTURE DESTROYED

One of the most historic buildings in Yosemite Valley, the old Cosmopolitan House, constructed by J. C. Smith in 1870, was destroyed by fire on December 8. Pack animals were used to bring in all the equipment for the old hotel, including such items as bathtubs and billiard tables. At one time the gathering place for prominent visitors, for the past several years it has been used as a general office for the Yosemite Park and Curry Company.

"HOOT, MON," SAYS SUPERINTENDENT BOLES

Sir Harry Lauder of Sunoon, Scotland, famous singer and entertainer, visited Carlsbad Caverns on December 24, in company with his niece and Col. and Mrs. Harry F. Andrew of Roswell, New Mexico. Giving a brief talk at the Rock of Ages, Sir Harry said: "I have been four times around the world and in every port, but this is the greatest and most impressive sight I ever saw. I had no idea there was anything like it in all of the world." Later he said to Colonel Andrews, "Words fail me when I think of what I have seen to-day." An account of the trip written by Sir Harry will probably appear in a leading Great Britain newspaper.

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ADDITION TO WASHINGTON'S BIRTHPLACE LIBRARY

The library of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument has been augmented by the gift from William Washington of King George County, Virginia, of several old books bearing signature plates of William Augustine Washington -- last owner of the original Washington homestead -- and of his daughter, Sarah Tayloe Washington. One of these books was Volume II of "Washington," by John Marshall, with a note on the title page that all statements were verified by Judge Bushrod Washington, George's favorite nephew, to whom he bequeathed Mount Vernon.

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GRAND TETON PARK ON WINTER SCHEDULE

Grand Teton National Park is now receiving its mail by means of a horse-drawn toboggan, and Superintendent Woodring says that the modes of locomotion in the park, until April 10 or 20, will be by skis, snowshoes, or team and sled.

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STARLING HUNGER ARMY ATTACKS WAKEFIELD

After an 8-inch snowfall on December 17, a vast army of starlings, estimated at a minimum of 100,000, descended upon Wakefield. Superintendent Hough reports that it was but a few minutes until every hackberry on all of the many trees was gone, and most of the berries from the cedar grove. By the next day the enormous band was broken up, with small flocks of a few hundred seen now and then.

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GRAND CANYON RADIO PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN LATER

On Wednesday, February 8, Carveth Wells will talk on the Grand Canyon over the National Broadcasting lines. The talk apparently will be over the red network. It may be heard over Station WFBR of Baltimore at 10:30 p.m., and at the same hour over WRVA of Richmond. Chicago, St. Louis, and Kansas City will get it at 9:30 over WMAQ, KSD, and WDAF respectively. Hot Springs will have it at the same hour over KTHS. Denver, Salt Lake City, and Butte, will get the broadcast at 8:30, over KOA, KDYL, and KGIR, respectively, and Spokane at 7:30 over KGA. Mr. Wells talks during the Conoco hour.

Last minute news: This talk now postponed to late May or early June.

A GRATIFYING REPORT FROM LASSEN PARK

Superintendent Collins in a recent publication report shows that fine results were obtained in the sale of publications in his park in 1932 as compared with 1931. Sales of the National Parks Portfolio were tripled, and sales of "Oh, Ranger!" mounted from 5 copies in 1931 to 51 in 1932.

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HARRY CARR WRITES OF THE "EFFECTIVE IDEALISM" OF THE N. P. S.

Harry Carr, referring in the Los Angeles Times to the "Effective Idealism" of the National Park Service says: "It would be a calamity to change its personnel or do anything to hurl it into politics.

"No one will dispute this: That our national parks are the best administered part of the United States government. Brains and idealism and vision have been shown in selecting the sites. The park employees consider themselves to be hosts appointed by Uncle Sam to see that everyone has a good time at the party. The educational value of these parks grows every year; and this is carefully nurtured.

"Stephen Mather, father of our park system, was one of the most remarkable men ever to serve this government; and Horace M. Albright, whom he trained as his successor, has kept the fires alight with intelligence and devotion."

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ROTARIANS AND KIWANIANS ENTERTAINED

On November 19 approximately 60 Rotarians and their wives from Williams and Flagstaff visited Grand Canyon Park and dined at the El Tovar Hotel as the guests of Mr. Patrosso. The trend of the meeting was toward a better understanding of the community problems and the promotion of tourist travel throughout northern Arizona for the benefit of Grand Canyon Park and the adjacent community.

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Superintendent Boles reports that on December 5 Rotarians from the United States and Mexico met in Carlsbad Caverns in honor of International President Clint P. Anderson. Rotary songs were sung in the Cavern's lunch room and in the nearby amphitheater President Anderson was introduced by Harry C. Brown of Denver, Director of Rotary International.

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In mid-November Superintendent Robinson of Colonial National Monument and members of his staff visited the Newport News Branch of the Kiwanis Club at which time Mr. Robinson extended the club an invitation to hold its next meeting at Monument Lodge in the Colonial Monument area. The invitation was accepted early in December when 60 Kiwanians toured the monument and were entertained by the Colonial Monument staff.

Superintendent Robinson says that plans have been made to have the Rotarians attending the State Convention of their club at Newport News next May make a tour of Colonial Monument.

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At a joint meeting of the Livingston Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, at which several Yellowstone Park employees were present, the main entertainment consisted of the showing of five reels of wild animal life in Yellowstone. Joe Joffe, who took the pictures, ran them off, and when the reels were being changed Mrs. Joffe entertained the audience with several vocal selections.

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TREES IN YELLOWSTONE NOW IN PROCESS OF PETRIFACTION

Old Faithful Geyser, not content with the prestige it has gained through years of properly-timed eruptions, now is becoming famous for another reason. It is directly instrumental in bringing about the petrifaction of several tree stumps.

There are six or eight of these stumps, located on the north side of Old Faithful's cone. Wood fiber, which still can be broken from them with the finger, is found to contain a large amount of silica, and Park Naturalist Bauer says the stumps are undergoing the very slow process of petrifaction.

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PRUSSIAN PRINCE PRAISES YELLOWSTONE

As a result of the visit of Prince Frederick of Prussia, fourth son of the Crown Prince of Germany, Yellowstone Park has received some fine publicity. J. H. Mader, park publicity man, who accompanied the Prince on some of his park trips and later forwarded him some Yellowstone pictures, reports that he recently received a very fine letter of thanks from the Prince for the pictures and stating that he (the Prince) hoped to be able to do the park some good in future interviews with the press. Mr. Mader says that very soon after receiving this letter he noticed where the Prince had given out an interview in which he expressed himself as having found no spot more attractive or hospitable in the United States than Yellowstone Park.

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A NEW NATIONAL MONUMENT

By Presidential Proclamation of December 22 the Grand Canyon National Monument in Arizona was added to our monument system. This monument, having an area of 395 square miles, contains a portion of the Colorado River gorge which has been called "the last and least known of our frontiers * * * a region as remote from the modern scheme of things as the sagas of Jim Bridger and Kit Carson." This is a remarkable statement in view of the fact that the area is only

about 500 miles by motor from Los Angeles, and about 50 miles as the bird flies from Grand Canyon Village on the South Rim. Included in the monument is Toroweap Point, elevation 4,750', and another feature is a huge cinder cone of volcanic origin with the mythological title of "Vulcans Throne" which stands like a sentinel guarding the mouth of Toroweap Valley and may be seen from Toroweap Point.

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A TREE THAT IS A WHOLE FAMILY

Senior Assistant Director Demaray it seems wrote to Superintendents White of Sequoia and Thomson of Yosemite telling them of a 58 foot Juniper tree near Tula in Mexico. And Superintendent Thomson replies in part as follows:

" * * That isn't a tree - it's a family representing at least several generations. I've seen a banyan that took me more than two minutes to gallop around on my white pony. This was near Camacaoan, Isabella Province, in Luzon.

"Anyway I wouldn't give much credit to any account of the size of a tree unless the measurements were made by engineers sent out from the Fresno Chamber of Commerce! If Mexico wants recognition of its big trees it can communicate with Superintendent White who can send out his official measurers from Fresno.

"Here in Yosemite we are awfully decent and quite complacent about the size, the character, and the beauty of trees growing elsewhere than in the Mariposa Grove. This Grove is so superlative that, as with mouse traps, all the world has not only worn a path to the Grove, but straight through the Wawona Tree itself!"

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ANOTHER NEWSPAPER BOOST

Director Albright suggests that the Field will be interested in the following editorial, quoted from the Times-Herald of Port Huron, Michigan:

"Our National Park Service"

"The National Park system of the United States makes up a public service of which we have a right to be very proud, comprising as it undoubtedly does the most extensive and the most spectacular public recreation grounds in all the world.

"There are now 10,407,896 acres in our national parks and 'monuments,' an increase of 266,456 acres during the past two years.

"Two important objects are being attained through the National Park Service of the United States. Generous and well managed recreation places are provided for millions of our people where they may have the thrill of close experience with the wonders of nature; and most of the great natural wonders of the country and our great wilderness areas are being preserved in their beauty and glory, and free from private exploitation.

"Interest in the preservation of wilderness areas in the United States, indeed, is such that the National Park Service now has before it for consideration and determination no less than 55 proposed national parks and 62 proposed national 'monuments.'

"Three and a quarter million people visited the national parks and monuments in a recent year which was approximately a hundred per cent increase in six years.

"This is a service and an expense of government we could get along without. But we are pretty well assured it is very much worthwhile and something we could little afford to give up."

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"LITTLE OCCURRENCES SOMETIMES LEAD TO BIG RESULTS"

So says Custodian Joyner of Devils Tower National Monument. Last October a motorist stopped at the Monument and not seeing anyone around he left his car at the parking ground and started toward the office. The parking ground is not level and since the visitor forgot to set the brake, Mr. Joyner and he became acquainted in their efforts to stop the car before it got away. It developed in the course of conversation that the visitor's name was Anderson and that he came from Joliet, Montana. Mr. Anderson was very much impressed with the Tower.

Early in December Custodian Joyner was advised by the Moorcroft Commercial Club that they had received a telegram advising that a Mr. E. K. Edwards of the Paramount Newsreel Company was coming to photograph the Tower. Mr. Edwards duly arrived and spent one day photographing the Tower from the ground and the next day took aerial movies of it -- the first ever taken -- for use in newsreels. Mr. Edwards told Custodian Joyner that although obviously his business was chasing thrills and he had become nearly "thrill-proof," that the Devils Tower, with its artistry of form and color, the beauty of its setting, its magnitude, and the evidences of great geological activity, had given him a great thrill. Upon inquiring of Mr. Edwards how he happened to come to the Tower he said that a friend had told him all about the Tower and had insisted that he make the trip. And that friend was Mr. Anderson of Joliet, Montana.

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"THE BEARS ARE HALF OF YELLOWSTONE PARK"

Under an interesting photograph showing a mother bear, with cub following closely at her heels, entering a cabin, Wendell S. Chapman of Gardiner, Montana, says:

"Even blindfolded, one would know these are Yellowstone bear. Irwin Cobb's goldfish isn't in it, compared to a Yellowstone camper when it comes to privacy. Nothing is sacred.

"This photograph is undoubtedly one of the strongest appeals ever made for literacy. After tourist season, the rangers should teach the bear to read.

"When an emergency arises, where are the rangers?

"People come to the Park to rest their nerves,--and go away with the jitters.

"Chic Sale should be engaged by the government next season to come out and study park requirements.

"But seriously, in spite of the fact that one's camp is never secure, day or night, the bear are half of Yellowstone Park. (Sometimes they are all of it.) Other than eliminating some of the dangerous individuals, we would not give them up for anything, damn 'em."

A TRAGEDY THAT SHOULD BE AVOIDED

"It would be a tragedy indeed," says a last season Yellowstone visitor, "if the compalints of a few campers led to the elimination of the bears from the Park. As usual the majority who enjoy these features of the playground are silent. I sincerely hope that those in authority will not bow to a noisy minority. If it becomes necessary to protect the Camps let a stockade be built around them." It seems that while this visitor was in the park he heard rumors that public pressure might cause the elimination of bears from the park. Acting Superintendent Edwards has advised him that no attempt would be made to exterminate the bears but proper protection would be given visitors and only those bears which were found to be destructive and a nuisance would be dispensed with.

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AGAIN THE PARK SERVICE COOPERATES

Assistant Superintendent Bolton at Hot Springs has his official work greatly augmented by his cooperation with the officers of adjacent Indian Reservations. This cooperation takes the form of receiving from the Indian Agents checks and correspondence for Indian wards visiting Hot Springs National Park and in approving for payment accounts or obligations incurred by the Indians while in Hot Springs. Mr. Bolton's cooperation in these matters has resulted in protecting the Indians from overcharging in a great many cases and also in permitting the Indian Service to have a closer check on their wards while in the region.

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CUSTODIAN FARIS FEELS QUALIFIED FOR TRANSFER TO MOUNT McKINLEY

After a trip by foot into Canyon de Chelly, Custodian Faris of Aztec Ruins National Monument feels himself qualified for a transfer to Alaska's Mount McKinley, he states in his last monthly report. He and Mrs. Faris recently visited several of the southwestern monuments, and finally reached the vicinity of Canyon de Chelly. Owing to weather conditions they found it impossible to

drive up to the monument. Nevertheless, Mr. Faris, undaunted, essayed the trip by trail. Mrs. Faris, he says, failed him on this, so he went on alone. Here is his own account:

"After wearing down both teeth and toenail, I managed to get over to the ruin and spent about an hour going over it as best I could without a guide. It is said that 'you can always get into things easily but it isn't always so easy to get out.' Little did I appreciate the truth in that statement until attempting to get out of de Chelly. While you could hardly call it easy to get into, it was most difficult to get out. Had I not gotten into a position several times where I couldn't backtrack down, I sincerely believe I would have walked back to Chinle via Canyon de Chelly. Finally, however, I managed to reach the top taking the first deep breath since leaving the bottom. I now feel qualified to ask for a transfer to Alaska's Mt. McKinley."

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CUSTODIAN VOGT DESCRIBES ZUNI SHALAKO DANCE

Custodian Vogt of El Morro, reports that the Shalako Dance Ceremony at Zuni brought many people to visit El Morro, and mentions with pleasure the visit of Custodian and Mrs. Faris from Aztec. He says:

"It was a grand Shalako, despite the hard times, with much enthusiasm in the dancing, and about as many fat muttons were killed for the feasting as ever. At least 500 sheep were butchered to feed the guests, who were for the most part Navajos to the number of a thousand or more. I saw more Indians from other tribes, too, than ever before. Hopis, San Felipe, San Domingo, Isleta, Acoma, Santa Clara, and even far-away Taos, were represented.

"My own family always takes its own chuck box with Dutch ovens and fry pans, and our own bed rolls. Then we rent a Zuni House in which to camp as the dancing doesn't start until almost midnight and lasts all night and goes on in some 5 or 6 houses in the village. By having our own quarters we can rest and eat when we please and as the rooms are very large, 20 by 60 feet, we can sort of keep open house for other people who look for a place to sit and rest even though it be on a sheep pelt in front of the fire place."

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RANGER NATURALIST MARTINDALE GIVES US THIS FOR THE BULLETIN

Mr. Martindale tells that while in a hotel in Cleveland a bell-hop from the South came up to him and asked about the N.P.S. on his coat collar, saying "I didn't know the members of the National Prohibition Service ever appeared in uniform."

AVIATORS CRASH INTO SAN FRANCISCO BAY

Lieuts. Davis and Merrick of the United States Army, stationed at Crissy Field, the former a brother of Phil Davis, packer in the vicinity of Sequoia National Park, were killed on November 30 when their airplane crashed into San Francisco Bay. They were returning from Sequoia National Park where they had flown over the area, taking pictures of the high mountain lakes and river valleys. They had safely returned to Visalia after the flight and had called on Superintendent White the afternoon of the 20th, leaving Visalia by plane about six in the afternoon. They evidently became lost in the heavy fog in the Bay region. At last reports the bodies of the aviators had not been found. The airplane was a total loss.

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DURALUMIN SKI POLES PRESENTED TO PARK RANGERS

Chief Ranger John S. McLaughlin and Rangers Walter Finn and Jack Moomaw, all of Rocky Mountain National Park, recently were presented with ski poles made of duralumin. The poles, which are lighter than bamboo and much stronger, were the gift of the Colorado Mountain Club in recognition of aid given during the mid-winter sports week of the Club at Fern Lake last year.

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TORCH SLINGING CONTEST HELD

And we don't mean torch singing. The contest was held in one of the caves in the Mammoth Cave region during the visit of Assistant Chief Landscape Architect Peterson and Assistant Chief Engineer O. G. Taylor. These gentlemen were the contestants and all they had to do was light rags, then throw them at the ceiling, in this way acquiring a little illumination. The report is that Mr. Peterson won the contest.

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NEW ACCOMMODATIONS AT GIANT FOREST

Now that there is a hard surfaced road to Giant Forest, Sequoia Park reports that bath cabins have been installed at the Winter Camp, and that as patronage for this type of accommodation increases, additional cabins will be made available. Heretofore, there were no cabins with bath available at the Winter Camp.

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SUPERINTENDENT TILLOTSON ADVOCATES YEAR-ROUND SERVICE BY AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION AT THE CANYON

In a letter to the Arizona Automobile Association Superintendent Tillotson expressed the opinion that, from a dollars and cents standpoint, it would pay the Association to keep its Canyon branch open throughout the entire year. It is Mr. Tillotson's opinion that even though travel to the park during the winter season is much less in proportion than during the summer, during the winter the park gets a much higher type of visitor considered from the standpoint of the money he has to spend.

SUPERINTENDENT BRANCH TELLS OF PATHETIC INCIDENT

In his monthly report for November Superintendent Branch included the following item with reference to the remodeling of the old five room residence at the entrance to Cold Springs Camp Grounds in Platt National Park: "An interesting and rather pathetic incident took place at this building just before the repair work started. An old couple asked permission to enter the living room and requested to be alone for a while. They said they were married there 35 years ago near the fireplace and wished to be in the old room again before it was changed. Of course their request was gladly granted. At the time of their wedding the house was one of the finest around this section of the country."

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VISITORS COMPLAIN CHARGE AT LOG HOUSE AT WASHINGTON'S BIRTHPLACE NOT ENOUGH

Two visitors to George Washington Birthplace National Monument, who stayed overnight at the new Log House recently, made an unusual complaint which Superintendent Hough has relayed on to Washington. When each of them was charged $1.50 for overnight accommodations, they complained that the charge was not enough!

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VANDALISM APPARENT AT FOSSIL CYCAD MONUMENT

Recently Superintendent Freeland of Wind Cave Park visited the Fossil Cycad Monument for the dual purpose of collecting a few specimens for display at his park and obtaining first-hand information concerning the monument in order to be able to give out more intelligent information to park visitors. Mr. Freeland reports that it took him and his companions -- Ranger Suter of Wind Cave, Superintendent Woodward of the Hot Springs Schools and last summer a ranger-naturalist in Yellowstone, and a Hot Springs photographer, -- almost an entire day to find even a few small specimens without excavation, which led him to believe that souvenir hunters have carried away practically all Cycads that were lying around on the surface. Mr. Freeland thinks that in view of this sparcity of specimens and the fact that the only road into the area is a private one travel to the monument should be discouraged.

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STUDY BEING MADE OF NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES

The first real step to correlate historic sites throughout the Nation has been taken by the Service. Director Albright has appointed a committee of three -- Assistant Director Wirth (chairman), Superintendent Toll, and Historian Chatelain -- to bring in a report on a policy for the development of a system of national historic sites. This committee has already reported on the necessity for a complete and comprehensive study of the entire system, the setting up of standards for such sites, and the listing and classification of areas pertinent to the

development of the Nation. The committee recommended that Historian Chatelain be given at least two or three months to study and prepare a preliminary report on the facts upon which the committee can formulate a policy for the establishment of a national historical system for the Director's consideration.

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TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MRS. CHARLES JOHNSON

Park Service people were very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Charles Johnson, Superintendent Scoyen's mother, at Livingston, Montana on December 4. Director Albright has written a fine tribute to Mrs. Johnson which we are quoting:

"Mrs. Charles Johnson, Yellowstone's Good Samaritan"

"Mrs. Charles Johnson, who recently passed away in Livingston, was a pioneer resident of Yellowstone National Park. As a girl, she came to the park from Minnesota as a summer employee or 'savage' as the temporary summer helper has long been known.

"There has always been a high percentage of engagements among 'savages,' and our parks today have many residents who came for summer vacation work and remained for long periods, perhaps for life, because, among fellow 'savages,' they found their mates.

"Mrs. Johnson married in Yellowstone and because her husband was connected with the Hotel Company, she became a permanent resident at Mammoth Hot Springs. There her sons were born. Bereft of her husband while they were very young, and finding that she could secure employment from time to time to support them, she remained there and reared her boys to manhood, and gave them the best education within the range of her aid. In later life she married Charles Johnson who survives her. He has been employed in Yellowstone for many years.

"Mrs. Johnson was a woman of strong will and sterling character. She was skilled in all the duties of a housewife, as were most girls in pioneer families of the Northwest. She could do anything within her strength. She was a splendid cook, a fine housekeeper, a practical nurse. She was generous, unselfish, sympathetic, friendly, kind and considerate. In the Mammoth community, first to the families of Army officers and Interior Department officials, and in later years to families of National Park Service officers, she was truly a ministering angel. Until her fatal illness seized her, she was never too tired or worn to go when requested to assist with children or in a sick room. No storm was too severe to hold her at home when she thought she was really needed. She came quietly, tenderly and efficiently did her bit, and returned home as unobtrusively as she came.

"Mrs. Albright, our children and I in our early years at Mammoth Hot Springs came to know her, and from time to time she came to us when we needed her competent help more than anything else in the world. We came to love her for her womanhood, her unconquerable spirit, her high courage, her ambition for her sons,

her generosity, her godliness. She had nearly all the tragedies, reverses, discouragements and disillusionments that can come to women, but in recent years as I have seen her, and each summer I have visited her in her little home at Mammoth, there has been happiness, contentment and satisfaction written in her features. She had won her battle in life. Her work had brought her friends who appreciated her and they were kind in their praise of her, but her real victory was in the success of her sons, one in business in Gardiner, the other Superintendent of Glacier National Park, an outstanding man among the younger executives of the Federal Government."

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EDITORIAL COMMENT ON DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Below are quotations from some of the many editorials which followed the release of Director Albright's Annual Report for 1932. These are from clippings sent in by friends. There were enough of them to make one wonder what the result would have been if the National Park Service subscribed to a clipping bureau.

New York Times

"There is one business at least that has not suffered from the depression. The National Park Service had more clients last Summer than ever before. No less than 3,754,596 visited the parks and monuments under the control of the Federal Government, 6 per cent more than in 1931, and this despite unemployment, cuts in family budgets and the drop in rail travel. * * * It is a healthy sign that one person in every thirty in the country, making no allowance for duplications, should take time off to visit one of these great natural institutions of healing and education."

Philadelphia Enquirer (commenting on travel increase)

"If we are able to present figures of this kind in a year of national depression, what may we not expect when conditions become normal in the United States? It means that the people have at last awakened to the marvelous wonders of nature to be found in these great national show places. It means that they realize we have things well worth seeing in this country. It is consoling to know that the time, effort and money used in preserving these wonderful parks has not been wasted. Conservation of this kind is well justified. That sort of foresight will be appreciated, not only by those now living, but by generations yet unborn."

Courier Post, Camden, New Jersey

"It is fortunate that these great natural treasures were acquired by the government in days of prosperity, and that the Federal parks have been well able to get along during depression giving greater service than ever to the public."

The Herald, Miami, Florida

"The American people are interested in their own property, in the great natural preserves set aside for the benefit of the present and posterity.

Vast resources of mountains and forests and lakes, teeming with birds and animals and fish, are maintained as part of the wealth of the American domain. * * * Traffic to the national parks is growing as the people learn of their attractions, as they wish to admire the scenic grandeur of which they are part owners and in which they take pride. Here is a federal project which serves and caters to all, which ought to be expanded, in order that the richness and wonders of nature will never be destroyed."

The Springfield (Illinois) Register

"The American people have not always recognized the value and importance of their great national parks but the effort which has been made in recent years to feature their beauties and advantages has inaugurated a new era of appreciation. It is well that these valuable possessions are being given more and more publicity every year that the citizenry in increasing numbers may take advantage of these opportunities."

Clarion Ledger, Jackson, Mississippi

"As evidence of the truth that it is an ill wind that bloweth no man good the United States National Park Service helped to aid unemployment during the year in constructing fine new scenic highways across mountain peaks and picture spots."

Ledger, Tacoma, Washington

"So long as there is any money to spend on vacations, the national parks offer attractive opportunities which the public is coming more and more to appreciate."

Christian Science Monitor (Massachusetts)

"The Figures Say -- Annual reports are remarkable things. They tell so much, and yet, to the majority of readers, mean so little. Their factual faces belie their fascination. They pass through rainbows to ponder resources. They apparently find - to cruelly paraphrase the Bard - sums in stones, hydrodynamics in running brooks, and statistics in everything.

"A report which will gain wide circulation in America is that of the National Park Service. Mr. Horace M. Albright, brushing aside tables and technical terms, reveals that this year the parks have contributed to the nation, in addition to their aesthetic, educational and recreational offices, a further offering in the economic field. To do their part in lessening unemployment, the parks have been devoting great emphasis to the construction of scenic highways. Many families have been kept from hunger because men have been employed in work that will bring returns to the nation for all time in the shape of inspiring vistas made available to motorists.

"Thus, amidst the figures and data, the imaginative reader may catch a glimpse of a new highway winding up through the hazy coves and ridges of the Great Smoky Mountains; another climbing the backbone of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia, affording gratifying stretches of the tranquil Shenandoah Valley for the city-weary eye; another weaving back and forth among the high pinnacles above the timber line in Rocky Mountain National Park, commanding vast, tumbled areas of snow-capped granite waves; another climbing the worn sides of Cadillac Mountain, revealing as it climbs wide vistas of island-dotted North Atlantic waters rolling into the indescribably fascinating coves and inlets and rugged headlands so characteristic of the Maine coast; another sweeping upward along alpine ways, past grazing grounds of the mountain goat, through wild, mountainous passes, over vertebrae of America's backbone, to pass from one side of Glacier National Park in Montana to the other side; and then, there's the bridge over the Rio Puerco serving as a gateway to the Petrified Forest - the span that leads back to dim memories of a great inland sea where geology and botany became confused and produced a riot of solidified colors.

"Thus appears a brief resume of National Park accomplishments. The descriptions might be carried still further. But, in the report, it reads this way: Appropriations of $7,500,000 were expended for road and trail work in the twenty-two national parks and thirty-six national monuments. This is a notable fact; but no annual report, however carefully prepared, will be able to translate in terms of figures the wealth of inspiration made available by such appropriations. What appears to be needed in the Department of the Interior is a first-class poet to write annual reports."

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"ABOUT FOLKS"

Director Albright recently accepted the Chairmanship of the Committee on Nature Study of the National Commission on the Enrichment of Adult Life.

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On Sunday afternoon, January 15, Director and Mrs. Albright entertained the members of the Washington Office at a tea at their home in Spring Valley.

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Doctor Bryant attended the meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Atlantic City Dec. 27 - 31. While there he gave a talk before the American Nature Study Society on the educational program of the national parks. A good crowd turned out and very complimentary remarks were made concerning the colored lantern slides used as well as about the talk.

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Tom Brown, of Director Albright's office, was appointed a member of the Jury of Awards for the Annual Exhibition of the Society of Washington Artists held at the Corcoran Art Gallery in Washington during February.

Charles R. Brill, Chief of the Mails and Files Division of the Washington Office, has been elected Grand Tall Cedar of Capital Forest No. 104, of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, a Masonic organization. A life membership was also conferred upon him for outstanding work in the organization.

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Mrs. Ethel Gogorza, in the Director's office, recently returned to the office after weathering a severe attack of the flu.

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Verne E. Chatelain, Historian of the Service, attended the meeting of the American Historical Society held at Toronto, Canada, during the Holidays.

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Mrs. Helen A. King of the Control Division, Washington Office, has been granted a furlough of six months.

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Mrs. Elizabeth U. Cole of the Public Relations Division, Washington Office, is away from the office due to illness.

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Colonel White of Sequoia, we are told, seems to have retained his ability to shoot. A little before Thanksgiving he went to a "Turkey Shoot" at Woodlake, and using a Springfield Army rifle, which he had not used in 20 years, he brought home about 45 pounds of turkey. Consequently, about ten of the park employees helped the Colonel and Mrs. White eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

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Mr. John Harvey, Supervisor of Classification for the Department of the Interior, arrived at Wind Cave National Park on Thanksgiving Day. Superintendent Freeland says that they had dinner together and Friday Mr. Harvey made a trip through the Hills to Lead and Deadwood and back through the Needles. The next day he made a specially guided trip through the Cave and in the afternoon went to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, his next official stop.

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Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana and Albert A. Grorud, secretary to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, visited the Carlsbad Caverns late in November. According to newspaper reports Senator Wheeler said in comparing the Caverns with the wonder of his own state that "the Cavern exceeds in many ways the wonders of the Yellowstone."

Acting Superintendent Guy D. Edwards of Yellowstone writes the Director that Assistant Park Naturalist George C. Crowe is doing some excellent contact work, and that Mr. Crowe reports that "everywhere the teachers, clubmen and editors have been most cordial and interested in the news of the Park, many even now planning trips up there next summer."

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Mr. Burton R. Ogilvie and Mrs. Ogilvie spent several days recently vacationing in Hawaii National Park. Mr. Ogilvie, who was formerly connected with the hotels in Yellowstone Park, has for some time been connected with the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Honolulu as Resident Manager.

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Ranger George W. Miller and William Wiggins, master plumber of the Yellowstone, and Rangers John S. McLaughlin and Walter Finn of Rocky Mountain Parks, recently had their picture in the Denver Post (November 22) with the following caption: "No red suspenders adorn the shoulders of these four husky park rangers, but they are firemen just the same. Uncle Sam sent them here to school to learn the latest methods in professional flame-fighting from the experts of the Denver fire department. They are getting all the training given 'rookies,' and special coaching from Chief John F. Healy and his staff. Their knowledge will be used in preventing and conquering flames in the Yellowstone and Rocky Mountain National Parks."

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Park Naturalists Ruhle of Glacier and Bruckman of Rainier have been called to national park field educational headquarters at Berkeley, California, to assist Senior Park Naturalist and Forester Ansel F. Hall in the preparation of a set of national park exhibits for display in Science Hall at the Century of Progress Exposition.

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Ranger-Naturalist Martindale wrote us that he had the pleasure of being serenaded by the members of the Pep Club of the Roosevelt Junior High School at Westfield, New Jersey, upon the occasion of his national-park lecture there last season. The youngsters sang "The Ranger of the N.P.S.," which was written by our friend Dave Lamson of the Stanford University Press while attending a superintendents' Conference in Yellowstone several years ago.

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One of the members of the Superintendent's Council, which met in Washington in early winter, when asked why the superintendents didn't go to Canada while in the East replied that "Harry Liek couldn't stand the altitude!"

Superintendent Frank Pinkley, Nah-tan-ne, or the "Boss" of the Southwestern Monuments, was elected and installed as Worshipful Master of Pima Lodge No. 39, F. & A. M. on December 22.

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Assistant Landscape Architect Merel S. Sager has been admitted to membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects, bringing the Landscape Division's membership in that organization to six.

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Janet, Kreinkamp, youngest daughter of Assistant Landscape Architect H. A. Kreinkamp, has been seriously ill with scarlet fever followed by a mastoid operation. Mr. Kreinkamp periodically gave blood for transfusions. Early in January word was received that the little girl was slowly recovering.

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Superintendent Boles of Carlsbad and Landscape Architect Kreinkamp attended the formal opening of the Longhorn Cave State Park in Texas.

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On December 23 a Christmas program was put on in Yellowstone by the Mammoth children in the canteen. All of the school children took part as well as a number of the younger children, and following the program Santa made his visit and distributed toys, candy, and fruits.

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Mr. F. B. Ewing of Yosemite will have charge of the government end of the winter sports in the park this year, devoting his entire time to this project.

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Announcement has recently been made of the engagement of Assistant Landscape Architect Haussman of the Eastern Field Headquarters to Miss Marie Vroom of Foxchase, Pennsylvania.

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Howard H. Hays, President of the Glacier Park Transport Company and the Sequoia and General Grant National Park Company, was in Washington shortly after the Operators' Conference. An attack of grippe, which also affected Mrs. Hays and the boys, prevented his being here while the conference was in session.

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Roland Pinkham, while skiing at Paradise Valley, in Mount Rainier National Park, slid into a tree and dislocated his hip. Ranger Tice took him in to Narada Falls on a toboggan, and from there he was taken to Tacoma.

According to an itinerary just received from Ranger-Naturalist Martindale, he has made an excellent showing in his lecture work this fall. In a six-week period he filled 67 engagements. Approximately 48,000 people attended his lectures.

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Early in November Temporary Ranger Wade Turner of Yosemite suffered a bullet wound in the upper right arm when his revolver was accidentally discharged as he was stepping out of a ranger patrol car near El Portal. The gun slid from its holster and as it struck the running board of the car the bullet was discharged. Ranger Turner is being treated at the local hospital but as yet has not regained full use of the muscles controlling the right hand.

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Superintendent Finnan of Mesa Verde has been appointed a member of the State-Committee for the participation of Colorado in the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago, in which the State is anxious to have an archeological exhibit for Mesa Verde included.

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Hurst R. Julian, formerly ranger at Casa Grande and last summer acting custodian of Chaco Canyon Monument is now custodian of the last-named monument.

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George Wright of the Wild Life Research Group broke his leg while skiing in Yosemite Valley about Christmas time. Fortunately the break was not serious and he was able to leave for home on New Year's Day.

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Mrs. Harold Hammond of White Grass Ranch, Grand Teton National Park, skied to headquarters December 13 to 'phone for a physician (there being no telephone at the ranch) to attend her husband who had suffered a heart attack. The attack, however, was not serious, and with the medical aid so secured Mr. Hammond made a rapid recovery.

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Supt. and Mrs. Woodring of Grand Teton Park were hosts at dinner on Christmas Day to all of the park permanent force and to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hammond of White Grass Ranch and a winter dude guest of theirs.

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Park Ranger E. R. Arnold of Yellowstone, stationed at Tower Falls, was injured November 26 when a cartridge in his gun exploded after failing to fire. His right eye and left hand were injured, but according to the latest reports he is making good recovery.

Of four photographs entered by Ralph H. Anderson, Yosemite's information clerk and photographer, in the "California Trees Photographic Competition" sponsored by the California Conservation Committee of the Garden Club of America and the Save-the-Redwoods League, three were selected for inclusion in the exhibit at the deYoung Museum. These views, with the other 163 selected, will later be incorporated in a travelling exhibit under the auspices of the Garden Club of America which will be shown at various garden clubs and societies throughout the United States for approximately a year.

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General Ortiz Rubio, former President of Mexico, accompanied by his wife and children, spent several days in Yosemite Valley the latter part of December.

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Violet Von Glahn and Steve Tripp, Government employees, were elected King and Queen of Winter Sports in Yosemite by popular vote, and were crowned on December 9.

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"The Month's Best Short Story"

"Time and Place: 11:25 p.m., Dec. 14,
Union Station, Washington, D. C.

Why your train left at 11:05 Mr. Solinsky."

This item was furnished by Chief Landscape Architect Vint after he had gone to the station to see Mr. and Mrs. Solinsky off on the 11:25 train, which left at 11:05. It is understood that a large group of Park Service people stood and chatted in the station while the train pulled out with the Solinsky baggage aboard. Mr. and Mrs. Solinsky, minus baggage, entrained the following morning. Incidentally, they were enroute to West Virginia to visit Mrs. W. B. Lewis.

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MARRIAGES:

Associate Engineer John S. Cross, who was recently transferred from the San Francisco engineering office to the eastern engineering office, and who is now on duty at Hot Springs National Park, was married December 23 at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, to Miss Ruth Fuller, daughter of Congressman Claude A. Fuller of Arkansas.

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Junior Landscape Architect Carnes, in making the monthly report for the Landscape Division in the absence of Mr. Vint, reports that romance blossomed for the second consecutive month within the force (landscape), Junior Landscape Architect Chas. A. Richey being married on November 2 to Miss Ruth Alexander of Seattle, Washington, while en route to Field Headquarters from Glacier National Park.

BIRTHS:

Geologist Trager of the Washington Office was presented with a baby girl born January 9. She has been named Mary Frances.

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Chief Clerk and Mrs. Gordon P. Cox of Grand Canyon Park have a new daughter, born at the Park Hospital November 25.

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DEATHS:

Mention has previously been made of the death of Mrs. Charles Johnson.

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Word comes from Sequoia of the death on November 10 in Fresno, California, of Miss Alice Elmore, for many years postmistress at Giant Forest.

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Mr. Fred Kelly, the picturesque character who for the majority of his life operated horses and carriages for scenic drives over the mountain roads in Hot Springs National Park died suddenly from heart failure November 16. Mr. Kelly once drove stages in Yellowstone Park. During his career he had the privilege of serving many high ranking Government officials and other notables, and his death will be regretted by many.

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Mrs. Gerald P. Yetter, wife of Park Ranger Yetter of Yellowstone, died in a Livingston hospital December 11. She had been ill but a short time and her passing was most unexpected.

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J. M. (Jake) Schwoob, one of Yellowstone Park's best friends, died in Cody, Wyoming, December 17 after a prolonged illness. Mr. Schwoob was a long-time resident of Cody and was one of the best good roads boosters the state has ever known.

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Mrs. C. E. McPherson, wife of the winterkeeper at the Flying V Ranch, about seven miles southeast of Mr. Woodring's headquarters in Grand Teton Park, died as a result of burns and exposure, following a fire which broke out in the main lodge of the ranch. Mr. and Mrs. McPherson escaped from the building with great difficulty, but the burns, bruises and exposure suffered by the latter were so severe that she died two days later. Mrs. McPherson was the daughter of J. R. Jones, Jackson resident, western story writer, and friend of the National Park Service.

Judge Clair Tappaan of Los Angeles, California died suddenly in that City December 1. Judge Tappaan was a keen supporter of the national parks, especially the Yosemite. He was a former president of the Sierra Club.

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The following was written by Ranger Naturalist Matt Dodge of Mount Rainier National Park:

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(with all due respects to Rudyard Kipling)

If you can hike all day o'er trails familiar,
Yet find new objects worthy of delight;
Then give a sparkling lecture after supper
And answer questions halfway through the night.
If you can write a Nature Note or feature,
Cut stencils, run the multigraph, and draw
A picture both descriptive and artistic;
If you can wield an ax or cross-cut saw--

If you can skin and stuff a bird or mammal;
Throw on a pack or saddle, and can ride;
If you can take a photo--still or movie--
Develop, print, enlarge, or make a slide.
If you can hob-nob with a man of science
On subjects where his life's work knowledge lies,
And then, mext moment, greet a little youngster
And watch the light of interest flood his eyes--

If you know how to fight a forest fire,
To use an ice-ax, tie your party in;
If you can cook a meal, and lug a packsack,
And know just when to sympathize--or grin,
If you can bind a sprain or pad a blister,
Know flowers by the scientific name,
Treat every girl as if she were your sister,
And rain, or sleet, or tired--still be game--

If you can write and give a radio program,
Lead singing when the lecture hour is done;
Can be good-natured with officious arguers,
Yet be more friendly after you have won;
If you can talk on subjects scientific
In such a way that laymen get the gist;
If you love Nature, of her never tire,
Perhaps you'll be a Ranger-naturalist.