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## NPS opens relationship with China and India



(From left:) Liu Shanghua, Landscape Architect, Bureau of Urban Construction (BUC); Mrs. Zhang Yanhui, Landscape Architect, Zhejiang Province; Sun Xiaoxiang, Professor, Beijing Institute of Forestry; Gil Wenger, NPS; Qin Zhongfang, Deputy Director, BUC; Bob Heyder, Superintendent; Mrs. Gu Qiong, Interpreter; Li Zheng, Historical Architect, Jiansu Province; Zheng Xiaoxie, Historical Architect, BUC.

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In September 1982, the United States completed the preliminary exchange stage of its first formal relationship in national parks and historic monuments with the People's Republic of China and began preliminary discussions with the Government of India on preservation matters.

Under the overall coordination and leadership of the National Park Service, U.S. participation in this unique interchange effort is matching that of the Chinese side in establishing a professional dialogue between the countries in place of the official silence and separation of the past 35 years. The early evidence suggests that the program could yield startling results of benefit to both sides. At the very least, yet another part of the collective mystery of the People's Republic of China is being unravelled as park and preservation specialists of both nations rediscover their common interests and concerns.

At the time of the first negotiation of the U.S.—China Cultural Agreement,

there was a consensus among senior level diplomats that national parks and historic preservation matters represented ideal subjects for the first round of official contacts. In response to evident Chinese interests, the State Department requested a program outline from the National Park Service, which was subsequently adopted into the first Implementing Accord and signed by Vice President Mondale and then Vice Premier Teng Xao Ping in 1979.

In 1981, the first official Chinese delegation was received and given an extensive orientation to U.S. systems, programs and policies. Through the outstanding cooperation and warm hospitality of NPS regional and field units, the Chinese had a lasting and favorable impression.

The completion of this preliminary round came with the return visit of a U.S. delegation in September 1982. The delegation was headed by Ross Holland, then Associate Director, Cultural Resources Management and also included the following NPS representatives (then-current titles): Robert Milne, chief, International

Affairs; Jerry Rogers, associate director, Natural Register Programs; David Wright, chief, Office of Park Planning and Environmental Quality; James Coleman, Regional Director, Mid-Atlantic Region; and Bennie Keel, Departmental consulting archeologist. Representatives of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation rounded out the group.

The itinerary included intensive orientation/discussion sessions and field inspections in Beijing, the ancient capital city of Xian, Guilin, Yang-su, Hangzhou, Shaoxin, and Shang-hai. The itinerary highlighted national priority zones (of outstanding significance for their natural or scenic qualities), the equivalent of wild and scenic rivers, urban parks and gardens, historic sites, and preservation and archeological programs. A final protocol meeting in Shang-hai identified priority areas for continued communications.

In India, the delegation discussed opportunities for coordinated participation in the World Heritage Convention by India and the United States. Visits to ancient sites in Delhi and Agra confirmed the presence of numerous opportunities to jointly advance the principles and work of the global world heritage effort.

The U.S. Delegation's travel costs and expenses within India were paid by U.S. held excess foreign currencies and all expenses within China were met by the Chinese Government.

Delegation leader Ross Holland confirmed the overwhelmingly favorable impressions of the visit, and said, "The evidence of our common purposes and interests is apparent in the already ongoing follow-up activities." NPS films are now scheduled for airing on Chinese television and the State Department is funding a return technical level visit of Chinese specialists. Detailed information has been sent to India regarding procedures for formal nomination of sites within that country to the World Heritage List.

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*Discussion session with restoration director for Imperial Palace, Beijing.*

## Service coordinates recreation survey

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What percentage of Americans hike? How many cite hiking as their favorite outdoor activity? How many stopped hiking in the last 2 years? How many started?

Do national park visitors differ from the general population in their hiking behavior? How about camping? Do they differ in their attitudes toward park fees and charges?—in their reasons for enjoying the outdoors?—in the importance they attach to national parks and other far-from-home recreation resources by comparison with neighborhood parks?

Answers to these and hundreds of other recreation planning- and policy-related questions are sought by the Nationwide Recreation Survey (NRS), a periodic questionnaire survey of the outdoor recreation pursuits, preferences, constraints and concerns of the American people.

The current (1982-83) NRS is the latest in a series of such surveys going back to 1960. The task of coordinating the NRS was assumed by the National Park Service after the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service was abolished in June of 1981.

The present survey consists of half-hour personal interviews completed by a representative sample of about 5,800 Americans, 12 years of age and older, during September of 1982, and January, April and June of 1983. The Census Bureau is conducting the interviews under

contract as a supplement to the monthly National Crime Survey. This arrangement has many advantages, not the least of which is that it saves a great deal of money—an overriding consideration in the present budgetary climate. The Census Bureau's rigorous procedures also give assurance of a quality product and make it possible to compare the survey's results with the findings of the National Recreation Surveys conducted by Census in 1960 and 1965.

For the first time, the NRS is being conducted as an interagency project. Three WASO divisions of the National Park Service, plus the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the Administration on Aging, have all contributed to the funding and design of the survey and will participate in the analysis of the results.

Numerous Park Service employees have been involved in various aspects of the design and conduct of the NRS. In addition to serving as overall coordinator of the survey, I designed the sections dealing with favorite recreation pursuits, participation in recreation activities (36 of them plus "other—specify") and the reasons people give for enjoying, limiting or quitting outdoor activities. Laura Szwak designed the section on people's commitments of time and money to outdoor recreation. She is involved in the data processing and analysis aspects of the survey. Last summer, Laura and I were appointed as (unpaid) "Special Sworn Employees" of the Census Bureau so as to be able to participate in the

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Taking note of this progress, Holland added, "We are proud that the National Park Service has been selected to represent this country in pioneering contacts with our professional colleagues in China and India."

survey pretest, data coding and other aspects of the work requiring access to restricted Census information. The rumor mill soon had it that we were about to change employers. The record was set straight just in time to squash plans for our going away party.

Mike Rogers of the Recreation Grants Division prepared a set of questions on the importance people attach to recreation opportunities at various distances from home—from back yards to remote parks. Jim Carroll of the Special Science Projects Division put together the section on visits to national parks and a set of questions seeking public input regarding NPS policy issues. Opinions are sought on a variety of matters ranging from how to pay for ranger talks to how to ration access to overcrowded parks. Frank Noe, a social scientist in the Atlanta Regional Office, and Dominic Dottavio, leader of the Cooperative Park Studies Unit at Clemson University, advised on the design of the survey and will be actively involved in the analysis.

A brief summary of NRS findings, based on the September interviews only, will be released soon—probably before July. After the "raw" data from the complete survey become available in October, each of the cooperating agencies will conduct intensive analyses to come up with answers to some of their most pressing recreation planning and policy questions. Planners and scientists in other Federal agencies, State governments, universities, consulting firms and other private organizations have also expressed an interest in acquiring and analyzing the data. The NRS has traditionally been regarded as the most reliable information baseline on the status and dynamics of outdoor recreation in America.

The final report of the results of this latest Nationwide Recreation Survey will be published in 1984. Based on past experience, it is expected that the professional and popular media will disseminate the survey's findings to a wide and varied audience.

## Youths make 'warm' contribution



*Students from the A.K. Smith Career Center in Michigan City, Ind., constructed a cross-country ski warming hut at Indiana Dunes NL this past winter.*

The popularity of cross-country skiing has been increasing rapidly nationwide and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore is no exception. Over the last several years, the lakeshore has constructed new trails and offered more winter programs to accommodate the demand for skiing activities. In the 1982/83 winter season, the national lakeshore provided a concession for cross-country ski rental at its main ski trail and improved facilities at the trailhead. The national lakeshore also planned to construct a warming hut at the trailhead, but funding and manpower limitations delayed actual construction. But with the cooperation of the A.K. Smith Vocational Training Center of Michigan City, Ind., the construction was accomplished.

The A.K. Smith Center is a vocational training center located at Elston High School in Michigan City that provides vocational training for a number of high schools in the area. Normally the major training project for the center is to construct a residence

but economic conditions made it impossible for the center to finance house construction this year. The national lakeshore's need for construction assistance and the center's need for a construction project coincided. The mutually beneficial result is that the national lakeshore has a new warming hut ready for next year's skiing season and students at the center obtained valuable construction training.

The project was an outstanding example of cooperation between the lakeshore and the local community. The project was coordinated with the center's vocational director, Jack Apple. The lakeshore developed the building plans and specifications, poured the foundation and purchased the materials for construction. Paul Brammell, building trades instructor for the center, supervised the construction, with students from the center completing the project in early March 1983. Almost 20 students were involved at times in the construction, which took approximately 28 days. It

is estimated that the donated services of the center for the construction resulted in a savings of more than \$10,000 to the national lakeshore.

### **Handicapped persons help in parks**

For the past 4 years, a program for maintenance of the historic parterre gardens at the Hampton National Historic Site, Md., has been sponsored and funded by Hampton's Cooperating Association. Through the Baltimore Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc., (BARC) mentally handicapped adults are provided training and instruction in landscape maintenance. BARC works under contract with NPS, coming once a week during the growth season to pull weeds, trim boxwood and roses and rake walkways. They also maintain three of the four restored parterres. This community effort results in a saving of two full-time equivalences each year for the park.



**VICKSBURG NMP, MISS.**—Denver Service Center Cairo Project Architect Tom McGrath presented a DSC design award plaque to Vicksburg Superintendent Dan Lee. The award commends the design and preservation work of the DSC/park project team. The USS CAIRO is in the final phases of restoration/stabilization and will be open for visitor boarding

in early 1984. Shown in photo (above) are: (from left) Tom Armstrong, DSC project supervisor; Tom McGrath, DSC historical architect; Dan Lee, superintendent, Vicksburg NMP; David Riggs, CAIRO museum curator; Geri Herрман, Vicksburg administrative officer; Laurie Bagby, property officer, Vicksburg; and Rosie Wince, Vicksburg personnel officer.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., NHS, GA.**—Superintendent Janet C. Wolf recently announced that the park's first historical report was released on March 7. The report is entitled "Sweet Auburn—the Hub of Black Atlanta 1900-1960." The purpose of the document is to provide an historical background and understanding of the Auburn community where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was born and grew to be a young man. Dr. Alexa Henderson and Dr. Eugene Walker, professors of history at Clark College in Atlanta, began research on this project in early 1981, and completed their work the following year.

Park offices have moved from the Russell Federal Building to 522 Auburn Ave., a restored two-story Victorian house within the site boundaries.

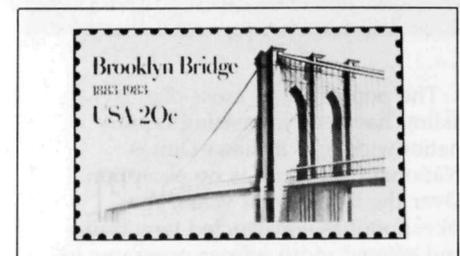
**GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER NM, MO.**—The smiles of happy children are the "pay" Superintendent Gentry Davis receives for his part-time "job." Davis, who has been in charge of the monument since 1978, is a volunteer maintenance worker and repairman at the George Washington Carver Memorial School. "The school is not connected with the monument—except by the philosophies of George Washington Carver. Carver is a model for young people. He believed in education as a means toward self-support," says Davis.

When the monument superintendent offered his services free to the financially strapped school, it was like a prayer answered, said Jane Pierce, president of the school board. And Davis says, "As an employee of

the Park Service, it's important to be involved with the community. I enjoy giving my time here."

**BANDELIER NM, N. MEX.**—Last fall the National Parks and Conservation Association (NPCA) presented a \$60,000 pledge to Director Dickenson to help restore the deteriorated exterior woodwork at the historic center complex, near Los Alamos, N. Mex. In their efforts to meet the pledge, NPCA sent out a direct mail appeal in late August of 1981 to approximately 70,000 individuals and staff members seeking the help of many leading businesses in New Mexico. More than 1,000 contributions were received. Because of the success of the pilot project, NPCA, in close cooperation with NPS, hopes to continue helping other areas with high priority historically and culturally significant projects throughout the System.

**DELAWARE WATER GAP NRA, N.J.-PA.**—While New York City prepares to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Brooklyn Bridge



designed by famous engineer John A. Roebling, the Park Service is taking steps to stabilize and restore another Roebling-designed bridge—the historic Delaware Aqueduct Bridge—which spans the Upper Delaware between New York and Pennsylvania. Built in 1848, it is the oldest wire suspension bridge in the Nation. It was acquired by NPS in 1979, shortly after Congress authorized the establishment of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. Originally the bridge carried canal boats filled with anthracite from the coal fields of northeastern Pennsylvania to the industrial furnaces of New York. The structure is listed as a National Historic Landmark and has been recorded by the Historic American Engineering Record.

**CAPE HATTERAS NS, N.C.**—A reward of \$500 is being offered by NPS for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who stole the valuable Lyle Gun recently from the Bodie Island Visitor Center. Superintendent Thomas L. Hartman said the missing item is a reproduction of a gun once used to shoot lines to vessels in distress in the shallow, stormy waters off Cape Hatteras. The gun has been used by park rangers for re-enactments of the rescue drill at Chicamacomico Life Saving Service Station in Rodanthe.

**USS ARIZONA MEM., HAWAII**—NPS and the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard observed National Women's History Week in March with an exhibit of photographs of Pearl Harbor's women war workers at the Arizona Memorial Visitor Center. The exhibit told the story of how Pearl Harbor faced an enormous task in the aftermath of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack. The job of salvaging and repairing sunken and damaged ships strained every resource of the Shipyard. With millions of men serving in the armed forces, American industry turned to non-traditional sources of labor. "Rosie the Riveter" became a familiar figure, symbolizing the millions of women working in defense plants and raising industrial production to record levels.

**VALLEY FORGE NHP, PA.**—Recently NPS purchased two tracts of land totalling 188 acres on the north side of the Schuylkill River as part of the historical park. The two tracts are part of the 682 acres that Congress in 1980 authorized the Park Service to add to the boundaries of Valley Forge to preserve its historic values, protect the scenic view across the river and provide additional recreational opportunities for park visitors.

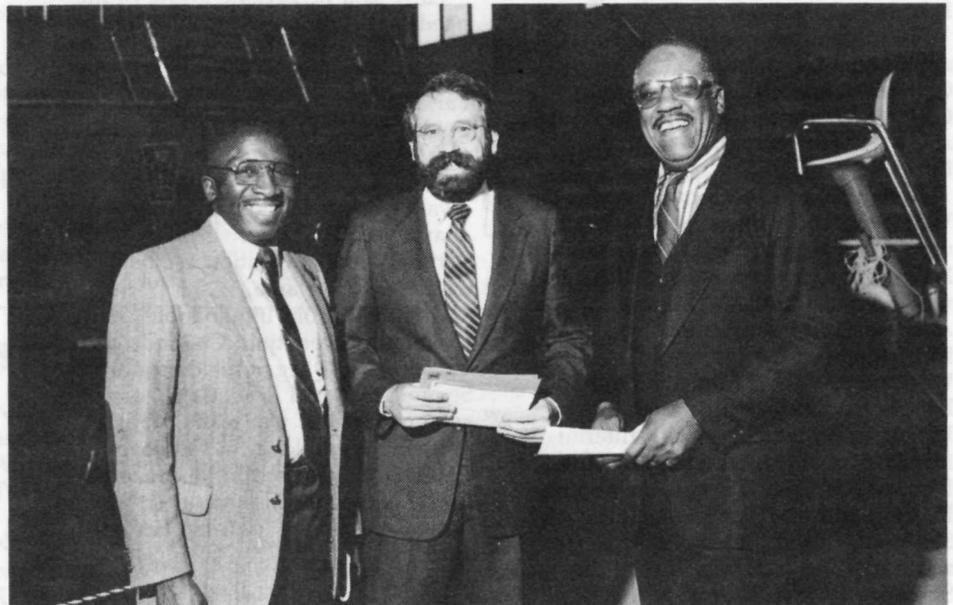
**GEORGE ROGERS CLARK NHP, IND.**—A program marking the 204th anniversary of the capture of Fort Sackville was held Feb. 25, at the historical park. During ceremonies honoring the Revolutionary War hero's crossing of the Wabash River to capture the fort, a wreath was placed at the foot of a statue of Clark. In conjunction with the program, Superintendent Roy Beasley announced that the memorial's \$600,000 roof repair project will be completed this year.



**COULEE DAM NRA, WASH.**—Students and staff of the local elementary school joined in an activity that was a part of a nationwide fund drive to repair the Statue of Liberty. Each student worked to earn money to contribute, and the money was accepted by Ranger Jerry Rumburg on behalf of the commission to save the statue. The amount contributed by the students of the Wright Elementary School was \$344.51. Pictured in the photo are Rumburg with Jennie Hare and Tommy Roscoe.

**WHISKEYTOWN NRA, CALIF.**—In late January over 8 inches of rain fell during a 48-hour period, triggering a massive mudslide along a mountain road near Whiskeytown Lake. The slide swept away a road crew that was attempting to clear an earlier slide, killing one county worker and critically injuring a State employee. The heavy run-off was also responsible for washing out several roads, clogging Whiskeytown Lake with debris and causing a 10-foot rise in the lake's surface elevation within 24 hours.

A second wave of heavy showers hit Whiskeytown again on March 1st, this time bringing over 11 inches of rain in just 3 days. With the ground already saturated from previous storms, this additional rain overfilled Whiskeytown Lake by a depth of over 5 feet, causing heavy flooding and siltation in developed areas. The latest precipitation figures pushed Whiskeytown's seasonal rainfall total to 69.8 inches, nearly 24 inches above the figure to-date.



(From left) Newark Councilman George Branch, McIntosh, and Advisory Commission Member Leonard Chavis.

**GATEWAY NRA, N.Y.-N.J.**—In preparation for the 1983 summer season, training sites were established in Harlem, Brooklyn and Chinatown in New York City and at Newark and Jersey City in New Jersey to prepare qualified swimmers for the pre-employment test required of all candidates for the 154 lifeguard positions at Gateway's Jacob Riis and

Great Kills Beaches in New York and at Sandy Hook, N.J. The training, which was established to attract qualified minority and women candidates for Gateway's surf-lifeguard staff, began in February and will continue through May. It is under the direction of Sam Holmes, chief of Interpretation and Recreation, and Carl Martinez, water safety officer.

# NPS people in the news



## Simmons appointed Under Secretary

Joseph Jacob Simmons, III, took the oath of office as Under Secretary of the Interior on March 1, having been appointed by President Reagan on Feb. 1 and confirmed by the Senate on Feb. 24.

From April 1982 until his new appointment, Simmons had been a Commissioner of the Interstate Commerce Commission, to which he also was appointed by President Reagan.

From 1970 to 1982, Simmons was Vice President, Government Relations, with the Amerada Hess Corporation in New York City; from 1969 to 1970, he was Administrator, Oil Import Administration, with the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C.; from 1968 to 1969, he was Deputy Administrator, Oil Import Administration, with Interior; from 1961 to 1968, he was Assistant Director, Office of Oil and Gas, with Interior; and from 1949 to 1961, Simmons was vice president, secretary-treasurer, geologist of the Simmons Royalty Company in Muskogee, Okla.

Simmons attended the University of Detroit from 1942 to 1944 and 1946 to 1947. He also attended the St. Louis University from 1947 to 1949, receiving a B.S. degree in geological engineering.

A Registered Professional Engineer, State of Oklahoma; Simmons is a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists; the Society of Petroleum Engineers of the AIME, and the Petroleum Exploration Society of New York.

## Ranger Early gets Safety Award

"It's the near misses that teach you a lot," according to Park Ranger James J. Early, a 20-year veteran of the Park Service. Dealing with the public, co-workers, and his experience with 200,000 miles of road patrol in Redwood National Park, Calif., often under hazardous conditions, has earned Early the park's Outstanding Safety Achievement Award.

Early was presented with the award, and a specially inscribed hard-hat, by Acting Superintendent Donald M. Spalding.

The park has a program to improve working conditions, eliminate wasted time and money, and create a safer recreational resource for visitors. As part of this program, 2 years ago Early was given another award for developing a stretcher on wheels for use at the Tall Trees Grove in case of an emergency requiring the evacuation of an injured person from the grove.

Early said he became aware of the need for safety practices while on his first permanent assignment in the Park Service at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, N. Mex. While giving tours, the guides were taught to be aware of visitors' physical condition.

After the death of a visitor, his awareness of visitor safety was sharpened. He was instrumental in getting a first aid station established within the cave area.

Originally from Indianapolis, Early attended university in Colorado and California. He began his career at Sequoia National Park, Calif., as a seasonal ranger, was taken on as a permanent employee at Carlsbad Caverns, transferred to Montezuma Castle National Monument, Ariz., and came to Redwood National Park in 1973.

## Two step up in rank

Richard Portillo and Ricardo Gonzales, native Santa Feans, were transferred to new assignments in the Park Service recently.

**Richard Portillo**, who has been with NPS for 13 years, was promoted to administrative officer for Carlsbad Caverns and Guadalupe Mountains National Parks, N. Mex.-Tex.

Prior to his new assignment, he was administrative officer at Padre Island National Seashore, Tex. He joined

NPS in 1969 in the Southwest Regional Office as a mail and file clerk. After advancing through the positions of supply warehouseman and administrative assistant (trainee), he transferred to Buffalo National River, Ark., Theodore Roosevelt National Park, N. Dak., and then to Padre Island National Seashore, serving as administrative officer at each of these parks. Portillo earned a Bachelor's degree from the College of Santa Fe. He served in the Marine Corps and later in the Army Reserves.

**Ricardo Gonzales**, who has been with NPS for 11 years, was promoted to administrative officer for Amistad National Recreation Area, Tex. Prior to his new assignment, he was administrative officer at Petrified Forest National Park, Ariz., since 1978. Gonzales joined the NPS in 1972 as a clerk at Big Bend National park, Tex. In 1974 he returned to Santa Fe as administrative assistant (trainee) in the Southwest Regional Office. In 1975 he was promoted to Big Thicket National Preserve, Tex., as administrative officer until 1978, when he transferred to Petrified Forest, also serving as administrative officer.

Gonzales is married to the former Helen Coriz of Santa Fe. They have one daughter, Maria Luisa.

## On the move

COLEMAN, JEANETTE M., Secy., Div. of Personnel, to same, Reg. Dir. ofc., NCR.

LYNCH, STEPHEN E., Personnel Ofcr., Div. of Personnel, to Park Mgr., Reg. Dir. ofc., NCR.

PORTILLO, RICARDO R., Admin. Ofcr., Padre Island NS, to same, Carlsbad Caverns & Guadalupe Mtns. NP.

RAEBURN, DOUGLAS G., Supvy. Park Ranger, Shenandoah NP, to same, Guadalupe Mtns. NP.

VOLKERT, MARY T., Secy., Engineering Systems Br., to Editorial Asst., Specifications Br., DSC.

YOUNG, GILBERT S., Admin. Clerk, Visitor Protection Div., to Park Tech., Visitor Protection Br.—Wawona Dist., Yosemite NP.

PETERSON, JOHN F., Computer Sys. Analyst, Minicomputer Br., to Info. Specialist, Ofc. of Info. Mgmt., WASO.

SAJI, BENJAMIN, Procurement Analyst, Gen. Services Div., to same, Admin. Services Div., WASO.

TILLMAN, SUSAN M., Conveyance Clerk, Appalachian Trail Land Acquisition Ofc.-South, to Realty Asst., Br. of Admin. WASO.

WURM, MICHAEL V., Park Ranger, Gateway NRA, to same, Lowell NHP.

## Chet and Ebba Brooks retire in Minnesota

A Park Service career that spanned 32 years ended April 30th, when Rocky Mountain National Park Superintendent Chester Brooks began his retirement in Duluth, Minn. Brooks described his career as a good life and a great way to raise a family. "I've been paid to do what I like to do," he added.

Brooks began his career as an historian for Theodore Roosevelt National Park in North Dakota in 1951. In 1957 he was selected as the first superintendent of Booker T. Washington National Monument, Va., and in 1959 he went on to be superintendent of Petersburg National Battlefield, Va. He became an interpretive specialist in the Midwest Regional Office in 1961, and in 1962 he became project manager/park planner at Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Mont.-Wyo. In 1965, Brooks moved to the Washington, D.C. office as assistant chief of New Area Studies. He became a team captain at the Eastern Service Center in Washington, D.C., in 1967, and in 1969 he was named superintendent of Independence National Historical Park, Pa.

In 1972, Brooks became regional director of the Northeast Region, a post he held until he became superintendent of Rocky Mountain in 1976.

The highlight of his NPS career, he said, was planning and being in on events sponsored by the Park Service



for the Bicentennial in 1976. Brooks' participation in the Bicentennial included 8 years of planning. He also enjoyed being present in events that were attended by kings, queens and presidents, he said.

Though Brooks was in the military for 3½ years and taught social science at the University of Minnesota for 5 years, he said he and his wife Ebba considered the Park Service the high spot of his career.

Although they will be leaving a lot of good friends in Estes Park, Brooks said they are looking forward to moving to Duluth.

Since the couple's children have finished school, none of them have lived within 1,000 miles of their parents, but the move to Duluth will put them just 2½ blocks away from their daughter Nancy, her husband Rick Sailstad, and four of their five grandchildren. They will be closer to all their children. Their son Roger and his wife live in Concord, N.H., daughter Anne, her husband Brian Adams and their fifth grandchild live in Alexandria, Va.; and their son Barrett is "somewhere in Liberia."

Their new address is 106 South 30th Ave., Duluth, MN 55812.

## Beal to museum position



Merrill D. (Dave) Beal, who retired in January as superintendent of Great Smoky Mountains National Park,

N.C.-Tenn., has joined the staff as assistant director for the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson.

Beal, 55, was superintendent of the Nation's most visited park for 4 years, beginning in 1978, after serving as Regional Director for the Midwest Region. He had 34 years Government experience.

"Life is a growing experience," he said, explaining why he would leave one of the premier jobs in the National Park System to join the staff at the museum. "I want to go where the opportunities are," he added.

Dan E. Davis, former assistant superintendent at the Great Smoky park, is director of the desert museum, which has been called one of the top 10 zoological parks in the world. He is a close friend of Beal's and said he

was delighted to have his former associate join him in Arizona.

"He is not only a top-notch naturalist, but a manager with a first-rate track record," Davis said of Beal. "To me, it's just great that someone of his caliber is joining us."

Beal and his wife, Jean, lived in Arizona when he was chief naturalist at Grand Canyon.

On his work as superintendent at Smokies, Beal said he was most proud of finishing the General Management Plan. He also cited accomplishments in "management and operational activities. We continued to upgrade the water and sewer systems and we got through Expo."

New superintendent of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is John E. Cook, former Regional Director of Alaska Parks.

# Saga of 'Steamer' Bursley



There was, and always will be, only one "Steamer" Bursley. He was a breed apart from any other. Big, blustery, smart; an engineer, a landscape architect, an administrator; as big as his native Massachusetts, with a love of his fellowman beyond all reason. He disdained compliments and praise as if it would tear at his self-respect, and manhood. He was a softie, putty in the hands of Marge, his wife, and Betty, his daughter. Bud, his son, was his great pride and joy. When Bud died, rather suddenly, Steamer aged tremendously and the spark of life dimmed somewhat in him.

He was born and raised in the Cape Cod tradition and educated at what is now the University of Massachusetts. Upon graduation, he learned the practicality of landscape architecture under A. D. Taylor in Cleveland. When the Depression came, he was ripe for the plucking by the Federal Government in its tremendous work projects—the WPA, PWA and, most of all, the CCC. This was natural for Steamer—big plans, lots of action, work all day, dream all night; he was happy.

A. P. Bursley acquired the nickname of "Steamer" in Nabor Academy in Massachusetts, a prep school for the Naval Academy. His enthusiasm for the Navy life impressed his classmates, thus the "Steamer" handle, which was even more appropriate in later years.

Under normal circumstances—which were seldom with Steamer—his English was perfect and his ability to pick the right words in conversation, or in the written word, was legend. He was equally adept at voicing his feelings when aroused, with some pretty salty expressions. It was not difficult to interpret his meaning when so openly expressed.

Steamer was one of the first to be recruited for the National Park Service office in Richmond, Va. He had a wide

acquaintance with landscape architects, engineers and architects, so it wasn't long before he had recommended several technically trained persons, with years of practical experience, to add to the list of personnel being assembled in Richmond. They were all needed for the CCC program, under Connie Wirth's enthusiastic leadership, which was being expanded in all States in the region and in the national parks. He had ideas and although impatient with Government regulations, possessed unbounded energy and faith in the program. He carried presence with State authorities and respect from the technical man in the field.

Regional meetings and conferences to discuss forms and procedures were a bore to Steamer and he often contributed some very humorous remarks and acts to liven the occasion. If asked a question that seemed trivial to him and of little importance, he would quickly run to the door, look up and down the hall, go to each window to see if anyone was watching and satisfied there was no one within hearing distance, would answer, "No comment."

Coming from an all day conference in Washington, D.C., to Richmond one night, the lights on the car suddenly went out. Not having a replacement fuse, he had "Robbie" Robinson walk 50 yards ahead, light matches for him to drive towards, then repeat the process for another 50 yards until they came to the street lights of Ashland, where a replacement fuse was purchased. It was a rough night for Robbie but Steamer had found another way to defeat adversity.

One of Steamer's more notable achievements was that of a report on Alaska. It was a most difficult assignment and one that he was most suitably qualified to do. It required the skill and training of a landscape architect and the patience of a diplomat. He was a good representative of the National Park Service and the United States Government in Alaska. He gained the confidence of not only the officials he worked with but the Native people as well. After spending several weeks in Alaska on field trips collecting facts and data, he would then return to Chicago to begin the time-consuming and difficult task of collating his data and writing the text for his report, which was to be published. The rough

drafts were closely scrutinized by personnel in the Chicago office and rewritten by Steamer when necessary. It was not unusual for him to spend a day on one paragraph and several days for one page of text. It was a painstaking performance and not one most persons would enjoy. Steamer's love of the English language and his facility with it, lightened the burden for him as well as for others whose responsibility it was to review the report.

The Park, Parkway and Recreation Area Study, authorized by Congress in 1936, was a grand outlet for Steamer's capabilities in the administration of the program in the Richmond, Va., Regional Office. The study was to have far-reaching effects for State governments, in their park programs through the allotment of CCC funds. Things had to be done in a hurry and done within the requirements of Government regulations. It was a "fast track" that Steamer operated on and he was never happier. The men who worked with him absorbed his enthusiasm for the work to be done and also his frank and often justified lectures on what would have been a better way to do it. Yes, he was a "Steamer" in every sense of the word and it was a worthwhile experience in this man's life to have had a few years under his tutelage.

—Allen T. Edmunds.

## Awards



Special Achievement Awards were recently presented by Superintendent Wallace B. Elms (second from left) to three staff members at Valley Forge National Historical Park, Pa. (From left) Mail and File Clerk Rose M. Van Arnem, Park Technician Ellen K. Weisfeld and Supervisory Park Ranger John Burns received awards. Observing the presentation ceremony was chief of Interpretation and Visitors Services John Tyler.

## A 'Golden' picnic at Morristown

NPS employees and alumni are invited to picnic together as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Morristown National Historical Park, N.J., July 2-4. The picnic is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on July 3 at Lewis Morris County Park, adjacent to Jockey Hollow. Former employees of Morristown will be recognized and NPS employees, alumni, families and friends are invited.

Among those expected to attend are Conrad Wirth, Elbert Cox, Herbert Kahler, Francis Ronalds, Melvin Weig, Fred Rath, George Palmer, Charles Peterson, Steve Lewis, James Coleman and others. Director Dickenson has been invited to give an informal talk on the "NPS in the 80s".

Pre-picnic activities will begin at 2:00 p.m. and include swimming at Sunrise Lake, children's athletic competitions, horseshoes, bocce, much reminiscing, and a special *Championship Challenge Softball Game* between the North Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Regional Offices at 4:00 p.m.

The Morristown Park Wives are organizing a drawing for art and handicraft works donated by other park areas with proceeds to the E&AA Educational Loan Fund.

Food and drink are being catered and a subsidized charge of \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children (16 and under) will be collected at the picnic. To obtain a brochure on all 50th Anniversary events, including lodging and transportation arrangements, call the park at (201) 539-2016. Picnic reservations would be appreciated.

## Stirling Bell retires

Stirling Bell, general supply specialist at the Southwest Regional Office has retired after more than 23 years of Federal service.

Bell, 66, born in Amarillo, Texas, began his Federal service career with the U.S. Geological Survey in 1938-39. He joined the Park Service in 1959 at Mesa Verde National Park, Colo., and remained there until 1970. He transferred to the Rocky Mountain National Park as procurement and property management assistant; and in 1975 became an inventory management specialist for the Western Region. In 1978, he transferred to the Southwest Region, where until his retirement, he was general supply specialist for the Region.

Bell is married to the former Esther Marie Mallett of Mancos, Colo. They will continue to reside in Santa Fe.

## McClanahan retires

After 33 years of Federal service, 31 with the National Park Service, Lester F. McClanahan retired in January.

Les joined NPS in 1946 as a seasonal employee at Lassen Volcanic National Park, Calif. He also worked there seasonally in 1947 and 1948, then spent two seasons at Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks, Calif. He got his permanent appointment at Sequoia-Kings Canyon as a park ranger in August 1953, and since has served at Coulee Dam National Recreation Area, Wash.; Mount Rainier National Park, Wash.; Craters of the Moon National Monument, Idaho; and Yosemite National Park.

Following these assignments, he transferred to the Statue of Liberty National Monument, N.Y., as a management assistant, and then to Fire Island National Seashore as assistant superintendent. He became superintendent of Wind Cave National Park, and Jewel Cave National Monument, S. Dak., in July 1969.

## Founders Day

On August 25, commemoration of the establishment of the National Park Service will be observed in the Washington, D.C., area with a social hour and dinner at the National Geographic Membership Building in Gaithersburg, Md. Other programs and events are being planned throughout the National Park System.

Special recognition will be given this year to the Civilian Conservation Corps on their 50th anniversary.

The annual observance of the anniversary of the signing of the Organic Act of August 25, 1916, is sponsored by the 1916 Society of the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service.

Additional details about plans for this year's observance will be published in future issues of the COURIER.

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## Yellowstone courses

The Yellowstone Institute has announced its 1983 course offerings. The Institute will conduct 50 courses during the year, including 15 new courses.

Now in its 8th year, the Yellowstone Institute, in cooperation with the National Park Service, conducts seminars and short courses on the natural and human history of the Yellowstone ecosystem, one of the last complete ecosystems remaining intact in the lower 48 States.

Courses range in length from 1 to 8 days and cover wildlife, geology, botany, history, photography, astronomy, horsepacking, fishing, backpacking and canoeing. Course instructors are professional biologists, geologists, photographers, wranglers, artists and historians from universities, government agencies and research centers.

Past Institute participants have ranged in age from 8 to 82 and have come from every State in the union and several foreign countries.

Free catalogs are available from The Yellowstone Institute, 555 S. Roberts, Helena, MT 59601.

## Lowell conference

"The Industrial City" was the theme of the fourth annual Lowell Conference on Industrial History, held at the University of Lowell on April 29-30.

Featured in this year's conference were some of the most highly regarded urban historians in the country, including Sam Bass Warner, Jr., Eric Lampard, and Stephen Thernstrom. A panel discussion of the preservation of industrial cities with James Marston Fitch and Jacques Dalibard, and a discussion of the National Park Service's preservation and interpretive efforts in Lowell, Mass., highlighted the conference.

The Lowell Conference on Industrial History was sponsored by the National Park Service, the University of Lowell, and Lowell Historic Preservation Commission, and the Lowell Museum.

*Essays from the Lowell Conference on Industrial History, 1980 and 1981.*, edited by Robert Weible, Oliver Ford and Paul Marion, (Lowell, MA: Lowell Conference on Industrial History), 1981, \$4.95, available in paper.

This volume includes nine essays originally presented at the first two

meetings of the Lowell Conference on Industrial History. The Lowell Conference is sponsored in part by the National Park Service, and the introduction to this book is written by Lowell National Historical Park Historian Robert Weible.

The first half of *Essays from the Lowell Conference* is drawn from the 1980 meeting which addressed "The Social Impacts of Industrialization." Individual articles include a study of social relations in British cotton factories by Harvard's William Lazonick, two separate articles on the early New England shoe industry by William Mulligan and Mary Blewett, a study of mobility and industrialization in nineteenth century Rhode Island by John Modell of the University of Minnesota, and condensed version of Thomas Dublin's Bancroft Prize-winning account of the famous Lowell "mill girls."

Essays in the second half of the book focus on the theme of the 1981 conference, "The Relationship of Government and Industry in the United States." Papers here include a profile by Carl E. Prince and Seth Taylor of Daniel Webster and his role in obtaining Federal support for manufacturing enterprise (at a time when textbooks tell us that the dominant philosophy of government was *laissez-faire*); an overview of government-industry relations by Berkeley's Harry N. Scheiber; an account of the parallel growth of civil liberties and collective bargaining gains during the first part of the twentieth century by the noted labor historian David Montgomery of Yale; and Gerald D. Nash's study of Government-business relations since 1940.

## Director addresses travel agents

The annual conference of the Association of Retail Travel Agents, held in Washington, D.C., in March, featured Director Dickenson as its keynote speaker.

In his remarks to travel agents who had gathered from cities throughout the United States for the event, Dickenson asked for help in changing public use patterns at national park areas where overcrowding during short periods of time each year make it difficult for park staff to protect either resources or visitors.

Dickenson suggested that many of our newer, less-well-known national parks should be considered as alternative destinations during the summer season. Or, travel agents should encourage prospective park visitors to see the very popular parks during off-peak-season times of the year.

A primary goal of the National Park Service's work with the travel and recreation industries is to effect change in public use patterns where needed.

The Association of Retail Travel Agents provided the National Park Service with 160 square feet of free exhibit space at the trade show that took place during the annual conference. Representatives of the Voyageurs National Park, Minn., and its adjoining communities used the space to encourage travel agents to send visitors to Voyageurs, one of the newer, less-well-known areas that the Director mentioned in his remarks.

—Priscilla Baker.

Basically, a man is a fighter.  
When he finds himself in a service organization  
he may fight those he should serve.  
In his frustration he may try to re-invent some  
well-established mechanism.  
Or perhaps claim credit for one by an adroit  
bit of name-changing.  
Even this paragraph has been written before.

Women are fighters, too. But they seem to fight  
for causes, not vain glory.  
A service organization is full of good causes, and  
EEO is one of them.  
As a litmus test for humanity, watch to see who first  
proposes a new name for EEO.  
Maybe the masculine side has already lost!

—Richard Russell.

# Special notice to uniformed employees

## Uniform information—summer season

During the busy summer season the chance of problems arising when uniforms are ordered increases because of the heavy volume. These problems generally cause late uniform deliveries. Certain steps which are listed below can be taken by parks and employees to help eliminate these problems.

- Orders cannot be processed until a valid authorization has been submitted by the park to the contractor.
- Errors in allowance computations, incomplete information or miscalculated orders will result in

delays in processing orders so *please follow instructions carefully.*

- Orders should be sent to the contractor no earlier than 6 weeks prior to the allowance authorization period. Remember, the contractor will process seasonal orders 21 days prior to the E.O.D. date so that uniforms are available at the park when the employee arrives.
- An analysis shows that 75 percent of exchanges are caused by ordering sizes that are too small. We suggest that when in doubt or when measurements are between sizes you order the next larger size.
- When returning items for exchange a Government franked label

may be used if the package is processed through official park mail.

- Male and female hiking shorts will be available approximately May 15, for those employees in categories I, II, and III (see authorization for your category number).

• Maternity uniforms have been restyled and are now available from the contractor. Flyers and order forms may be obtained from the Regional Uniform Coordinators.

If you need help in completing the order form or have any other questions on the uniform program, contact your park or Regional Uniform Coordinators.

—Linda Balatti, WASO.

## Corrections

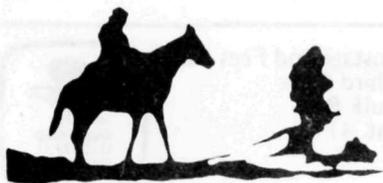
In the article on Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site, Ga., in the February 1983 issue of COURIER, the author's name of the second portion of the article "History Research," was inadvertently omitted. The report on work was prepared by Cultural Resources Specialist Ron Johnson of the Denver Service Center.

In the March COURIER, page 4, in article on "Park people transferred," the paste-up of copy for the stories about John F. Chapman and Robert W. Reynolds is out-of-order. It should read:

"He (Chapman) has been at Glacier Bay since March of 1979, having previously served at other parks areas. From 1967 to 1968, he was aboard the aircraft carrier Enterprise, including 2 years of duty in the Vietnam War.

"John's wife Susan (Chapman) was a speech therapist with the Juneau School District. She was also the Alaska Regional Representative for National Park Women, and she attended the NPW Board meeting held recently in Washington, D.C."

Another correction in the story: "Robert W. Reynolds is married to the former Barbara Potter. They have a daughter and a son."



## Water Resources Reports

The Water Resources Field Support Laboratory has developed a report series to provide the National Park Service regional and field staff with scientific information useful for the management, preservation and protection of water and related riparian resources of the National Park System. This report series is designed to be flexible in format and content, and encompasses the disciplines of hydrology, geology, biology, ecology and engineering.

Five reports have recently been completed and are as follows:

1. WRFSL Report No. 82-1 Status Report: Acid Rain Research in the National Park Service, 1982
2. WRFSL Report No. 82-2 Guidelines for Water Quality

- Program Development in National Park Service Areas
3. WRFSL Report No. 82-3 State of the Art in Road Salt Deicing
  4. WRFSL Report No. 82-4 Evaluation of National Park Service Participation in the National Atmospheric Deposition Program I. An Overview
  5. WRFSL Report No. 82-5, "Water Management in Park and Recreation Areas."

Requests for Water Resources Field Support Laboratory reports should be addressed to: Director, Water Resources Field Support Laboratory, National Park Service, 107C Natural Resources, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523.

—Marshall Flug.



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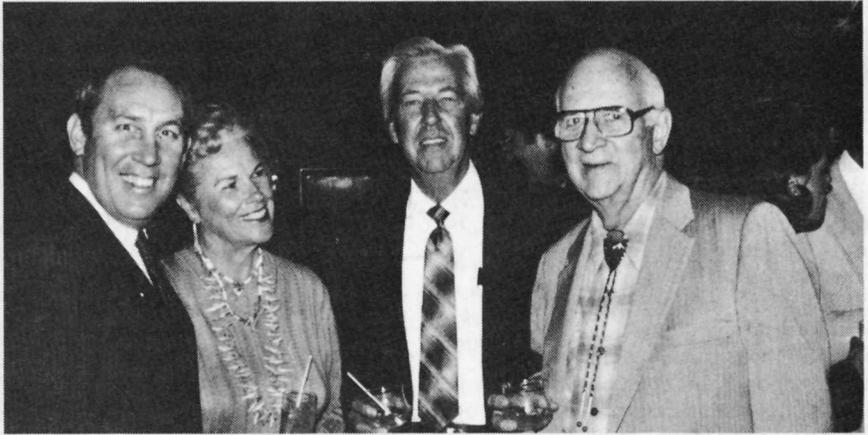
## NPS 'brass' turns out for Terry Wood



(From left) Jack Fish, Regional Director, NCR; Ron Walker, former Director NPS; Mike Lambe, chief Legislative Affairs; Director Dickenson and his wife Maxine; Ray Freeman, former Associate Director; former Director Connie Wirth, and Deputy Director Mary Lou Grier.



Mike Lambe, Jack Fish and Terry.



The "Directors" (from left) Ron Walker, Mrs. Dickenson, Russ Dickenson and Connie Wirth.

Don't believe those rumors that the NPS "family" is dead. The more than 100 packed into Terry Wood's March 31 retirement party will tell you it is alive and kicking. Terry has had a long, distinguished, and exciting NPS career, and she typifies the shared ideals, character, and attitudes of the family.

Director Dickenson reminded the crowd that although Terry's retirement "is a tremendous loss to the Service, it is also a tremendous gain for the Employee and Alumni Association." Terry is executive secretary of E&AA and continues to come to work in that capacity most days each week voluntarily.

Jack Fish conferred high praise for legislative staff: "I could always count on Terry to get the facts right the first time, and to do it with a smile."

Everybody wanted to say nice things about Terry, but she gave the best speech of the day conveying the high points and great people she's worked with during her 35 years in the Service. Her first job was a GS-2 clerk-steno at Castillo de San Marcos National Monument in her home town of St. Augustine. At WASO Terry worked in Personnel, and then under her "real mentor" Tom Vint on *Mission 66*. She laughed about her eventual promotion to GS-9, when then Deputy Director George Hartzog grabbed her promotion papers and signed them. Terry's "2 week" assignment in Secretary Udall's Office lasted 2½ years.

Terry thanked Connie Wirth for faith and support; and Ron Walker, she remembered, always made a special point to thank the typists on

congressional correspondence. "And whenever I've asked the Director (Dickenson) for help on E&AA he's been there with the support we needed. And now he's letting me continue to work on E&AA. (There is no doubt who's getting the better of that deal.) And Terry praised her last boss, Mike Lambe, as a "real pro."

Terry thanked everyone for the beautiful Waterford crystal decanter, and other gifts. Every time she paused the crowd applauded, but when she insisted "The Service is a family and will remain a family," the house came down.

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